

Regular School Board Meeting
December 15, 2008
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Ms. Jeannie Cole, president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Ms. Shannon Blatt, Ms. Barbara Hathcock, 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. Barry Owen gave the invocation.

Mr. Wade made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hunton, to approve the minutes of the November 24, 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

Melody Priester

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

Recommendations for Employment

Megan A. Bagley
Charlotte B. Ryburn
Sarah R. Zadny

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Leave of Absence

Ellen Terry

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve the leave of absence. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Gooden, Ms. Cole and Dr. Mehl presented certificates to teachers recently achieving National Board Certification as follows: Melody Van Matre, Beard Elementary School, Tracy Floyd, Carnall Elementary School, Meghan Estep, Kim Stanfill, Angela Dailey-Thayer, Cavanaugh Elementary School, Renee Burton, Sunnymede Elementary School, Melinda Briscoe, Linda Stocker, Northside High School; students received certificates as follows - Northside High School JROTC Precision Team, 1st place, American Legion State 3P-Air Rifle Match, Lucas Carr, Sam Mosley, Cassie Smith, and Kelli Trammell; Cassie Smith, first place kneeling position, Kelli Trammell, first place prone position, standing position and overall high shooter; Knowledge Master Open Team, Junior High Division, 1st place, Rima Bhakta, Travis McAfee, Nick Chavis, Aaron McCormick, Crystal Creel, Sarah McDaniel, Thy Dai, Daniel Martin, Rachel Davis, Karlie Murphy, Kendall Goodhue, Emily Scott, Sre Gorukanti, J'Lisa Thompson, Caitlin Hoffman, Mackenzie Vineyard, and Robby Wuthrich; and Chaffin Junior High School, Middle Division, Diana Abrajan, Clayton Pankey, Samantha Black, Christopher Pham, Tye Brown, Alan Pinter, Damesha Edwards, Cailin Rogers, Langdon Emms, Alec Saygnaphay, Brandon Hart, Sami Sexton, Clara Hubbard, Sarah Swaim, Ian Johns, Darby Taylor, Emily Langham, Allison Thompson, and Garrett Wolfe.

Dr. Barry Owen presented Ms. Cole with a plaque on behalf of the United Way awarding Fort Smith Public Schools the Education Division Award for the 2008 United Way campaign.

Dr. Hunton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to approve submission of documented training hours required for FSPS school board members. The vote for approval was 7/0. (Copies of this information are available in the Superintendent's office.) Dr. Gooden also noted that Board president Jeannie Cole received the Pinnacle Award, marking over 200 hours of school board training. This award was received from the Arkansas School Board Association in Little Rock in early December.

Dr. Gooden informed the Board that, as noted in the December 15 issue of *Newsweek*, the number of children receiving free and reduced lunches has increased, and is expected to rise due to the weakened economy. Our District has increased by 1 percent from October 1 to November 30, making the number of students receiving free and reduced lunch at 66 percent.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Ms. Cole recognized Dr. Mehl for the Finance Committee Report.
Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin, to approve the Financial Report for November 30, 2008. The vote for approval was 7/0.

PUBLIC/STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Ms. Cole recognized Ms. Keaton-Martin for the Public Student Affairs Committee Report.
Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mehl, to approve the proposed 2009-2010 School calendar. The vote for approval was 7/0.

BOARD MEMBERS FORUM: There were no items for discussion.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: No one was present for citizen participation.

ADJOURN: There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Ms. Jeannie Cole, President

Ms. Shannon Blatt, Secretary