Ms. Jeannie Cole, president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Ms. Shannon Blatt, Ms. Barbara Hathcock, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Dr. Deanie Mehl, and Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr. Board member David Hunton was not present. Dr. Benny Gooden, Superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, Deputy Superintendent, and Ms. Carolyn Kincaid, executive secretary were also present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and Dr. Gordon Floyd gave the invocation.

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2009 regular school board meeting. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Mr. Wade made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to move the Personnel Committee Report to the end of the meeting. The vote for approval was 6/0.

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

**Resignations**
- Jennifer Ham
- Brenda Hines
- Linda Prine
- Charisse Sutton
- Elaine Watson

**Retirements**
- Gail Avery
- Debbie Bentley
- Charles Besancon
- Karen Brooks
- Pat Cross
- Dana Davenport
- Margaret Davis
- Sharon Faries
- Jackie Farrar
- Candy Foster
- Jeanene Godwin
- Betty Kai Hogue
- Jerry Jennings
Retirements continued
John Lankford
Lyle Lorenson
Judy Owens
Nancy Robertson
Shari Rupp
Nancy Smreker
Connie Townley
Duane Walker
Laura Whitson

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin, to approve the resignations and retirements. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Recommendations for Employment
Veronica M. Jenkins
Andrea S. Shrum

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Dr. Gordon Floyd gave the Student Services Report.

Dr. Gooden recognized Ms. Debbie Everly, Arkansas PTA Convention Chair. Ms. Everly invited members of the School Board to attend the Arkansas PTA Convention being held in Fort Smith, April 24-25, 2009.

Dr. Gooden presented a brief history of Barling Elementary School.

Dr. Gooden also informed the Board that the Stimulus package would have an impact on Arkansas schools. He stressed that the funds should be considered one-time money and will be received through the Title I formula, IDEA, and the State Stabilization Fund. He also noted that a portion of the funds would be used for modernization, renovations and repair of existing facilities, and not construction of new facilities. The biggest challenge will be distributing the money equitably and making districts accountable for these funds.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:
Ms. Cole recognized Dr. Mehl for the Finance Committee Report.
Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve the Financial Report for February 2009. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to waive the reading of a resolution regarding an ethics disclosure. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to approve an ethics disclosure resolution disclosing Ms. Patricia Miller regarding purchase of
commodities from Ralph’s Pink Flamingo Restaurant. The vote for approval was 6/0.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ms. Cole recognized Ms. Hathcock for the Properties Committee Report.

Ms. Hathcock made a Committee recommendation to authorize the Superintendent to request bids and to approve construction on these projects as follows:

- Southside High School Parking Lot;
- Barling Elementary School Addition and Renovation;
- Southside High School Window and Door Replacement; and
- Northside High School HVAC Renovation.

The vote for approval was 6/0.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT:

Ms. Cole made a Committee recommendation to approve the proposed 2009-2010 personnel contract recommendations.

The vote for approval was 6/0.

BOARD MEMBERS FORUM:

There were no items for discussion.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

There was no one present for citizen participation.

At 6:02 p.m., the Board moved to Closed Session to hear a termination appeal.

The Board reconvened at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Wade made a motion, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to sustain the termination of the probationary Child Nutrition employee Ms. Bonni Manus. The vote for approval was 6/0.

There was not further business and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Ms. Jeannie Cole, President

Ms. Shannon Blatt, Secretary