Regular School Board Meeting  
August 25, 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 and Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin. Mr. Russell Owen was absent. 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, 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 Dr. Barry Owen gave the invocation.

The consent agenda included the July School Board minutes, July Financial Report and August Student Services Report. Dr. Deanie Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Susan McFerran, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote for approval was 6/0.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:  
Dr. Benny Gooden yielded to Dr. Gordon Floyd to review the professional staff recommendations.

Resignations  
Bingham, Rebecca  
Christoffersen, Carrie  
Lee, Christina

Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. David Hunton, to approve the resignations. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Recommendations for Employment – 2014/2015  
Alexander, Georgia  
Beasley, Stephanie  
Dugger, Kelsey  
Girdley, Kennet  
Hamlett, Joni  
Hawkins, Dawn  
Hindman, John  
Holliman, Nancy  
Johnson, Sherry  
McClennahan, Leslye  
Melton, Lori  
Newman, Amy  
Smith, Kathy  
Thomas, David  
Wintory, Debra  
Zeiger, Nancy
Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Ms Yvonne Keaton-Martin to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Dr. Benny Gooden reported that a large number of citizens attended the Open House at Woods Elementary School on Sunday, August 24 at 1 p.m. The event was held to give the community an opportunity to see the recently renovated school.

Dr. Benny Gooden reported on 2014 enrollment as of the fifth class day stating that District enrollment is up 45 students from a year ago on comparable day; high school enrollment is up 55 students, junior high schools up 67, grades one through six are up 19 students, and kindergarten is down 96 students. He also noted that Pre K has 340 students this year.

Dr. Benny Gooden also reported that the District has reassigned eight teachers to accommodate growth at schools with increased enrollment and made a number of student reassignments for class size.

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT:

**Authorization for Superintendent to Apply for Federal and State Funds**

Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., made a committee motion to allow the Superintendent to make the required annual application for any and all federal and state funds and to serve as the authorized representative for these programs. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**IDEA ASSURANCES**

Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin asked Dr. Gooden to review the required assurances and agreements relative to services for students with disabilities in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Dr. Gooden stated that Board approval of these annual documents for the regular K-12 program and pre-school services a condition for the District to receive these federal funds. Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a committee motion to approve the assurances and agreements for both the Pre-K and the K-12 IDEA programs. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**2014/2015 FSPS Budget and ADE Data Submission**

Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., reported that the Committee had reviewed the 2014/2015 Budget in great detail on August 14. He noted that the 2014/2015 Budget was comparable to last year. Dr. Benny Gooden added that there was a small increase in state aid and a slight decline in some of the federal categories. Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., made a committee motion to approve the 2014/2015 Budget and submit it in electronic format to the Arkansas Department of Education. The vote for approval was 6/0.
BOARD MEMBERS FORUM:

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

ADJOURN:

There were no comments.

There was no one present for citizen participation.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Jeannie Cole, President

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Russell Owen, Secretary