

Regular School Board Meeting
March 24, 2008
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Dr. David Hunton, president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Ms. Shannon Blatt, 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. Carolyn Kincaid, executive secretary were also present.

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

Dr. Rick Foti presented a brief history of Trusty Elementary School.

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2008 regular school board meeting. 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

Amanda Allen
Nanette Barnett
Sara Berryman
Melissa Holmes
Elizabeth Jacobs
David Moore
Angie Norady
Wyann Stanton
Janie Weber

Retirements

Larry Austin
Sue Barton
Troy Bedwell
Judy Christian
Marilyn Davis
Lynda Fulmer
Tanya Gibbons
Patricia Heflebower
Louise Hill
Sonja Hix
Kay Miesner
James Moody

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Retirements (Continued)

Martha Olsen
Marie Polk
Roxanne Rosson
Arnol Shaw
Joan Spicer
Pamala Stark
Judy Story
Champ Thomas
Lynda Walker

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the resignations and retirements. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Recommendation for Employment

Joni M. Mendenhall

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

Leaves of Absence

Lyle Lorenson

Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to approve the leave of absence. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Floyd reviewed the Student Services Report.

Dr. Gooden and Dr. Hunton presented a certificate to Maddie McKeever, Southside High School, Journalist of the Year.

Ms. Staci Caver, OSRAM, Sylvania was present to present Southside High School with the 2008 Siemens Award for Advanced Placement achievement. Mr. Wayne Haver, Southside principal, was present and introduced his advanced placement teachers. The school will receive \$1,000 in grant funds.

Dr. Gooden also noted that the Fort Smith School District received the District Accreditation Quality Achievement Award in Chicago at the NCA Conference.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT

Dr. Hunton recognized Ms. Blatt for the Finance Committee Report.

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve the Financial Report for February 2008. The vote for approval was 7/0.

STUDENT/AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dr. Hunton recognized Mr. Wade for the Student Affairs Committee Report.

Ms. Hathcock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to waive the formal reading of policy JECCA. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Mr. Wade made a committee recommendation to eliminate Policy JECCA, Multicultural School Choice for first reading. The vote for approval was 7/0. This action was the result of the Supreme Court ruling in the Meredith v. Jefferson County Board of Education et. al regarding racially based transfer policies in public schools.

Mr. Wade made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to waive the formal reading of Policy JECC, Transfer of Students. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Mr. Wade made a committee recommendation to approve revisions to Policy JECC, Transfer of Students The vote for approval was 7/0.

CURRICULUM
COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dr. Hunton recognized Dr. Mehl for the Curriculum Committee Report.

Dr. Mehl made a committee recommendation to approve the following format of summer programs: College Preparatory Enrichment Programs (CPEP); Summer Correspondence Programs, Special Education Extended Year Services and Drivers Education. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Mehl made a committee recommendation to discontinue 9-12 credit courses beginning with the summer of 2008. The vote for approval was 7/0.

PROPERTIES
Report.
COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dr. Hunton recognized Ms. Cole for the Properties Committee

Ms. Cole made a committee recommendation to reject all bids for the

Tornado Shelter and other improvements at Howard Elementary School. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Cole made a committee recommendation to authorize Dr. Gooden to obtain the necessary letters of qualification and to recommend a Construction Manager for the Howard Elementary School Storm Shelter and school improvement projects. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade, to select Circle M Construction Management to manage the Howard Elementary School Projects at a total fixed fee of \$91,488. The vote for approval was 7/0.

PERSONNEL
Committee

Dr. Hunton recognized Ms. Keaton-Martin for the Personnel

COMMITTEE REPORT: Report.

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to waive the reading of the personnel policies to be reviewed. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a Committee recommendation to approve revisions to the following classified policies for first reading:

GDL – Educational Scholarships – Secretaries and Office Personnel
GDL – Educational Scholarships - Paraprofessionals
GDL – Educational Scholarships –Buildings and Grounds/Child Nutrition
GDL – Educational Scholarships – Transportation
GDBDA – Absence from Work - Secretaries and Office Personnel
GDBDBBB - Absence from Work - Paraprofessionals
GDBDBAB - Absence from Work-Buildings and Grounds/Child Nutrition
GDBDBCB - Absence from Work Transportation
GDBDE School Business Secretaries and Office Personnel
GDBDE – School Business – all other groups
GDBDFC – Personal Business Transportation

The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a Committee recommendation to approve revisions to the following certified policies for first reading:

GCBDB – Absence from School
GCBDBA – Sick Leave
GCBDBB – Family Illness

GCBDBC – Death in Immediate Family
GCBDBCC – Funeral Leave
GCBE – Vacation
GCBEA – Vacation Benefits
GCBDBF – Civic Duties
GCKD – Employee/Visitor Identification

The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to affirm the recommendation from Dr. Gooden to terminate the employment of Ms. Tina Nolen, a teacher at Sutton Elementary School. The vote for approval was 7/0.

BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Wade noted a newspaper article from the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* regarding the behavior of the Clayton County school board in Jonesboro, Georgia. The behavior included bid tampering, conflicts of interest, abuse of power and misuse of public funds.

Mr. Wade noted he was proud that none of his colleagues had ever been involved in such behavior.

Dr. Mehl commended Southside High School, the excellent faculty, and the quality advanced placement courses offered.

CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION:

No one was present for citizen participation.

ADJOURN:

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. David Hunton, President

Dr. Deanie Mehl, Secretary