

Regular School Board Meeting
March 29, 2010
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Ms. Shannon Blatt, vice president, called the meeting to order in Dr. Deanie Mehl's absence. Board member Yvonne Keaton-Martin was also not present. Other Board members present were Ms. Jeannie Cole, Ms. Barbara Hathcock, Dr. David Hunton, 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 Mr. Charles Warren gave the invocation.

The Board had no items to be removed from the consent agenda. The consent agenda, includes the February school board minutes, the February Financial Report and the Student Services Report. Ms. Hathcock made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hunton, to approve the consent agenda. The vote for approval was 5/0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:

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

Resignations

Jaymie Bell
Suzanne Brooks
Anne Butcher
Mona Calaway
Patty McAllister
Melissa McLendon
Kay Pressley
Leah Ramsey
Christen Wakefield

Retirements

Bill Bracken
Beverly Castleberry
Janelle Dixon
Ann Fitzhugh
Jennifer Fram
Brenda Greenwood
Shannon Houston
Jan Kessler
Avis Marshall
Johnny Mason
Ruby McCowan

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Retirements (Continued)

Susan Roberts
George Robinson
Norma Rowland
Carol Shurr
Lynn Thach
Debbie Ward
Ralph Williams
Catherine Young

Ms. Cole made a recommendation, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve the resignations and retirements. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Recommendations for Employment

Kellie J. Black
LaManda D. Blount
Sharee S. Davidson
Jamie L. Patterson

Ms. Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Dr. Gooden and Ms. Blatt awarded certificates to Chaffin Junior High School Quiz Bowl Team, 1st Place, 2010 State Quiz Bowl Champions, Rima Bhakta, Tye Brown, Kendra Carter, Crystal Creel, Rachel Davis, Langdon Emms, Emily Langham, Holly Morgan, Alan Pinter, and Sami Sexton; 2010 7A-6A State Bowling Championship Sierra Barnett, Seana Corbin, Melissa Dunn, Ragen Eddins, Jenna Elliott, Taylor Enslow, Courtney Glidewell, Katelyn Hamler, Miranda Howard, Bethany Matlock, Britney Paul, Paige Pschier, and Elyse Stanton; Branson White, 1st Place, Arkansas Poetry Out Loud Competition, and Mr. Charles Warren, 2010 Arkansas Society of CPAs Public Service Award.

Dr. Gooden informed Board members that the Fort Smith Public Schools Foundation Designer Showhouse is scheduled to open April 1, 2010 and will be open through the month of April.

COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE REPORT;

Ms. Blatt recognized Ms. Cole for the Committee Report regarding a personnel matter.

Ms. Cole made a committee recommendation to uphold Dr. Gooden's recommendation to terminate Mr. Jim Snell, a painter on the maintenance staff, for violation of District policies. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Ms. Blatt recognized Mr. Wade for the Committee Report regarding a property purchase.

Mr. Wade made a committee recommendation to approve the purchase of the outparcel of land at 610 North "N" Street for the appraised value of \$5,000. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Ms. Blatt recognized Ms. Cole for the Committee Report regarding curriculum recommendations.

Ms. Cole made a committee recommendation to approve *Spotlight on Music* for Grades K-6 by MacMillan/McGraw Hill. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Ms. Cole made a committee recommendation to approve the proposed recommendations for Fine Arts, Music, Art, Drama: Family and Consumer Science and Career and Technical Education. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Ms. Blatt recognized Ms. Cole for the Committee Report regarding personnel policy revisions.

Dr. Hunton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to dispense with reading of the policies. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Ms. Cole asked Dr. Gooden to summarize the proposed policy revisions. Ms. Cole made a committee recommendation to approve revisions to both classified and certified policies. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Ms. Cole made a committee recommendation to approve the proposed contract list for the Fort Smith Public Schools for the 2010-2011 school year. The vote for approval was 5/0.

CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION:

There was no one present for citizen participation.

ADJOURN:

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at
6:03 p.m.

Dr. Deanie Mehl, President

Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Secretary