

- I. Meeting called to order by Jeanna Smith, Vice-President
- II. Members Present: Bonnie Neese, Marilyn Smith, Bettye Slocum, Jeanna Smith,  
Members Absent: Bill Phillips, Jackie Woods
- III. A motion was made by Marilyn Smith to approve the minutes of Sept. 21, 2009 as presented. Motion seconded by Bonnie Neese. The motion passed without opposition.
- IV. Executive Director's Report  

We will have a Christmas program on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Church of Christ east of the school. The Kindergartners thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be performing.

Union Parish School Board will be dismissing at 10 am on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. In discussion, the board voted to NOT dismiss at 10 am, but hold to our original calendar of 12 noon after having fed the students lunch. The motion was made by Bettye Slocum and seconded by Bonnie Neese. The motion passed without opposition. The board directed the ED to inform UPSB Supt. Dozier via email for documentation purposes.

Folwell Dunbar from the Louisiana State Charter Office visited the campus today. He spent time visited in the classrooms with students and teachers and took lots of pictures to take back to the state superintendent. From all accounts, he was most impressed with DWCS and our educational environment.
- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Diversity Committee - Diversity Training for the faculty and staff is planned for Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010. Dr. Gilbert will be conducting the training. In addition to faculty and staff, training will include the board of directors and the advisory committee as well.
- VI. Open Issues
  - a. ED has asked board to revise the current Attendance Policy to include the following stipulation: Three unexcused tardies will equal to one unexcused absence. According to the ED, we are beginning to have an issue with multiple unexcused tardies. This should address this problem. The motion was made by Marilyn Smith to revise said policy. Bonnie Neese seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

- b. The construction of the new building site will not be located on Joe Rogers Road due to restrictions related to the sewage treatment plant and water system supply. A new location is being negotiated with Plum Creek on and/ near North Bear Creek Road. A status update from the architect and contractor will be supplied to the board via email by the end of the week. We will ask the architect to schedule a date for an official ground breaking ceremony as quickly as possible after the holidays.
  - c. Motion was made by Marilyn Smith and seconded by Bettye Slocum to increase the numbers of copies on the two office copiers to 8,000 and 15,000 respectively. The motion passed unopposed.
  - d. Current status of all board members was reviewed by the Board. Two additional board member positions will expire in January 2010. Plans to replace these two members are being handled within the Advisory Committee per the By-Laws of DWCS, Inc.
- VII. OPEN Public Forum - There were no comments made.
- VIII. Executive Session - The board was dismissed into executive session to discuss the current litigation UPSB vs. Paul Pastorek and et al.
- IX. Dismissal - The meeting was dismissed with a motion by Bettye Slocum and a second by Marilyn Smith. The motion passed unopposed.

**Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2010.**