School Board Meeting
October 17, 2007
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Ms. Jeannie Cole, vice president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Ms. Shannon Blatt, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Dr. Deanie Mehl, and Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr. Ms. Barbara Hathcock and Dr. David Hunton were not present. Dr. Benny Gooden, superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Brenda Sellers, Dr. Barry Owen, Dr. Randy Bridges, Dr. Mary Ann Johns, Ms. Anne Butcher, Ms. Zena Featherston, Dr. Kellie Cohen and a number of principals were also present. Ms. Carolyn Kincaid, executive secretary was also present.

Ms. Cole yielded to Dr. Gooden. Dr. Gooden introduced Dr. Mark Elgart, President and CEO of AdvancED. Dr. Elgart recognized a team of 17 individuals from Arkansas and several other states that comprised the Quality Assurance Review (QAR) Team to evaluate Fort Smith School District for district accreditation.

Dr. Elgart presented a power point presentation highlighting the strengths, commendations, and the challenges of the District that were identified by the Quality Assurance Review Team (QAR). They also presented recommendations for improvement. The Team will provide the District a written report within 30 days.

In conclusion, Dr. Elgart stated that the committee unanimously recommends the Fort Smith School District for accreditation to the National Accreditation Commission at the national meeting in Orlando FL in February. The District is granted a five-year accreditation but must submit a two-year progress report demonstrating that we are addressing the recommendations to maintain their accreditation.

ADJOURN: There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Dr. David Hunton, President

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Dr. Deanie Mehl, Secretary