PRESENT: Ms. Jeannie Cole, President, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Dr. David Hunton, Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., Mr. Russell Owen, Dr. Deanie Mehl, Ms. Susan McFerran and Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin. Dr. Benny Gooden, Superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Barry Owen, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Dr. Annette Henderson, Assistant Superintendent of 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 Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin gave the invocation.

The consent agenda included the June School Board minutes and June Financial Report. Dr. David Hunton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, 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**
Doss, Chandler
Hale, Eileen
Holland, Jennifer
Kupers, Sherry
Lawson, Sarah
Monroe, Angela
Rieske, Debra
Smith, Carolyn

Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., to approve the resignations. The vote for approval was 7/0.

**Recommendations for Employment – 2014/2015**
Abshere, Cara
Baker, Amanda
Bankston, Annmarie
Boltuc, Marna
Bryant, Nicole
Cash, Daniel
Chancey, Dawn
Christman, Cheryl
Clark, Morgan
Daniel, Rachael
Davis, Susan
Engler, Ellen
Fischer, Amy
Glass, Andrea
Grinder, Stephanie
Guyton, Camille
Hall, Cynthia
Hamilton, Corey
Hansen, Curtis
Henderson, Misty
Heyn, Caroline
Johnson, Alexander
Joyce, Julianna
Kareus, Kacee
Kennedy, Amanda
Kesner, Rachel
King, Lindsey
Lowdermilk, 1SG James
Meharg, Lt. Col Jason
Morris, Kandi
Owens, Cassandra
Ridenour, Charlece
Shaffer, Eric
Simmons, Benjamin
Strunk, Stephanie
Tongier, Cara
Tucker, Sheri
Washington, Belinda
Weidman, Daniel
Weisenfels, Elizabeth

Dr. Deanie Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Susan McFerran, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Leave of Absence
Williams, Rashunda

Mr. Russell Owen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Deanie Mehl, to approve the leave of absence. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Liability Insurance for Pre-K Program
Mr. Russell Owen reported that the District has been unable to secure relief from the Courts relative to tort immunity. Mr. Russell Owen also reported that the District has obtained a proposal for Pre-K liability insurance coverage through a policy submitted by the Arkansas School Boards Association. This annual premium is $9,672, general aggregate limit of $2,000,000 with a $1,000,000 limit per occurrence. The deductible is $1,000 per claim. Mr. Russell Owen made a committee motion to purchase this policy for the 2014-2015 school year. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Special Education Contracts 2014/2015
Mr. Russell Owen reported that the District is required to provide appropriate services to students with disabilities. Annual contract proposals for 2014/2015 were received from:

Valley Behavioral Health Systems
Horizon-Western Arkansas Counseling and Guidance Center
Brownwood School, Inc.
Western Arkansas Counseling and Guidance (licensed psychologist)
Becky Hartsfield (licensed physical therapist)
Dr. Ron McInroe (clinical neuropsychologist)

Mr. Russell Owen made a committee motion to approve the contracts submitted for 2014/2015. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ethics Disclosures
Ms. Susan McFerran asked Dr. Benny Gooden to present the ethics disclosures for employees with possible conflict not requiring ADE approval. Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., made a motion, seconded by Dr. Deanie Mehl, to waive the formal reading of the resolution. Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin to approve the resolution submitted for Board approval. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Susan McFerran asked Dr. Benny Gooden to present the ethics disclosures for employees with possible conflict requiring ADE approval. Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., made a motion, seconded by Dr. David Hunton, to waive the formal reading of the resolution. The vote for approval was 7/0. Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Dr. Deanie Mehl to approve the resolution for this list of employees to be submitted to the Arkansas Department of Education. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Election Procedures/Resolution
Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq. reported that single candidates had filed petitions for the At Large (Position 2) and Zone III (Position 7) for the annual School Board Election to be held September 16, 2014. Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq. also noted that the millage rate of 36.5 is the same rate previously levied and no increase is proposed. Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq. noted that the District can save significant cost by not opening polling sites on election day and conducting only absentee and early voting as allowed through A.C.A.§ 6-14-102 (c)(1). Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq. made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to waive the formal reading of the election resolution. The vote for approval was 7/0. Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq. then made a committee motion to approve this resolution and submit it to the Sebastian County Election Commission. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Naming of Northside High School Band Center
Dr. Deanie Mehl read aloud the resolution to name the newly completed Northside High School Band Center addition in honor of Mr. William N. Shaver III. She stated that Board members received a large number of support letters from former students requesting that he be honored for his years of service to Northside High School and to music education in Arkansas. Dr. Deanie Mehl made a committee motion for this resolution to be adopted. The vote for approval was 7/0. The resolution is attached.
the B Street Annex. Dr. Deanie Mehl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., to award the bid to the low bidder, Turnkey Construction, in the amount of $269,475. The vote for approval was 7/0.

**Morrison Elementary Addition and Renovation**
Dr. Deanie Mehl reported that bids were received also on July 24 for the addition and renovation to Morrison Elementary. Dr. Deanie Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to award the bid to the low bidder, The Cone Group, in the amount of $4,487,000. The vote for approval was 7/0.

**BOARD MEMBERS**
Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin stated that she was pleased to see so many hires from UA Fort Smith. Dr. Deanie Mehl added that several were former Fort Smith Public School graduates.

**FORUM:**
Ms. LaToya Page, mother, a stepfather and father addressed the Board in regards to their student’s transfer from Northside High School to Southside High School during the 2013/2014 school year. As stated in the District Student Handbook, this student is not eligible to play basketball for one year following the transfer. The stepfather asked the Board to consider allowing the student to play basketball in the upcoming school year. Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq. addressed the parents stating that the policy is clear that the principal at the school the student is currently attending must be the person initially contacted regarding eligibility due to a hardship situation. The Board took no action.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

**ADJOURN:**
There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Jeannie Cole, President

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Russell Owen, Secretary