

Regular School Board Meeting
April 26, 2010
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Dr. Deanie Mehl, president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Ms. Shannon Blatt, Ms. Jeannie Cole, Ms. Barbara Hathcock, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin and Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr. Dr. David Hunton arrived at 5:50 p.m. 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 Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr. presented a history and a prayer about Mother's Day, Sunday May 9, 2010.

The Board had no items to be removed from the consent agenda. The consent agenda includes the March school board minutes, the March Financial Report and the Student Services Report. Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the consent agenda. 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

Kelly Bisby
Emily Borum
Tina Capelle-Besse
Emily Goodhart
Lindsey Hawvermale
Kellie Weisenfels
Jenna Pierce

Retirements

Silvia Armstrong
Fran Atkinson
Linda Fielder
Mary Alice Jones

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

Leave of Absence

Kelsea McBride

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

Recommendations for Employment

Eric Burnett
Rhetta Kay Hall
Leslie L. Pacheco

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

Dr. Gooden and Dr. Mehl awarded certificates to AR PTA Reflections winners, Andrew Evans, Southside High School, 1st Place, Literature, Senior Division, Lena Pham, Chaffin Junior High School, 1st Place, Literature, Junior Division, Breann Mendivil, Ramsey Junior High School, 1st Place, Visual Art, Junior Division, Dylan Mosley, Morrison Elementary School, 1st Place, Visual Art, Primary Division, Dr. Randy Bridges, Arkansas PTA Administrator of the Year; Molly Reeves, Chaffin Junior High School, Junior High Writer of the Year, Arely Villanueva, Chaffin Junior High School, Junior High Editor of the Year; Jessie Burton, Southside High School, 1st Place, News Writing, Devyn Smith, Southside High School, 1st Place, Computer Generated Advertising, Devyn Smith, Southside High School, Best of Show, Newspaper Advertising, Graham Coffelt, Southside High School, 1st Place, Newspaper Sports Writing, Lacy Layman, Southside High School, Best of Show, Yearbook Alternative Coverage, Nawar Hudefi and Dylan Beschoner, *Southworld* Editors, Southside High School, Best of Show, Newspaper Service to School and Community, Nawar Hudefi and Dylan Beschoner, *Southworld* Editors, Southside High School, All Arkansas Award; Northside High School JROTC Precision Rifle Team, Lucas Carr, Yesenia Lopez, Joy Hernandez, and Sam Mosley, First Overall, Yesenia Lopez, Northside High School, 1st Place, Prone Position, and Sam Mosley, 1st Place, Kneeling Position;

Dr. Gooden also informed the Board that on Monday, May 3, the Chamber of Commerce would host a banquet honoring FSPS honor students. The following evening Tuesday, May 4, 2010, 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 10 at the Stubblefield Center.

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COMMITTEE OF

Dr. Mehl recognized Mr. Wade for the Committee Report regarding

THE WHOLE REPORT: properties.

Mr. Wade made a Committee recommendation to approve plans for renovations and an addition to Carnall Elementary School. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Mehl recognized Ms. Blatt for the Committee Report regarding finance.

Ms. Blatt made a Committee recommendation to authorize Dr. Gooden to apply for authority to issue up to \$10 million in second lien bonds under the Qualified School Construction Bond Program. The vote for approval was 7/0. The recommendation also includes a Resolution. Ms. Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to dispense with the reading of the resolution. The vote for approval was 7/0. The resolution was approved unanimously. (A copy of the resolution is on file in the superintendent's office).

Dr. Mehl recognized Ms. Cole for the Committee Report regarding personnel.

Ms. Cole made a Committee recommendation to approve revisions to the certified and classified personnel policies for second and final reading. Ms. Cole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hunton, to dispense with the formal reading of the policies. The vote for approval was 7/0. The Board voted unanimously to approve the revisions to the personnel policies. The vote for approval was 7/0. (A list of the policies is attached).

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the 2010 revised Future Focus document. The vote for approval was 7/0. (A copy of the Future Focus document is on file in the superintendent's office and will be included in district publications).

PROPERTIES
COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

Ms. Hathcock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve change orders relative to the Barling Elementary Project. The vote for approval was 7/0. (A copy of the change order is on file in the superintendent's office).

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PERSONNEL
COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ms. Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin, to move the appeal of removal of administrative assignment, to the end of the Board meeting. The vote for approval was 7/0.

BOARD MEMBERS

There were no comments for board members forum

FORUM:

CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION:

There was no one present for citizen participation.

RECESS:

At 6:10 p.m., the Board voted unanimously to stand in recess until 6:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened for a closed hearing at 6:30 p.m. to hear an appeal of removal of administrative assignment of Shawn McVey.

Ms. Blatt recused herself from the appeal. Mr. Shawn McVey was present with his attorney Mr. Mark Ford. Administrators present were Dr. Benny Gooden, Dr. Gordon Floyd, and Dr. Brenda Sellers. Executive Secretary Carolyn Kincaid was also present.

The Board went into Executive Session to deliberate at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

The Board voted 3/3 on the question of Dr. Gooden's recommendation to reassign Mr. McVey as a classroom teacher instead of an assistant principal. Therefore, the legal effect is that Mr. McVey's contract will be renewed as an assistant principal.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Dr. Deanie Mehl, President

Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Secretary