

Regular School Board Meeting
April 27, 2009
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Ms. Jeannie Cole, president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Ms. Shannon Blatt, Dr. David Hunton, 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 students Breck Cogswell and Madeline McGhee, Chaffin Junior High School recited poems they had written for the Arkansas PTA Reflections Competition.

Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2009 regular school board meeting. The vote for approval was 7/0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:

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

Resignations

Raina Finley
Pamela Kinslow
Michelle Williams

Retirements

Carol Copeland
Brenda Horton

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve the resignations and retirements. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Recommendations for Employment

Cherri K. Byford
Brian K. Fry
Thomas Michael Gray, Jr.
Tammy L. Irons
Scott A. Lampkin
Douglas L. Owensby

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

Leave of Absence

Melissa McLendon

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

Dr. Gordon Floyd gave the Student Services Report.

Dr. Gooden and Ms. Cole recognized and presented certificates to Rick Jones, Northside High School, first place, plumbing category; Taber Hunt, first place, Future Business Leader; Andrew Elledge, Evan Daniel, Jake Durham, first place, Management Information Systems; Caroline Chen, first place, Business Math; Breanne Goodrum and Mason Walls, first place, E-Business; Pranav Amin, first place, Accounting II; Flannery Wasson, Jeffrey Senetho, Marie Poolaw, first place, Digital Video; Katherine Brown, Chaffin Junior High School, Gold Award, Junior Division, Photography; Breck Cogswell, Chaffin Junior High School, Gold Award, Junior Division, Literature; Madeline McGhee, Chaffin Junior High School, Gold Award, Senior Division, Literature; Amy Franco, Sutton Elementary School, Gold Award, Intermediate Division, Visual Arts Category; Dalton Person, JEA Journalist of the Year, First place, Newspaper Graphics, *Southworld* Editor, named All-Arkansas Newspaper 7A; Kody Goad, first place, Newspaper Feature Photo, Nawar Hudefi, first place, Newspaper Interview/Reporting, Lacy Layman, first place, Computer Generated Yearbook Academic Layout, Zach Wilson, first place, Writer of the Year; Antonio Jones, Chaffin Junior High School, Editor of The Cougar Print; Junior High Writer of the Year; Antonio Jones, 1st Place, Arkansas Optimist Oratory Contest by Arkansas Optimist Clubs

Dr. Gooden noted that the Legislature had adjourned and approximately 130 acts had passed regarding education.

Dr. Gooden also informed the Board that on Monday, May 4, the Chamber of Commerce would host a banquet honoring FSPS honor students. The following evening May 5, 2009, the FSPS Awards and Retirement Banquet will be held at Golden Living honoring 20-year employees and those employees who will retire at the end of the year.

Adult Education graduation is Monday, May 11 at the Stubblefield Center and the school board meeting will be one week early, May 18, 2009 due to the Memorial holiday.

REPORT:

Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve the Financial Report for March 2009. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin, to approve insurance renewals for the following:

Student Accident Insurance, Reliance Standard Life Insurance Co., brokered by Lawrence E. Smith and Associates Inc. of St. Louis, annual premium of \$76,993.

Errors and Omissions Liability, underwritten by National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh and brokered by Hoffman-Henry Insurance Corp. of Pine Bluff, annual premium \$17,986.

Boiler and Machinery, underwritten by Hartford and brokered by Bowen, Mickette, Britt & Merry, annual premium \$14,698.

Military Bond for JROTC program provided through Brown-Hiller-Clark, annual cost \$400.

Property Insurance brokered by Brown-Hiller-Clark and underwritten by Berkshire/Harleysville

Commercial property	- \$602,914
Business income	3,200
Inland Marine	2,386
EDP	2,336
Business Auto	162,026

The vote for approval was 7/0.

PROPERTIES

COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

Ms. Hathcock made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hunton, to authorize the superintendent of schools to dispose of surplus/obsolete property through sale to the highest bidder. A list of obsolete and surplus items was reviewed. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Hathcock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve: C. R. Crawford Construction Company \$3,487,000 for additions and renovations on Barling Elementary School;

SSI, Inc., \$698,500 for Glazing and Landscape Improvements-at Southside High School;

Forsgren Construction, \$1,728,854.66, for Parking Lot/Drainage Improvements at Southside High School; and

Blaylock Heating and Air \$828,310, for HVAC Replacement, Phase I at Northside High School

The vote for approval was 7/0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Dr. Gooden read a resolution required as part of the Arkansas Advanced Initiative for Math and Science (AAIMS) process, to support student and staff incentives to encourage participation in and performance on AP Exams. Northside has been selected as a participating Arkansas high school for a five-year period beginning the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Wade made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve the resolution. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Mr. Cole made a motion to move the May board meeting to May 18, 2009, due to the Memorial Day holiday. The motion passed without objection.

BOARD MEMBERS FORUM:

Ms. Hathcock thanked Mr. Hank Needham, Cavanaugh principal, his staff and students for the Barbeque Dinner on April 17 raising over \$8,000 for a seriously ill student at Cavanaugh Elementary School.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Jim McKinley from Houston TX was present with a request that consideration be made for the naming of a future school facility in honor of his mother, Mrs. Ruth McKinley, a long-time FSPS teacher and administrator.

Ms. Cole thanked Mr. McKinley and informed him that her name will certainly be in consideration for future buildings or assets.

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There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at
6:30 p.m.

Ms. Jeannie Cole, President

Ms. Shannon Blatt, Secretary