

Regular School Board Meeting
October 18, 2010
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited and Ms. Keaton-Martin gave the invocation.

The Board had no items to be removed from the consent agenda. The consent agenda includes the September 27, 2010 school board minutes, the September Financial Report and the Student Services Report. Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mehl, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Dr. David Hunton arrived at 5:35 pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:

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

Resignation
Sarah Zadny

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve the resignation. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Recommendations for Employment
Jeremy E. Davis

Mr. Wade made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the recommendation for employment. The vote for approval was 7/0.

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE REPORT:

Ms. Blatt recognized Ms. Hathcock for the Curriculum section of the Committee of the Whole Report.

Ms. Hathcock made a Committee recommendation to approve the Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Report (ACSIP). The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Hathcock made a Committee recommendation to approve the Elementary and Secondary Assurances. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Blatt recognized Ms. Keaton-Martin for the Personnel section of the Committee of the Whole Report.

Ms. Blatt removed herself from the meeting as a relative is one of the ethics disclosures. In her absence, Vice President Wade presided and asked Dr. Gooden to read the disclosures aloud as required by Act 1599. Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hunton, to approve the ethics disclosures and resolutions for three employees and one board member. The vote for approval was 6/0. Ms. Blatt returned to the meeting.

Mr. Wade moved to waive the formal reading of the resolution for the sale of constructions bonds, and Ms. Hathcock seconded the motion. The vote for approval was 7/0. Mr. Wade made a Committee recommendation to approve a resolution for the sale of \$8,000,000 in construction bonds, series 2010 with a low bid of 3.21 from Stephens, Inc. The vote for approval was 7/0.

**BOARD MEMBERS
FORUM:**

Ms. Hathcock made a Committee recommendation to nominate Board president Shannon Blatt as the designated Board delegate at the ASBA Conference, in Little Rock scheduled for December 8-10, 2010. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Cole reported that the FSPS students that performed at the All Region Choir concert were outstanding and an attribute to Fort Smith School District music programs.

**CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION:**

There was no one present for citizen participation.

ADJOURN:

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Ms. Shannon Blatt, President

Dr. David Hunton, Secretary