Regular School Board Meeting
February 25, 2013
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Dr. David Hunton, president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Dr. Deanie Mehl, Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., Ms. Susan McFerran, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Mr. Rusty Owen and Ms. Jeannie Cole. Dr. Benny Gooden, superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, deputy superintendent, Dr. Brenda Sellers, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources and Support Services, Ms. Zena Featherston Marshall, Communication and Community Partnerships director and Ms. Nadine Brooks, secretary to the superintendent, were also present.

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

The consent agenda included the January 28, 2013 school board minutes, the January Financial Report, and the Student Services Report. Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote for approval was 7/0.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Dr. Benny Gooden yielded to Dr. Gordon Floyd to review the professional staff recommendations.

Recommendation for Resignation
Henry, Darrell

Recommendation for Retirement
Hayre, Alice

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the recommendations for resignation and retirement. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Recommendations for Leaves of Absence
Harrison, Summer
Heath, Kimberly
Hubbs, Sara
Stubblefield, Brittany
Thompson, Tommye

Ms. Cole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mehl, to approve the recommendations for leaves of absence for 2013/2014. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Gooden and Dr. Hunton recognized the following students: The Chaffin Junior High seventh and eighth grade Knowledge Master Open (KMO) team won first place honors in the 2012 KMO. Team members are Hayden Brown, Morgan Bryant, Michaela Cormier, Ian D’Aquin, Joey Deschryver, Jarom Emms, Dominik Garretson, Nicholas Howard, Dillon Isham, Evan Kohler, Hannah Krehbiel, Carson Lewis, Dakota Lineberry, Savannah Logan, Bilal Momand, Stephanie Nguyen, Zach Oetzel, Hannah Pair, Dania Rahal, Emily Reid, Andrew Rickard, Zach Ruple, Justin Szuba, Catherine
Tran, and Beck Williams. The **Southside High School Science Bowl Team** for winning the 2013 Arkansas Science Bowl State Championship. Team members are Rachel Davis, Landon Hunter, Dylan Wright, Sami Sexton, and Thy Dai. The **Southside High School Majorettes** won first place in the High School Halftime Team competition at the Arkansas Winter Twirling Festival. Team members are Karla Sintigo, Captain, Lindsey Jones, Reyna Rodriguez, Hannah Barr, Kathryn Rhomberg, Diana Gonzalez, Kylie Chamberlain, Alex Easley, Bailey Carter, Anna Adams-King, Rachel Ranells, and Haley Edgemon. 2013 **All-State First Chair Musicians** are Nick Blair, Nathan Boyd, Breck Cogswell, Rachel Davis, Jade Espina, Jacob Gatlin, Tres Jennings, Kaitlin Jones, and Zack Parks. Mr. Dennis Burton was honored with the **Distinguished Director Award** by the Arkansas Choral Directors Association at the All-State Music Conference.

Dr. Gooden reported that first rounds of sequestration cuts on March 1 will cost FSPS about $623,000. He reported that some monies have been held back in anticipation of this cut.

**BOARD MEMBERS FORUM:**

Jeannie Cole reported that as a part of the Federal Relations Network Conference she and ASBA President Elect Jerry Don Wood spoke with U.S. Congressional staff regarding sequestration and school safety initiatives.

Jeannie Cole, Yvonne Keaton-Martin and Susan McFerran praised Beard Elementary for their recent designation as a “Franklin Covey Lighthouse School”. Beard is the first elementary school in Arkansas to receive the prestigious honor, and one of only 35 in the world.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

There was no one present for citizen participation.

**ADJOURN:**

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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David Hunton, President

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Deanie Mehl, Secretary