

**Board Briefs**  
**March 9, 2010**

The Board of Education conducted the following business at its regular monthly meeting last night:

1. Approved the annual senior and eighth grade trips.
2. Approved the treasurer's report and received an update on the amount of funds owed to the district by the state. The state still owes the district roughly \$205,000. This amount will roughly double at the end of the month, which coincides with the end of the third fiscal quarter.
3. Conducted the public hearing and approved the resolution on the abatement of \$400,000 from the working cash fund to the site and construction fund. This money is needed to address the shortfalls on the grade school project. The project should be closed out in the next few months.
4. Approved the Revised Macon Piatt Joint agreement.
5. Tabled all bids for the all-weather track. The information from the group out of St. Louis did not arrive in time for the discussion. Quite honestly, with the financial condition of the State it is becoming less likely this project will be completed in the immediate future.
6. Approved the purchase of 1, 65 +1 passenger lift bus at a total cost of \$79,259 accounting for the trade in allowance.
7. The Board of Education scheduled High School Graduation for May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Jimmy Peck, Andrea Shaffer, and Randy Hatton will hand out diplomas for the high school. The Board also scheduled Middle School Graduation for June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30. Rob Jacobsen and Cyndi Harris will hand out diplomas for the middle school.
8. Approved the 2010-2011 school calendar. Some of the highlights include:
  - The beginning of the year teachers institute will be August 18.
  - Regional institute with Argenta/Oreana will be Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Two week Winter Break
  - Spring Parent Teacher Conferences have been moved to coincide with President's Day
  - Week-long Spring Break, separate from the Easter Holiday. This break coincides with the end of ISAT's and the end of the third quarter.
  - Last day of School is May 26<sup>th</sup>, depending on the weather.The actual calendar can be found on the unit office website.
9. Approved the 2010-2011 registration information. Registration will be on August 4, 2010 from 12:00-7:00, district wide. The Board recognizes the difficult economic times and chose to keep the majority of fees at the 2009-2010 levels. They did however raise the cost of student lunches by a quarter to help offset the increase in costs associated with the program.
10. Superintendent Williams distributed a draft presentation to the Board that describes the budget issues the district is facing.
10. Approved the Reduction-in-Force notices for non-certified personnel Michelle Wilson and Donna Warnsley. The need for these individuals will be re-evaluated when the placement of the students involved is determined.

11. Approved the resignation notice of Mat Wantland effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

12. Approved the retirement notice of Jean Thompson effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year.

Note: The application deadline for these positions is April 16, 2010. The deadline to apply for an internal transfer is March 26, 2010. This will allow the district to employ the proper replacements prior to the end of the school year.

13. Approved the resignation of Lindsey Osborn from her assistant volleyball coaching duties.

13. Employed Kris Kahler as the Grade School Principal for the 2010-2011 school year. Kris has been the Grade School and Middle School Principal in the Roanoke Benson School District for the last five years.