Regular School Board Meeting  
October 26, 2015  
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:  
Dr. Deanie Mehl, president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Dr. David Hunton, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Mr. Bill Hanesworth, Ms. Jeannie Cole, Mr. Wade Gilkey and Ms. Susan McFerran. 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, Mr. Jim Rowland, Director of Athletics, and Ms. Nadine Brooks, Secretary to the Superintendent, were also present.

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

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:  
Dr. Benny Gooden reported that there were no professional staff recommendations for October.

Dr. Gooden and Dr. Mehl recognized the Southside High School Girls Golf Team for winning the 2015-2016 7A State Golf Championship. Team members include: Makaia Brown, Alexa Chapin, Kayle Dryer, Charlotte Fox, Tori Fox, Madison Hill, Bentley Lager, Legacy Mendoza, Addison Mitchell, Sheena Qiu, Sydney Staton, and Terry Uhm. Pedro Sadler is the coach. The SHS Girls Golf Team has won two consecutive championships.

Dr. Gooden introduced Commissioner Johnny Key to speak to the Board of Education. After an afternoon visiting FSPS District Schools, Commissioner Key praised district administrators and teachers for work well accomplished. He and his staff, Mr. Kyron Jones, and Mr. Bobby Lester addressed the Board regarding the requirements of the School Improvement Grant (SIG) awarded to Belle Point. Mr. Key commended Belle Point for a well written grant. Mr. Lester noted that Belle Point is the only Alternative Learning Environment (ALE) school to receive this grant.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT:  
**ACT 1120 Resolution**  
Dr. Benny Gooden presented the Resolution Required by Act 1120 of 2013 with a list of employees who received a 5% or more salary increase for 2014/2015. Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade Gilkey, to waive the formal reading of the resolution. The vote for approval was 7/0. Dr. Gooden stated that this resolution is to be approved by the Board and kept on file as part of the annual
audit. Ms. Susan McFerran made a committee motion to adopt the resolution. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Arkansas School Boards Association (ASBA) Delegate Assembly Representative
Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a committee motion to elect Board President Deanie Mehl to serve as the voting representative at the ASBA Annual Conference in December. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Chaffee Crossing Property
Ms. Jeannie Cole addressed concerns about releasing 15 acres requested by the Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Authority (FCRA) for Montessori School. She stated that the other two high schools were landlocked and noted the vision that the Board had for building a third high school on this remaining 56 acres. She noted that enrollment was growing steadily at each school. Ms. Keaton-Martin made a committee motion to release the 15 acres. The vote for approval was 6/1 with Cole opposing.

Elementary Textbook Selection Committee
Ms. Jeannie Cole made a committee recommendation to adopt the Elementary Social Studies Textbook Selection Committee to select materials to be utilized beginning in 2016/2017. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Resolution Clarifying SHS Mascot Change
Dr. Deanie Mehl stated that Principal Wayne Haver chaired a committee of students, teachers, administrators and community members who spent the past months researching and selecting a new fight song and mascot. She noted that the Maverick is the new mascot. Dr. Mehl read aloud the recommended Resolution Clarifying the Southside High School Mascot Change. After discussion, Ms. Yvonne Keaton Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole to adopt the resolution as presented. The vote for approval was 5/2 with Hanesworth and Gilkey opposing.

Board members discussed live-streaming Board of Education meetings. Ms. Susan McFerran commented on the band performances at the ASBOA Region VIII Marching contest at Northside. Mr. Wade Gilkey discussed the needed repairs at Southside High School. Dr. Deanie Mehl reported that she had received a document signed by FSPS Principals supporting Dr. Benny Gooden and his leadership.

Joey McCutchen spoke about the Southside High School Rebel name.
ADJOURN: There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Deanie Mehl, President

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Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Secretary