Regular School Board Meeting  
August 22, 2016  
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. Deanie Mehl, president, called the meeting to order. Board members present were Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Mr. Bill Hanesworth, Ms. Susan McFerran, Dr. David Hunton, Ms. Jeannie Cole and Mr. Wade Gilkey. Dr. Gordon Floyd, Superintendent, Dr. Annette Henderson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Support Services, Dr. Barry Owen, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer, 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 present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin gave the invocation.

The consent agenda included the July School Board minutes, July Financial Report, and the August Student Services Report. Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote passed 7/0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Gordon Floyd yielded to Dr. Annette Henderson to review the professional staff recommendations.

Resignations
Edwards, Rhonda

Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole, to approve the resignation. The vote passed 7/0.

Recommendations for Employment
Bates, Jennifer
Carmack, Judith
Cassat, Amanda
Clifton, Hannah
Ezell, Adrianne
Feather, Marilyn
Gillman, Kimberly
Gosch, Courtney
Hall, Jessica
Herrlein, Alex
Jennings, Olivia
Johnson-Lipe, Sherry
Molder, Bradley
Nelson, Ashley
Seegers, Sarah
Williams, Angela

Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote passed 7/0.
Dr. Gordon Floyd and Dr. Deanie Mehl recognized Ms. Gaye McClure for receiving the National Federation of State High School Associations 2016 Outstanding Music Educator for the state of Arkansas. She is one of ten state recipients nationwide to be recognized. She was nominated by the Arkansas Activities Association.

Dr. Floyd reported that K-12 enrollment as of 5th day was 14,303 plus 560 Pre-K students for a total of 14,863. K-12 enrollment is eleven fewer students than this period last year. Elementary enrollment is up 118 students, the secondary enrollment is down 119. Kindergarten has 10 fewer students compared to 2015. Dr. Floyd reported that the administration would be looking into reasons the numbers are down in the secondary schools, noting that some had gone to the Future School, possibly private school and transferring. Dr. Mehl asked for an update of transferring of students between schools. Dr. Floyd reported that one teacher was moved to another school and that there was some up staffing as well.

Dr. Floyd reported that credit cards are now being accepted for admission into athletic events. He noted that this is being introduced as a pilot program.

Dr. Floyd introduced Ms. Jennifer Cagle, Kindergarten teacher at Sutton Elementary School as the August Spotlight Teacher. Ms. Cagle has taught at Sutton for 22 years. She and other teachers have succeeded in building parent involvement with home visits and activities that include family reading hours.

**Meals Provided At Board of Education Committee Meetings**
Dr. Mehl reported that the committee discussed whether it was necessary to provide meals at meetings. She noted that the District has provided light meals for meetings expected to go past 7:00 p.m. and sometimes occasional lunch meetings. Mr. Bill Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin to continue to provide meals for lengthy meetings. The motion passed 7/0.

**Superintendent Search Firm Meeting Date**
Dr. Deanie Mehl reported that the committee discussed meeting with Ray & Associates on August 29 for a private meeting with each Board member and a joint meeting to discuss a timeline for the superintendent search. Mr. Bill Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade Gilkey to meet on August 29. The motion passed 7/0.

**Authorization for the Superintendent to Apply for Federal and State Funds**
Mr. Bill Hanesworth reported that regulations require that the Superintendent receive annual authorization to apply for Federal and State funds. Mr. Hanesworth made a committee motion to approve this authorization. The motion passed 7/0.
2016/2017 Proposed Budget
Mr. Hanesworth reported that Mr. Charles Warren presented the 2016/2017 Budget at two separate committee meetings to give board members an in-depth report of the District’s financial operations for the past year and projections for comparable operations for the coming year. Mr. Warren presented a brief overview of what was discussed in detail in committee. Board members thanked Mr. Warren for the time he spent on this matter. Mr. Hanesworth made a committee motion to recommend approval of the 2016-17 Fort Smith Public School proposed budget as presented and that the Superintendent’s office be authorized to make adjustments to the budget as required by the Arkansas Department of Education for final submission purposes. The motion passed 7/0.

ACSIP Assurances
Ms. Jeannie Cole reported that the ACSIP Assurances are presented annually to authorize the Superintendent to sign and submit these to the State. The submission includes details of Federal and State categorical spending and the allocation of funds. Ms. Cole stated that the State requires these assurances as a condition for receiving funding. Ms. Jeannie Cole made a committee motion to approve the 2016/17 ACSIP assurances and authorize the superintendent to sign the assurances. The motion passed 7/0.

BOARD MEMBERS
Ms. Susan McFerran reported on attending the Partners in Education Conference and the Teachers Back to School meeting with Manny Scott as guest speaker. Ms. Jeannie Cole reminded members that the PTA School of Information meeting is Tuesday, August 23, 2016. Dr. Mehl stated that the agenda is posted on the website the Thursday before a board meeting.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:
No one was present for citizen participation.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Deanie Mehl, President

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Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Secretary