

Regular School Board Meeting
March 27, 2006
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited and Mr. Wade led an inspirational moment including a recitation of black history.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:

Dr. Benny Gooden yielded to Dr. Johnny Owen who reviewed the resignations and retirements.

Resignations

Harriet Beasley
Pamela Ehnie
Beth Kirner
Robyn Maner
Greg Simpson
Kaylan Smith
Lindsay Smith
Sumer Storts
Misty Thomas
Tammy Williams

Retirements

Earline Anderson
Leanne Ashcraft
George Green
Barbara Hart
Floyd Hern
Nancy Honeycutt
Cher Horwedel
Dick James
Donna Johnson

Retirements (continued)

Mickey Johnson
Mary Lundy
Patricia Martin
Kathy McCaig
Caroline Montgomery
Dixie Spears
Paul Summerhill
Joyce Taylor
Gloria Vesa
Jean Whitaker
Paul Williams

Mr. Wade made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hunton, to approve the resignations and retirements. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Recommendation for Employment

Emily N. Johnson

Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to approve the recommendation for employment.

Leave of Absence

Duane Walker

Ms. Cole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mehl, to approve the leave of absence. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Dr. Johnny Owen reviewed the Student Services Report.

Dr. Gooden and Ms. Hathcock presented certificates to the Southside Science Bowl Team-Helen Chang, Captain, Ben Cobb, Tracy Hall, Jarid Kinder and Todd Spain, 2006 Arkansas Science Bowl Championship; Northside JROTC Rifle Team, Tai Nguyen, Joe Riviera, Jessica Smith and Thien Tran, for winning 1st place, 2006 Arkansas American Legion Jr. 3-Position Air Rifle Competition, and Thien Tran, first place, kneeling position, and first place overall high shooter; Arkansas Department of Education Star Award, Special Education Unit, Non-Traditional Program, Sebastian County Juvenile Detention Staff, Fran Hall, Lisa Shepard, Rita Perry, Donyel Ashley and FSPS employees Dr. Randy Bridges and Stevie Locke; and National Board Certified

FSPS teachers, Missy Bramlett, Cook Elementary School, Gayle Clutts, Cook Elementary School, Julie Emms, Northside High School, Britt Humphries, Tilles Elementary School, Elizabeth Parker, Cavanaugh Elementary School, and Lynn Ward, Albert Pike Elementary School.

Dr. Brenda Sellers and Dr. Kathleen Cates were present and reviewed with the Board the National Board Certification program.

Dr. Gooden introduced Dr. Barry Owen and Mr. Marty Mahan, who gave a brief report on the District's new Transition to Success program for 6th grade students entering junior high school. Dr. Randall Carter, Mr. Michael Farrell, and Mr. Dennis Siebenmorgen were also present.

Dr. Gooden introduced Mr. Mitch Llewellyn who updated the Board on the possibility of an upcoming legislative session. He also briefed the Board on pending litigation the District is involved in.

Dr. Gooden noted that our Transportation Department had done an outstanding job over the weekend in transporting thousands of citizens to the Fort Smith Regional Air Show and they were to be commended. Also, we have a number of staff members who will be making presentations at the North Central Association Conference in Chicago, IL on April 3-5.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT:**

Ms. Hathcock recognized Dr. David Hunton for the Finance Committee Report.

Dr. Hunton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve the Financial Report for the month of February. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**PERSONNEL
COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Ms. Hathcock recognized Ms. Shannon Blatt for the Personnel Committee Report.

Ms. Cole made a recommendation from the Personnel Committee to approve the proposed 2006-07 personnel contract list. The vote for approval was 6/0.

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BOARD MEMBERS
FORUM:

There were no items for discussion.

CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Linda George was present to inform the Board of some family concerns she was experiencing with her daughter who attends Southside High School. The Board took no action.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Yvonne Keaton-Martin, President

Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Secretary