

Regular School Board Meeting
January 28, 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, Dr. Deanie Mehl, and Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr. Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin was not present. 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. Gordon Floyd gave the invocation.

Dr. Gooden presented a brief history of Lincoln High School as the country celebrates Martin Luther King's birthday and Black History month in February.

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2007 regular school board meeting. The vote for approval was 6/0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:

Dr. Benny Gooden yielded to Dr. Gordon Floyd to review the professional staff recommendations.

Resignations

Crystal Brown
John Pinkston
Shirley Puett

Retirements

Richard Waack
Lori Hughen

Ms. Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve the retirements and resignations. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Recommendations for Employment

Amanda C. Allen, Elementary
Rachel A. Drymon, Elementary
Todd A. Watkins, Special Education
Janet S. Wilson, Elementary

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

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 December 2007. The vote for approval was 6/0. Dr. Gooden informed the Board that the current tax settlement had not been received when the financial report was calculated and therefore shows a larger variance/actual balance.

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve an advance payment in the amount of \$410,000 to pre-pay tail-end bonds in accordance with the bond covenant. The vote for approval was 6/0.

CURRICULUM
COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

Dr. Mehl noted that the Curriculum Committee met on January 17 to review proposed elementary and secondary textbook adoptions. Dr. Warrick, Ballman Elementary principal and Mr. Randy Kern, Southside High School teacher were present to comment on the textbooks. Dr. Mehl made a Committee recommendation to adopt *Scott Foresman Social Studies*, published by Pearson/Scott Foresman for elementary textbooks and the attached list of proposed textbooks for secondary social studies. The vote for approval was 6/0.

PROPERTIES
COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dr. Hunton recognized Ms. Cole for the Properties Committee Report.

Ms. Cole made a Committee recommendation to approve the construction of a Tornado Shelter at Howard Elementary School. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Ms. Cole made a Committee recommendation to advertise for bids on the addition of Howard Elementary School. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Ms. Cole read a resolution to be adopted by the Board of Education to acknowledge and approve the Facilities Plan for the years 2008-2018. The vote for approval was 6/0.

PERSONNEL
Report.
COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dr. Hunton recognized Dr. Mehl for the Personnel Committee

Dr. Mehl and Dr. Gooden reviewed two ethics disclosures for consideration:

Ms. Carolyn Neubauer, purchasing department
Elizabeth Johnson, substitute

Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the ethics disclosure resolution. The vote for approval was 6/0.

BOARD MEMBERS
FORUM:

Mr. Wade thanked Dr. Gooden for his comments about Lincoln High School. He also noted that 22 years ago he was present at the Board meeting to propose renaming Euper Lane Elementary School in honor of Christa McAuliffe, first citizen and school teacher in space.

Ms. Cole noted that an FSPS teacher had commented to her regarding the good job Principal Marty Mahan was doing at Northside High School.

She also informed the Board that she would be traveling to Washington, D.C. with a delegation from Arkansas. She invited their comments to convey to Congressmen regarding education issues such as NCLB, funding for schools and teacher quality standards.

Ms. Blatt invited members of the Board of Education to attend the Ballman Elementary School Spaghetti Dinner, Friday, February 1.

CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION:

No one was present for citizen participation.

ADJOURN:

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Dr. David Hunton, President

Dr. Deanie Mehl, Secretary