

Regular School Board Meeting
August 27, 2007
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Ms. Barbara Hathcock, president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Ms. Shannon Blatt, Ms. Jeannie Cole, Dr. David Hunton, 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. Randy Bridges gave the invocation.

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2007 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

Shane Beyer
Anna Bowerman-Stewart
Mary Bryant
Jim Cox
Briannon Pence
Whitney Sharp
Chris Slaton

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

Recommendations for Employment

Venita L. Fantroy, ELA
Regina D. Field, ELA
Rashunda R. Hall, Kindergarten
Sheri Michelle Hall, Elementary
Penelope L. Harris, English
Lacy J. Hopper, Math
John Jeffrey Jackson, Art
Autumn D. House, Kindergarten
Craig L. Jones, Social Studies/Physical Education/Coach
Traci L. Pixley, Elementary
Jenni L. Redding, Elementary
Charisse R. Rivera, Spanish

Recommendations for Employment

Michelle M. Russell, Elementary
Betty L. Smallwood, Elementary
Jo-Ruth Strange, Math/Science
Jarrah D. Sutherland, Elementary
Suzanne G. Thomsen, Elementary/Counselor
Charles W. Williams, Kindergarten

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mehl, to approve the recommendations for employment for 2007-2008. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Blatt and Dr. Gooden presented Dr. Brenda Sellers with a certificate for receiving the 2007 Administrator of the Year from the Arkansas Association of School Personnel Administrators.

Dr. Gooden noted that as of today student enrollment is 13,675, which up 70 students from this time last year. It appears that our high schools numbers are up and junior high schools numbers are down. We currently have 180 students in our Pre-Kindergarten program.

To comply with state standards we have transferred 180 students, and Ramsey Junior High and Southside High School are closed for transfers.

He also noted that the State of Arkansas School Improvement list shows that 12 schools met all standards, 18 with subgroups and two new schools on the list are Euper Lane Elementary and Chaffin Junior High. We have five schools in year 3, two schools in year 4, and three schools in year 5, and one school in year 1.

The annual PTA School of Information at Fairview Tuesday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m. and encouraged Board members to attend.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT:**

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

Ms. Cole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hunton, to approve the Financial Report for August 27, 2007. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Cole made a recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve special education contracts for services to students with disabilities. The providers are Vista Health of Barling, Horizon-Western Arkansas Counseling and Guidance center and Brownwood School, Inc. and Individual providers, Dr. Kay Field, Dr. Phillip Barling, Becky Hartsfield and Dr. Ron McInroe. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Cole made a recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve a 5-year contract with Coca-Cola to extend through June 30, 2012. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Cole made a recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve a resolution for notice of intention to issue second lien bonds for \$1,000,000 for the purpose of constructing new school facilities and renovating existing school facilities. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Cole made a recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve a bond authorization resolution for sale of construction bonds in the amount of \$6,175,000 at an interest rate of 4.08%. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Cole made a recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the proposed 2007-08 FSPS budget with data submission to the Arkansas Department of Education. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Cole made a recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the superintendent of schools as the legal representative for the purpose of applying for federal funding. The vote for approval was 7/0.

PERSONNEL
COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

Dr. Hunton yielded to Dr. Gooden to review 31 Ethics Disclosure Forms as follows:

Judith Akins, Southside High School

Larry Bandy, Purchasing

Dan and Tamera Bardin, Barling

Debra Beam, Cook

Margaret Ann Davis, Chaffin

Susan Etzhorn, Orr

Charlene Fite, Special Education

Janet Freitheim, Woods

Gala Forsgren, Cook

Risa Hunter, Ramsey

Cindy Larkin, Kimmons

George Lieux, Rogers Center

Debbie Marley, Southside

Caroline Montgomery, Substitute

Alice Wilson, Ballman

Marla Kay King, Spradling

Deborah Greer, Northside

Lucy Edson, Substitute
Nicole Grizzle, Sunnymede
Terilyn Gipson Substitute
Candace York, special education
Sheryl Waggoner, Southside
Alyson Messon, Cavanguh
Leigh Merry, Rasmsey
Dane McMahan, Darby
Katie Mankins, Ramsey
Charles Mackey, Northside
Robert Watkins, Sutton

Dr. Hunton made a motion to accept the recommended Ethics Disclosures and Resolutions. The vote for approval was 7/0.

**BOARD MEMBERS
FORUM:**

Mr. Wade noted he heard Coaches Darrell Henry and Jeff Williams speak at a luncheon meeting and praised their genuine care and concern for FSPS students.

Ms. Hathcock welcomed Charles Warren, City Council PTA.

**CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION:**

There was no one present to speak.

ADJOURN:

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Ms. Barbara Hathcock, President

Dr. David Hunton, Secretary