

Regular School Board Meeting
October 24, 2005
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

The meeting was called to order by Ms Yvonne Keaton-Martin, president. Board members present were Ms. Shannon Blatt, Ms. Jeannie Cole, Ms. Barbara Hathcock, Dr. David Hunton, Dr. Deanie Mehl and Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr. Also present were Dr. Benny Gooden, superintendent, Dr. Johnny Owen, deputy superintendent and Ms. Zena Featherston.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and the invocation given by Ms. Keaton-Martin.

Ms. Hathcock made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hunton, to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2005, regular school board meeting. The vote for approval was 6/0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:

Dr. Benny Gooden yielded to Dr. Johnny Owen who reviewed the resignation and recommendations for employment.

Resignation

John Ruestow

Recommendations for Employment

Leica J. Grosskreuz
Mary F. Lundy
Frederick T. Thrower

Dr. Hunton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve the resignation and recommendations for employment. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Johnny Owen reviewed the Student Services Report.

Dr. Gooden and Ms. Keaton-Martin presented certificates to the Southside High School Golf Team, Ethan Adamson, Josh Davis, Hogan Knox, Preston Long, Skeet Peters, and Pedro Sadler, 2005 AAAAA State Golf Championship. Ms. Keaton-Martin made a presentation to Dr. Gooden for receiving the 2005 Distinguished Leadership in Literacy Award from University of Arkansas, Little Rock.

Dr. Gooden noted that enrollment as of October 3, 2005 was 13,433.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
REPORT:

Ms. Keaton-Martin recognized Dr. Hunton for the Finance Committee Report.

Ms. Hathcock made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hunton, to approve the Financial Report for the month of September. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Hunton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade, to participate in a cooperative purchasing agreement coordinated by the Arch Ford Education Service Cooperative which will enable the District to purchase goods and services to get the best value for the lowest price. The vote for approval was 7/0.

PROPERTIES
COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ms. Keaton-Martin recognized Ms. Jeannie Cole for the Properties Committee Report.

Ms. Cole made a recommendation from the Properties Committee to authorize Dr. Gooden to begin construction on the Northside Indoor Activity Center. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Cole made a recommendation from the Properties Committee to utilize Mr. Rod Coleman of ERC Properties as construction manager and to accept Mr. Coleman's proposal to provide a job superintendent at no cost. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Mr. Wade thanked Mr. Darryl Stovall, Mr. Pat Mickle, and Dr. Jerry Stewart who spearheaded the steering committee for their efforts in raising contributions in the amount of approximately \$634,000.

CURRICULUM
COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ms. Keaton-Martin recognized Dr. Deanie Mehl for the Curriculum Committee Report.

Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to approve special education assurances which allows the Fort Smith School District to receive special funding from the individual with Disabilities Education Act. The vote for approval was 7/0.

BOARD MEMBERS
FORUM:

Dr. Hunton asked Dr. Bridges to comment on the electronic defibrillators recently donated to the Fort Smith School District from St. Edward Mercy Medical Center.

Dr. Bridges noted that 8 defibrillators will now be available for athletic events in our secondary schools and staff is currently being trained to use them.

Ms. Cole was selected to be the delegate for the Board of Education at the ASBA Conference in Little Rock on December 7, 2005.

CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION:

There were no requests to speak.

ADJOURN:

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Yvonne Keaton-Martin, President

Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Secretary