

Vicksburg Warren School District *Communicator*

The Board of Trustees of the Vicksburg Warren School District met in a regular board meeting, Thursday, May 21, 2009, in the Library at Beechwood Elementary School, 999 Highway 27, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Members present were Mr. Jerry Boland, President; Mr. Tommy Shelton, Vice President; Mrs. Zelmarie Murphy, Secretary, Mr. J.E. Stirgus, Jr. and Mr. Joe Loviza.

Mr. Jerry Boland, President, called the meeting to order.

The Vicksburg Kiwanis Club made a presentation to the Board concerning their donation of two defibrillators to the district.

Rev. Troy Truly was recognized as the District and State Parent of the Year.

Tommy Walker was present to answer questions concerning 16th section land matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the regular board meeting on April 30, 2009, were approved.

DONATIONS:

The following cash donations were approved:

- Beechwood Elementary has received a check for \$50.00 given in memory of Barbara Forrest from John and Sandra Brooks. Funds will be used to purchase books for the library.
- Sherman Avenue has received a check in the amount of \$3001.75 from the Sherman Avenue PTA for Fun Day Activities.

The Board approved the following grants:

- Vicksburg High has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 from The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation as recipient of a 2009 Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant for the Project Image project.
- Bowmar Elementary has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$24,967.00 from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation as recipient of a health grant to install Project Fit America outdoor equipment.

The following non-cash donations were approved:

- Vicksburg High School received a donation of concrete mix and masonry cement for the Project Image from McCoy's Building Supply. The value of the materials is \$100.
- The PTO of Vicksburg Intermediate School donated a couch and love seat to the school. The value of the furniture is \$700.
- South Park Elementary School PTO donated a school sign that will be installed in front of the building. The value of the sign is \$6,377.20.
- The Vicksburg Kiwanis Club donated two defibrillators to the Vicksburg Warren School District. The value is \$3,164.98. These will be used at Warren Central High School and Vicksburg High School.

FINANCIAL:

- Dale McClung presented the financial update.
- Amendments to the 2008-2009 budget were approved.
- The accounts payable claims docket for the month of May 2009, was approved.

PERSONNEL:

- The Board approved compensation for extra duties for April 2009.
- The Board approved the following certified personnel recommendations for the 2009-2010 school year: Jonathan Douglas, Cathy Goss, Anna Larson, Agarine Moore, Miranda Pampley, George Shelton, Ashley Simpson, Susan Whittenberg, Kelvin Wymbs.
- The Board approved the recommendations for classified personnel for the 2009-2010 school year.
- The Board approved recommendations for the following substitute: Gerald Tedder.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL:

The Board approved the following out of state travel request:

- Federal Programs requested permission for Melissa Snow to travel to Austin, Texas to attend a conference required for her certification/license for interpreting for the deaf on June 1, 2009.
- Vicksburg Intermediate requested permission for Sharon Williams, Mary June Cooksey, Bettye Payne, Carole Cameron, Deidra Williams and Virginia Smith to attend the Nuts & Bolts Symposium in Destin, Florida on June 8-12, 2009.

CAPITAL ASSETS:

A list of items that are no longer of any use or value to the district was submitted to the Board. The Board approved the request to dispose of the items.

The Board approved a list of items that have been retagged and taken off of the fixed assets inventory list.

CONSOLIDATED FEDERAL PROGRAMS APPLICATION:

The Board approved the consolidated federal programs application.

PROJECT FIT AMERICA GRANT/BOWMAR ELEMENTARY:

Bowmar Elementary School has been selected to receive one of the 2009 Project Fit America grants from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi. The grant includes above ground outdoor fitness equipment as well as indoor mobile equipment and will include the installation of the equipment by trained installers. The Board approved the equipment as a single source item from Landscape Structures.

SIXTEENTH SECTION LANDS:

Bids were scheduled to be opened on May 20, 2009, for a timber sale on Section 16-T18N-R2E (Eagle Lake). No bids were received. The board approved the request from Tommy Walker to negotiate with timber buyers for the sale of the timber on this section.

Bids were opened for May 20, 2009, for a timber sale on Section 16-T17N-R5E (Oak Ridge). The high bid was received from Rutland Timber Company in the amount of \$102,920.00. The Board approved the bid.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be held on June 25, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Central Office.