

Regular School Board Meeting  
October 27, 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, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Dr. Deanie Mehl, and Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr. Dr. David Hunton 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 Ms. Keaton-Martin gave the invocation.

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the minutes of the September 22, 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

Kerri Fowler  
Geraldine Mann  
Chelsey Clopton

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

Recommendations for Employment

Rachel A. Perkinson, Kindergarten  
Ashley N. Zemina, Elementary

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

Leaves of Absence

Sarah Carrier  
Raina Finley  
Ellen Terry

Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin, to approve the leaves of absence. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Dr. Gordon Floyd reviewed the Student Services Report.

Dr. Gooden and Ms. Cole recognized Ms. Elizabeth Parker for being named the Milken Educator Award recipient from the Milken Family Foundation.

Dr. Gooden informed the Board that as of October 1, 2008, the District enrollment had increased by 19 students and was currently 13,759 in Grades K-12. He also reviewed a breakdown by ethnic/race status and noted that nine schools had no single ethnic group as a majority.

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 September 22, 2008. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve a disclosure resolution and to request approval by the Commissioner of Education for Leigh Ann Hasley, Northside High School, Still Moments by Leigh Ann Hasley. The vote for approval was 6/0.

CURRICULUM  
COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ms. Cole recognized Ms. Shannon Blatt for the Curriculum Committee Report.

Ms. Blatt made a Committee recommendation to approve the proposed Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (ACSIP). The vote for approval was 6/0. (A copy of the Plan is on file in the Superintendent's office).

Ms. Blatt made a Committee recommendation to approve the proposed secondary textbook adoption committee. The vote for approval was 6/0. (A copy of the textbook adoption committee is attached).

PROPERTIES  
Committee  
COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ms. Cole recognized Ms. Hathcock for the Properties Report.

Ms. Hathcock asked Dr. Gooden to review the bids received regarding Cavanaugh Elementary School.

Dr. Gooden informed the Board that the low bid from C. R. Crawford did not comply with state statute or specifications provided to all potential bidders, and that their bid must be classified as unresponsive to the requirements.

Ms. Hathcock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to award the contract to the next low bidder, SSI, Incorporated for \$3,519,908 for renovations and additions to Cavanaugh Elementary School. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Ms. Hathcock made a Committee recommendation to purchase property at 1020 School Street for \$250,000. The property is approximately 4 acres across the street from Cavanaugh Elementary School. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**STUDENT AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Ms. Cole recognized Ms. Keaton-Martin for the Student Affairs Committee Report.

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to approve the recommended expulsion of a student from Kimmons Junior High until the end of the current school year for possession and distribution of marijuana. The vote for approval was 7/0.

**BOARD MEMBERS  
FORUM:**

Mr. Wade congratulated Ms. Elizabeth Parker for receiving the Milken Educator Award from the Milken Family Foundation. He also acknowledged her family who was present, and their role in her accomplishment.

Ms. Cole noted that she had joined the Chamber of Commerce River Tour today, including a presentation by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. The tour was in support of the development of a Regional Intermodal Authority.

CITIZEN  
PARTICIPATION:

There was no one present for citizen participation.

ADJOURN:

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at  
6:05 p.m.

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Ms. Jeannie Cole, President

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