Regular School Board Meeting
November 28, 2016
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. Deanie Mehl, president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Ms. Jeannie Cole, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Mr. Bill Hanesworth, Ms. Susan McFerran, Ms. Talicia Richardson 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 October School Board minutes, October Financial Report, and the November Student Services Report. Mr. Bill Hanesworth 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
Whittington, Nancy
Friend, Caitlyn
Canfield, Laura

Retirement
East, Hugh Barry

Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to approve the resignations and retirement. The vote passed 7/0.

Recommendations for Employment
Alexis, Amy
Strahan, Cody
Harris, Tammy
McLeod, Laura

Mr. Bill Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Susan McFerran, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote passed 7/0.

Dr. Gordon Floyd and Dr. Deanie Mehl recognized the following FSPS teachers:

Sheila Humphrey, Kristina Thrift and Tracy Floyd, Woods Elementary, for winning the Veteran Category of the 21st Annual Bessie B. Moore Arkansas Awards Program for Excellence in Teaching Economics. They won with their entry Patriot Pride Since ’75 Economics in Our Lives. Amy Gordon, Barling Elementary, won in the
Newcomer Category for Excellence in Teaching Economics for her project *3-2-1 Economics*.

Angela Stout, Southside High School, was recognized as the 2016 Early Career English Language Arts Teacher Award recipient by the AR Council Teachers of English and Language Arts (NCTE).

Dan Bardin, Barling Elementary, Brandy Jones, Woods Elementary, and Erin Staples, Bonneville Elementary, were recognized as newly certified by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

Dr. Gordon Floyd reminded Board members of the ASBA Conference scheduled for December 7-9.

Dr. Gordon Floyd introduced Ms. Amy Markham, Chaffin Junior High School Gifted and Talented, as the spotlight teacher of the month. Ms. Markham spoke briefly about the Chaffin Junior High Robotics Club students noting their various wins in competitions. These students demonstrated various phases of the robotics competition which include marketing, fundraising, music video production and more.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT:**

**2017/2018 FSPS Calendar**
Ms. Susan McFerran made a committee motion to approve the 2017/2018 FSPS Calendar. The calendar is a product of negotiation between FSPS administrators and representatives of the Fort Smith Classroom Teachers Association. The vote passed 7/0.

**December Board Meeting Date**
Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion to move the December Board meeting date to December 19 due to the Christmas holiday on December 26. The vote passed 7/0.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**Bank Signature Cards Resolution**
Mr. Bill Hanesworth reported that the District has several small checking accounts that are used to reimburse employees for small expenditures. He recommended that the Board approve a resolution authorizing Mr. Charles Warren as school district treasurer to make changes to the signature card as necessary. Mr. Bill Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade Gilkey, to waive the formal reading of the resolution. The vote passed 7/0. Mr. Bill Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Susan McFerran to approve this resolution as recommended. The vote passed 7/0.

**PUBLIC/STUDENT AFFAIRS:**

**Student Expulsions (2)**
Ms. Susan McFerran reported that two students have been recommended for expulsion for serious violations of District policy. She noted that these students have had the opportunity and have declined to appeal the expulsions. Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin to approve the expulsions. The vote passed 7/0.
Ms. Susan McFerran reported that she will again be making gingerbread houses at Fairview Elementary at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 16. She invited others to participate.

Dr. Deanie Mehl reported that the Board met with five candidates for the superintendency. Dr. Mehl stated that the Board had met in 90 minute interviews with a “phenomenal slate of candidates”.

No one was present for citizen participation.

Dr. Mehl reported that the Board would adjourn from the regularly scheduled board meeting to meet as a committee to discuss the recent FOIA lawsuit. Following this discussion, the board would meet in executive session to discuss the superintendent candidates. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.