

Regular School Board Meeting  
August 23, 2010  
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Dr. Deanie Mehl, president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Ms. Shannon Blatt, Ms. Jeannie Cole, Ms. Barbara Hathcock, Dr. David Hunton, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, and Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Dr. Benny Gooden, superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, deputy superintendent, and Ms. Carolyn Kincaid, executive secretary to the superintendent, were also present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and Dr. Randy Bridges gave the invocation.

The Board had no items to be removed from the consent agenda. The consent agenda includes the July 26, 2010 school board minutes, and the July Financial Report. Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote for approval was 7/0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:

Dr. Benny Gooden yielded to Dr. Gordon Floyd to review the professional staff recommendations.

Resignations

Kirk Freeman  
Adrienne Harless  
Veronica Jenkins  
Tracey Medlock

Retirement

John England

Ms. Hathcock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to approve the resignations and retirement. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Recommendations for Employment

Michael W. Burkepile  
Stacie H. Denney  
William L. Hunt  
Russel A. Jones  
Laura A. Keener  
Cynthia J. Lingo

Recommendations for Employment (Continued)

Marie L. McHaffie  
Tanya R. Porter  
Gregory E. Scott, Jr.  
Courtney J. Thurman  
Katy A. Walls  
Kelly L. Wells  
Malinda G. Wesley

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Gooden and Dr. Mehl recognized Ms. Amye Chambers and the 2009-10 Dixie Belles for being named Academic State Champions, Competitive Dance, Emily Boese, Jennifer Bradley, Autumn Hugen, Cassidy Jacobs, Olivia Jones, Kirsten Lovick, Taylor Lunsford, Rachel McConnell, Ellen Moncrief, Lizzy Nixon, Audrey Paladino, Kelly Williams, and Madalyn Wilmoth. Other members of the 2009-10 Dixie Belles have enrolled in college.

Dr. Gooden informed the Board that today, August 23, the third day of school, enrollment is 13,759, up 96 students.

He reminded the Board that Tuesday, August 24, the School of Information will be held at Fairview Elementary School.

He also stated that the District had received a school improvement grant for \$990,135, to be distributed over a three-year period, for Trusty Elementary School.

COMMITTEE OF THE  
WHOLE:

Dr. Mehl recognized Ms. Keaton-Martin for the Personnel portion of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade, to waive the reading of the Ethics Disclosure Resolutions. The vote for approval was 7/0. Ms. Keaton-Martin made a Committee recommendation to approve a list of employee ethics disclosures as required by Act 1599. Dr. Gooden read the list aloud. The vote for approval was 7/0. (A copy of the list is attached).

Dr. Mehl recognized Ms. Cole for the Curriculum portion of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Ms. Cole made a Committee recommendation to approve a contract with JBHM not to exceed \$526,500 for services for schools

in advanced levels of school improvement. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Mehl recognized Mr. Wade for the Properties portion of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Wade made a Committee recommendation to approve two change orders at Northside, one in the amount of \$4,565 and one totaling \$8,060, and a change order at Barling Elementary School totaling \$88,055. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Mehl recognized Ms. Cole for the Finance portion of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Ms. Cole made a Committee recommendation to approve the Superintendent to apply for state/federal funds and serve as authorized representative for these programs. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Cole made a recommendation, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to waive the reading of the resolution to reissue the 2005 bond issue. The vote for approval was 7/0. Ms. Cole made a Committee recommendation to approve a resolution to refund the District's outstanding bond issue dated June 1, 2005 to secure a better interest rate. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Cole made a recommendation, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to waive the reading of the resolution to approve publication of a notice to issue up to \$8,000,000 in bonds. The vote for approval was 7/0. Ms. Cole made a Committee recommendation to approve a resolution to authorize publication of the required notices and applications in order to facilitate a late fall sale of bonds up to \$8,000,000. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Cole made a Committee recommendation to approve the proposed 2010-2011 FSPS budget. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Hathcock made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hunton, to submit the budget in electronic format as required by the Arkansas Department of Education. The vote for approval was 7/0.

**BOARD MEMBERS  
FORUM:**

Ms. Hathcock noted that she had received a copy of a district publication, *Future Focus* and it is very attractive and informative. Dr. Gooden told the Board that the publication had

been widely distributed to allow all taxpayers to see the vision and accomplishments of the District.

Mr. Wade inquired about a feature television highlight regarding the Northside/Southside High School football rivalry.

Dr. Gooden informed Mr. Wade that the NFL channel is featuring the Northside/Southside rivalry in a feature named "Notable Rivalries." He noted that it is an opportunity for good publicity about our athletic programs.

CITIZEN  
PARTICIPATION:

There was no one present for citizen participation.

ADJOURN:

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Dr. Deanie Mehl, President

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Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Secretary