

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE AUGUSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
February 22, 2011**

The Augusta Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, in the administrative offices. President James Harston presided over the meeting. Members present were Debbie Briscoe, Janice Collier, Amanda Hanna, and Cleodis Smith. Member Buddy Porter was absent. Richard Blevins, Superintendent, was also present.

Cleodis Smith opened the meeting with a prayer.

The board approved the minutes of the January 13, 2011, regular meeting as presented without reading.

James Harston welcomed the visitors.

Elsie Chestnutt, ACPEA representative, discussed Dr. Seuss birthday activities and Teacher Appreciation Week.

There was not a representative from the PPC present.

Janice Beard addressed the board for the Augusta Day Pageant Committee. The Committee was appealing the board's decision not to allow the use of the HS gym for the pageant. Janice Collier made the motion to approve the use of the HS gym with the understanding that the Committee would provide covering for the floor. The motion was seconded by Cleodis Smith. After much discussion the board approved the request, by a vote of 4-1, with James Harston being the "No" vote.

Bobby Bowen, Election Commission representative, addressed the board concerning rezoning issues as a result of the census.

The board went into executive session for discussion of a student expulsion. The guardian had been notified by certified mail that the hearing would be held at this meeting and that they had a right to address the board and have representation of their choice. There was not anyone present on the student's behalf.

The board returned to open session.

On a motion by Amanda Hanna and a second by Cleodis Smith the board approved the recommendation to expel the student permanently.

Mr. Blevins discussed the finances.

The board ratified payment of the bills.

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

On a motion by Debbie Briscoe and a second by Cleodis smith the board approved adding item 8D, Building Request, to the agenda.

The board approved the out of state trip requests in connection with the TIF/TAP grants to California in March by Buddy Porter, Debbie Briscoe, Scott Jones, Lorie Lombardi, Jana Wilson, and 2 others; for these same people at a later date to South Carolina; to Arizona in April by Scott Jones, Lori Lombardi, and Jana Wilson,; and to Indiana in May by Scott Jones, Lori Lombardi and Jana Wilson.

The board approved the building requests by Roy Daniels to use the CP gym on April 11-15, 2011, for a fundraiser for the Woodruff County Single Parent Scholarship Committee; by Wanda Wesson to use the Laura Conner Complex on March 12, 2011, for a wedding reception; and by Linder Anderson to use the CP gym on March 12, 2011, for a fundraiser.

The board approved to rehire Linder Anderson, Roy Daniels, Scott Jones, Lori Lombardi and Paulette Shields as recommended by Richard Blevins, Superintendent, and to hire William Gause for after school tutoring.

The March board meeting was set for Monday, March 7, 2011, 6:30 PM, in the administrative offices.

James Harston presented a plaque to Amanda Hanna for the Arkansas School Board Association for achieving over 50 hours of board training.

On a motion by Janice Collier and a second by Cleodis Smith the board approved appointing Lonnie May to the board to replace Katina Briscoe. Ms. Briscoe moved out of the zone for which she was elected.

The board was adjourned.

Board President

ATTEST: _____
Superintendent

Board Secretary