

Regular School Board Meeting
May 19, 2008
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Ms. Jeannie Cole, vice president, called the meeting to order in Dr. Hunton's absence. Other Board members present were Ms. Shannon Blatt, 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. Gordon Floyd gave the invocation.

Ms. Hathcock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2008 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

Jennifer Emfinger
Chris Fitzgerald
Diana Houllé
Jeff Jackson
Judy Schieffler
Stacey Little

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

Recommendations for Employment

Brandy D. Belcher
Deborah L. Boutin
Michelle L. Williams

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

Dr. Gordon Floyd reviewed the Student Services Report.

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Dr. Gooden and Ms. Cole presented certificates to Saeahm Lee, Southside High School, first place, Algebra II; Arkansas PTA Reflection winners, McKenna Barclay, Fairview, visual arts, intermediate division, Sergio Romero, visual arts, primary division, Monica Cortez, Northside High School, literature, senior division, and Colin Fleck, Southside High school, visual arts, senior division; Kody Miller, Southside High School, first place, Annual Nutrition Education Poster Contest; and Bill Cromer and N'Sound for Best in Class for Mixed Ensembles in 7A Schools and Best Overall Statewide for Mixed Ensembles, Courtney Cortez, Chris Cross, Adrienne Gibson, Daniel Hepler, Kember Jones, Rashaud Knight, Meghan Lewis, Michele Marsh, Solomon Miller, Satera Nance, Moises Ramirez, Samantha Reynolds, Joshua Richardson, Katie Samuelson, and Hannah Sayre.

Dr. Gooden informed the Board that the District received our annual Accreditation Report from the Arkansas Department of Education and noted that there were no violations or citations. The District was also reviewed by the Arkansas Department of Education Standards Assurance Team and received no violations or citations. The District was accredited by NCA AdvanceED in March 2008.

Dr. Gooden reminded the Board that Adult Education graduation, is Thursday, May 22, at Northside High School, FSPS graduation is May 29 for Northside High School and May 30 for Southside High School. The Partners in Education Luncheon is Thursday, June 3.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT:**

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

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve the Financial Report for April 2008. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**STUDENT/AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Ms. Cole recognized Mr. Wade for the Student Affairs Committee Report.

Mr. Wade made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin, to waive the formal reading of policy JEC, Eligibility for Enrollment. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Mr. Wade made a motion from the Student Affairs Committee, to approve revisions to Policy JEC, Eligibility for Enrollment for second and final reading. The vote for approval was 6/0.

BOARD MEMBERS
FORUM:

Mr. Wade congratulated Dr. Sellers for receiving the Golden Apple Award from the Fort Smith Classroom Teachers Association.

Dr. Mehl and other Board members noted that they had attended the AAEA/ASBA Conference in Little Rock last week and that it was very informative.

CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Elaine Newson had requested to be on the agenda and was present to speak.

She informed the Board her granddaughter is a student at Orr Elementary School and was injured on the playground.

She expressed her concern that there is no longer a nurse at each school to see children when an accident occurs. The Board and Dr. Gooden noted that the District employs ten nurses and that they are available and on call to travel from school to school as needed.

ADJOURN:

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

Dr. David Hunton, President

Dr. Deanie Mehl, Secretary