

Regular School Board Meeting  
September 28, 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. Nadine Brooks, secretary to the superintendent were also present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and Dr. Floyd gave the invocation.

Dr. Gooden presented the 2009 Annual Report to the Public.

Ms. Cole welcomed representatives from the Children's Service League Board, Partners in Education Advisory Board, FSPS Foundation Board, City Council PTA Board and PTA Presidents and thanked them for their service and support for the Fort Smith Public Schools. Ms Betsy Hayes recognized PTA Presidents and officers as well.

Dr. Benny Gooden presented past Foundation Board members, Carolyn Speed, Mary Young and Jan Cooper with plaques acknowledging their service to the Foundation. Sheila Humphrey of Woods Elementary and Barbara Saviers of Ballman Elementary were awarded Bessie B. Moore Awards. Mr. Steve Kesner was presented with a certificate for being named Arkansas Bandmaster of the Year 2009 by the Arkansas Bandmaster Association.

Ms. Barbara Hathcock made a motion, seconded by Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2009 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. Dr. Floyd informed the Board that these teachers had been in the classrooms since school year began but are now officially licensed and therefore presented for employment before the Board.

Recommendations for Employment

Harrison, Anna L.  
Love, Elizabeth A.  
Neal, Jr., Thomas T.  
Tilley, Angela K.  
Troyer-Price, Alison N.  
Williamson, Jason L.

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

Dr. Gordon Floyd reviewed the Student Services Report. Dr. Mehl asked about the number of students attending schools outside of their attendance area. Dr. Randy Bridges explained that most of these transfers had taken place before school began.

Dr. Gooden noted that the school board election was held Tuesday, September 15, and Ms. Jeannie Cole was elected to Position 7, Zone III, Wyman R. Wade Position 4, At Large and Yvonne Keaton-Martin to Position 3, Zone IV. The vote for continuation of the 36.5 mill school tax was 322 for the tax and 111 against the tax. Ms. Hathcock made a motion, seconded by Dr. Deanie Mehl, to accept the returns as a matter of record, and incorporate the results into the minutes. The vote for approval was 7/0. (A certified copy of the school board election results is attached).

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
REPORT:

Ms. Cole recognized Dr. Mehl for the Finance Committee Report.

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to approve the Financial Report for August 31, 2009. The vote for approval was 7/0.

PROPERTIES  
Report  
COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ms. Cole recognized Ms. Hathcock for the Properties Committee

Ms. Hathcock made a recommendation from the Properties Committee to approve three stimulus project change orders. The vote for approval was 7/0. A copy of the list is attached.

PERSONNEL  
COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ms. Cole recognized Mr. Wade for the Personnel Committee Report.

Mr. Wade made a recommendation, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve three employee ethics disclosures as required by Act 1599. Mr. Wade read the names aloud. The vote for approval was 7/0. A copy of the list is attached.

The vote for approval was 7/0.

CURRICULUM  
COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve the special education assurances for both elementary and secondary levels. The vote for approval was 7/0.

ELECTION OF NEW  
OFFICERS:

Ms. Hathcock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin, to nominate the 2009-10 school board officers as follows:

Dr. Deanie Mehl, President  
Ms. Shannon Blatt, Vice President  
Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr. Secretary  
Mr. Charles Warren, Treasurer

The vote for approval was 7/0.

Mr. Wade made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hunton, to approve Dr. Deanie Mehl as the Primary Board Disbursing officer and Ms. Shannon Blatt as the Alternate Board Disbursing officer. The vote for approval was 7/0.

CITIZEN  
PARTICIPATION:

There was no one present for citizen participation.

ADJOURN:

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Dr. Deanie Mehl, President

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Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Secretary