

Regular School Board Meeting
January 22, 2007
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited and Dr. Johnny Owen gave the invocation.

Dr. Hunton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 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.

Recommendation for Employment

Theresa L. Asbill
Daneen F. Mann
James H. Perry

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

Dr. Johnny Owen reviewed the student services report.

Dr. Gooden and Ms. Hathcock presented certificates to Mr. Jeff Williams, his coaching staff and the 2006 Southside High School football team for winning the 2006 7A State Championship, and Ms. Sheila Humphrey, Woods Elementary School, for being named a Polly M. Jackson Master Economic Teachers.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT:

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

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the Financial Report for December 31, 2006. The vote for approval was 6/0.

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Ms. Cole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Deanie Mehl, to approve an advance payment of mandatory call bonds and reduce the principal in the amount of \$340,000. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**STUDENT AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Ms. Hathcock recognized Mr. Wade for the Student Affairs Committee Report.

Mr. Wade made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the expulsion of two students, one from Belle Point Center for the current school year for repeated violent behavior, one from Darby Junior High School for the current school year for possession of a weapon. The vote for approval was 7/0.

**CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION:**

There were no requests to speak.

**BOARD MEMBERS
FORUM:**

Ms. Hathcock and Dr. Gooden noted our good fortune in not receiving severe weather and ice. Dr. Gooden noted some schools in Oklahoma had been closed for a week.

Mr. Wade inquired about the District's lawsuit with attorney Oscar Stilley and the money he owed to the School District. Dr. Gooden stated that our attorney Mitch Llewellyn was pursuing this matter with vigilance.

Ms. Jeannie Cole noted that the Arkansas PTA Legislative Day scheduled for February 8 in Little Rock, will possibly be counted as professional development hours for school board members and encouraged them to attend.

Allan Odden and Lawrence O. Picus study

Dr. Gooden informed the Board about legislation affecting Arkansas schools that has been introduced at the 86th General Assembly.

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ADJOURN:

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Ms. Barbara Hathcock, President

Dr. David Hunton, Secretary