

Regular School Board Meeting
December 18, 2006
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Barbara Hathcock, president. Other Board members present were Ms. Shannon Blatt, Ms. Jeannie Cole, Dr. David Hunton, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, and Dr. Deanie Mehl. Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr. was not present. Dr. Benny Gooden, superintendent, Dr. Johnny Owen, Deputy Superintendent and Ms. Carolyn Kincaid, executive secretary were also present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and Ms. Barbara Hathcock recited a poem about children.

Dr. Hunton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2006 regular school board meeting. The vote for approval was 6/0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:

Dr. Benny Gooden yielded to Dr. Johnny Owen for the professional staff recommendations.

Resignation

Carolyn A. Johnson

Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin, to approve the resignation. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Recommendation of Employment

Jason E. Elbon

Ms. Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to approve the recommendation of employment. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Dr. Johnny Owen reviewed the student services report.

Dr. Gooden and Ms. Hathcock presented a certificate to Ms. Earline Anderson, retired from Woods Elementary School, for being named Arkansas Art Educator of the Year.

Dr. Gooden informed the Board that the Fort Smith School District received the United Way Education Division award for the third year consecutively.

He also noted that the Northside High School Activity Center was dedicated on Thursday, December 14.

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Dr. Gooden congratulated thirteen teachers from the Fort Smith School District who have been notified that they have received licensure from the National Board of Professional Teachers Standards. He noted that this was a very prestigious designation with financial incentives from both the State of Arkansas and FSPS.

Dr. Gooden noted that the Arkansas Supreme Court ruled that the general improvement fund current practice for funding local projects was deemed unconstitutional,

Dr. Hunton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the corrected documents authenticating the required number of hours required for the Fort Smith Board of Education in accordance with Act 1775 of 2005. The vote for approval was 6/0. The report is attached.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT:**

Ms. Hathcock recognized Ms. Cole for the Finance Committee Report.

Ms. Cole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mehl, to approve the Financial Report for November 30, 2006. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin, to approve a resolution which affirms that the Fort Smith Public School District will continue to utilize the appropriate professional audit standards in the future. Specifically, an independent audit which complies with GASB 34 will be required. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION:**

There were no requests to speak.

**BOARD MEMBERS
FORUM:**

Dr. Gooden, Dr. Hunton, Ms. Cole and Dr. Rick Foti entertained with a medley of Christmas Carols.

ADJOURN:

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Barbara Hathcock, President

Dr. David Hunton, Secretary