Dr. Deanie Mehl, president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, and Ms. Susan McFerran, Ms. Talicia Richardson, Mr. Wade Gilkey and Mr. Bill Hanesworth. Ms. Jeannie Cole was absent. Dr. Doug Brubaker, Superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, Deputy 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, Mr. Dennis Siebenmorgen, Director of Buildings and Grounds, 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 Dr. Barry Owen gave the Invocation.

The consent agenda included the December School Board minutes, December Financial Report, and the January Student Services Report. Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote passed 6/0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Brubaker yielded to Dr. Annette Henderson to review the professional staff recommendations.

Resignations

Stowers, Tonya
Hunt, Billy
Fry, Seane
Orendorff, Kelsey

Mr. Bill Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Talicia Richardson, to approve the resignations. The vote passed 6/0.

Retirements – May, 2017

Brinker, Elizabeth
Mankin, Margaret
Dunn, Connie
Brooks, Mary Carolyn
Hitt, Brenda Karen

Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Susan McFerran, to approve the retirements. The vote passed 6/0.

Leave of Absence – until end of 2016/2017 School Year

Medlin, Quendy
Mr. Bill Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Talicia Richardson, to approve the recommendation for leave of absence. The vote passed 6/0.

Dr. Brubaker and Dr. Mehl recognized Southside High School music students Patrick Dougherty, Cameron Law and Tyler Sexton their selection for the American Choral Directors Associations National Honor Choir.

Dr. Brubaker introduced Mr. Josh Bogdon, Spradling Elementary School 5th/6th grade math and science teacher. Mr. Bogdon has been with the district for three years and is a veteran of the U.S. Army. Mr. Bogdon focuses on project-based learning and hands-on activities.

Dr. Brubaker reported that Board members have collectively volunteered more than 300 hours since the 2016/2017 school year began. He also reported that Board members are required to participate in Arkansas school board training. They collectively have documented 109 hours which more than exceeds the required hours for 2016. Dr. Brubaker stated that there are more than 1,500 board members in Arkansas who receive no compensation for their time and effort. Governor Asa Hutchinson issued a proclamation recognizing Board members for their service.

Dr. Brubaker reported that his 90 day entry plan is posted on the FSPS website. He added that he is scheduled to begin visits to campuses and has had the opportunity to meet with several community leaders.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Ethics Disclosure
Mr. Charles Warren presented an ethics disclosure resolution for FSPS employee Dr. Samantha Hall for approval. Her spouse owns a business, Westark Hydrographics, and wishes to do business with the District. If approved the resolution will be forwarded to Arkansas Department of Education for state approval. Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade Gilkey to waive the reading of the resolution. The vote passed 6/0. Mr. Bill Hanesworth made a committee motion to approve the resolution for submission to ADE for final approval. The motion passed 6/0.

Roof Bid – Southside
Dr. Floyd reported that of the three responsive bids, the low bid of $1,376,900 from Crawford Construction should be approved for roof replacement and repair to Southside High School. Dr. Floyd added that insurance from hail damage is covering all but approximately $350,000 which will be paid by the District. Mr. Hanesworth asked if any additional costs occur that the Board be informed. After discussion, Mr. Hanesworth made a committee motion to approve the low bid from Crawford Construction. The vote passed 6/0.

2017 Master Facility Update
Dr. Brubaker reported that the Board had received the revised 2017 Master Facility Update to review. He reported that the deadline to submit to the State is February 1. He noted that this submission will place the District in a position to maintain eligibility for state funding. He added that since it has been some time since the Master Facility Plan was initially developed, it would need to be reviewed again before a millage campaign could begin. After discussion, Mr. Bill Hanesworth made
a motion, seconded by Ms. Susan McFerran to adopt the 2017 Master Facility Update for submission. The vote passed 6/0.

**2015/2016 Audit**
Mr. Warren stated that the 2015-2016 fiscal year audit report from Przybysz & Associates, CPAs was ready for board review. Mr. Warren called to the Board’s attention the Management Discussion and Analysis section. He then introduced Mr. Marc Lux of Przybysz & Associates, CPAs. Mr. Lux presented an overview of the audit report. Confirming the stability of the District financial health compared to the previous year. He concluded his presentation by pointing out that the district received an “unmodified” opinion, the best rating available. Mr. Bill Hanesworth made a committee motion to accept the audit as presented. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**OTHER:**

**February Board of Education Meeting Date**
Dr. Brubaker requested that the February Board of Education date be moved to February 20 so that he may attend the Association of School Administrators Superintendents Certification program which conflicts with the regularly scheduled February 27 date. Ms. Talicia Richardson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bill Hanesworth to approve this date change. The motion passed 6/0.

**BOARD MEMBERS**
Ms. McFerran expressed appreciation for the uniforms purchased for Special Education students and stated that their next event is February 17.

**FORUM:**
Ms. Richardson recommended that board documents be distributed to committee several days before meetings to give committee members ample time to review the information. This would also allow for questions to develop questions before committee meets.

Dr. Mehl discussed the ongoing FOIA lawsuit.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:**
Mr. Luke Pruitt spoke in support of the FSPS Board of Education regarding the FOIA lawsuit. Board members thanked the group for their support.

**ADJOURN:**
Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Talicia Richardson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Deanie Mehl, President

Bill Hanesworth, Secretary