Regular School Board Meeting  
September 22, 2014  
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:  Ms. Jeannie Cole, president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Dr. David Hunton, Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., Dr. Deanie Mehl, Ms. Susan McFerran, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin and Mr. Russell Owen. Dr. Benny Gooden, Superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Barry Owen, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Dr. Annette Henderson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Support Services, Mr. Charles Warren, Director of Financial Services, Mr. Darian Layes, Director of Student Services, Ms. Zena Featherston Marshall, Director of Communication and Community Partnerships and Ms. Nadine Brooks, Secretary to the Superintendent, were also present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and Mr. Charles Warren gave the invocation.

The consent agenda included the August School Board minutes, August Financial Report and September Student Services Report. Dr. Deanie Mehl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Russell Owen, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote for approval was 7/0.

REPORT TO THE PUBLIC:  Dr. Gooden presented the 2014 Annual Report to the Public. (A copy of the annual report is on file in the Superintendent’s office.)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:  Dr. Gooden recognized and thanked the members of volunteer organizations for their service and support to the Fort Smith Public Schools. They include: Children’s Service League Board, Partners in Education Advisory Board, FSPS Foundation Board, City Council PTA Board, PTA Chairs and PTA Presidents.

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

Resignation  
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Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to approve the resignations. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Recommendations for Employment – 2014/2015
Abbi Peoples  
Britney Smith

Dr. David Hunton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Russell Owen, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote for approval was 7/0.
School Board Election Results
Dr. Benny Gooden noted that the school board election was held on September 16, 2014. Citizens were able to vote early from September 9 through 15. Ms. Jeannie Cole, Zone III - Position 7, and Dr. Deanie Mehl, At Large - Position 2, ran unopposed, and were reelected to three year terms. Dr. Gooden noted that a certified copy of the results would be available 10 days after the election. Dr. Gooden recommended that the Board accept these unofficial results, noting that the certified copy of results will be available on September 26. Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Susan McFerran, to accept the unofficial election results. The vote for approval was 7/0. (A copy of the certified election results will be on file in the Superintendent’s office.)

Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (ACSIP)
Dr. Benny Gooden reported that annual approval of the Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (ACSIP) is a requirement of the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) and a pre-requisite for federal and state funds. FSPS is one of the districts selected to pilot the new software (not yet complete) adopted by ADE. The ACSIP assurances are due by October 1, 2014 and need Board approval to meet that deadline. Dr. Gooden noted that access to the complete ACSIP plans will be made available to the Board when the software transition is complete. Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Deanie Mehl, to authorize the Superintendent to submit the ACSIP Assurances to the Arkansas Department of Education as required. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Adjournment of 2013/14 Board of Education sine die
Seating of 2014/15 Board of Education
Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. David Hunton, to adjourn the 2013/14 board sine die at 6:15 p.m. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., made a motion, seconded by Dr. David Hunton, for Mr. Russell Owen to convene as chair for the remaining Board agenda items. Ms. Jeannie Cole and Dr. Deanie Mehl abstained from voting because they may not take the oath of office until the election results are official. The vote for approval was 5/0. Dr. Benny Gooden asked for a slate of officers for 2014/2015.

Dr. David Hunton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., to accept the slate of officers as follows:

Dr. Deanie Mehl, President
Mr. Russell Owen, Vice President
Mr. Wyman R Wade, Jr., Esq., Secretary

The vote for approval was 5/0.
Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., made a motion, seconded by Dr. David Hunton that Mr. Charles Warren, FSPS Financial Director serve as Treasurer. The vote for approval was 5/0.

**Designation of Board Disbursing Officers**
Dr. Gooden noted that it is customary to designate the President as primary board disbursing officer and the Vice President as alternate board disbursing officer. Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to designate Dr. Deanie Mehl as primary disbursing officer and Mr. Russell Owen as alternate disbursing officer. The vote for approval was 5/0.

**BOARD MEMBERS**
Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin welcomed Dr. Deanie Mehl as 2014/15 President and thanked Ms. Jeannie Cole for her year of service.

**FORUM:**
There was no one present for citizen participation.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

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

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Jeannie Cole, President

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Russell Owen, Secretary