Regular School Board Meeting
March 17, 2014
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:
Ms. Jeannie Cole, President, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Mr. Russell Owen, Dr. Deanie Mehl, Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., Ms. Susan McFerran, and Dr. David Hunton. Dr. Benny Gooden, 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, Director of Financial Services, Ms. Nadine Brooks, Secretary to the Superintendent, were also present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and Mr. Charles Warren gave the invocation.

At the request of Dr. Deanie Mehl, the consent agenda was considered separately.

Ms. Jeannie Cole yielded to Dr. Deanie Mehl, Properties Chair, to amend the Committee of the Whole Report of the February Board of Education Minutes to read: “Dr. Deanie Mehl reported that when the Committee first reviewed bids and specifications, it was initially reported that the Turn Key Construction bid did not meet the bid requirements. Upon further evaluation, the Committee determined the Turn Key bid did meet the bid requirements. The Committee therefore made the motion to award the bid to the low bidder, Turn Key Construction, for approval to the Board of Education. The vote for approval was 7/0.”

Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., to approve the minutes as amended. The vote for approval was 6/1.

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

Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Mr. Russell Owen to approve the Student Services Report. The vote for approval was 7/0.

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

Resignations

Baty, Charles
Hamilton, Terrie

Resignations – Effective at the Close of the 2013/2014 School Year

Chism, Nicole
Cromer, Sue
Seaton, Kristen  
Ray, Katherine  
Rogers, Sarah  
Satterfield, Logan  
Smith, Rebecca  
Wehunt, Angela  
Harrison, Summer  
Thompson, Tommye  

Retirement  

Reeves, Alma Louise  

Retirements - Effective at the Close of the 2013/2014 School Year  

Bowers, Jane  
Bray, A. Ray  
Bray, Susan  
Bridges, Phyllis  
Bullington, Lenora  
Chapman, Deborah  
Day, Kendrick  
Edge, Cindy  
Fay, Edgar  
Fox, Hazel  
Hall, Mary J  
Harris, Michelle  
Hughes, Robin  
Jones, Michael  
King, Suzanne  
Lee, Emma  
Lipede, Patience  
Long, Cyrill Diane  
Long, Leslie  
Malone, Karen  
McAdams, Linda  
Napier, Karen  
O’Brien, Kathryn  
Raible, Claudette  
Releford, Billy Joe  
Rosar, Mary  
Rupp Jr., John  
Russell, Martha  
Sadler, Jean Ann  
Vincent, Jerry
Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Dr. Deanie Mehl to approve the resignations and retirements. The vote for approval was 7/0.

**Leaves of Absence – 2014/2015**

Heath, Kimberly
Hubbs, Sara
Stubblefield, Brittany

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

**Recommendation for Employment – 2014/2015**

Waack, Jessica

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

Dr. Gooden and Ms. Cole recognized the following students:

**2014 PTA Reflections Contest First-Place winners:**

Alex Chokbengboun, **Visual Arts** - Northside High School
Nic Coluccino, **Literature HS Division** - Chaffin Junior High School
Caitlin Paris, **Literature Middle School Division** - Chaffin Junior High School
Alexandra Salamone, **Music Composition** - Chaffin Junior High School
Dakota Wood, **Literature** - Barling Elementary School

**Ramsey Junior High School Quiz Bowl Team – Junior High State Title in 7A Red Bracket Tournament on February 22.**

Team members: Nathan Barker, Gwendolyn Daniels, Tommy Huynh, Kirk Linam, Huy Mai, Dani Mays, Nathan Moore, Alex Siebenmorgen, Luke Smith, Jason Weiler
Coaches: Terry Freeman and Gia Bethel
Ramsey Junior High Science Bowl Team won the Arkansas Regional Middle School Science Bowl held at UAFS on January 18, 2014.

Team Members: Gwendolyn Daniels, Nate English, Flor Ortega, Katie Settle, Alex Siebenmorgen
Coaches: Terry Freeman and Gia Bethel

Ashley French, Fairview Elementary School received National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification in February.

Dr. Gooden reported that FSPS has 106 NBPTS certified teachers to date.

Dr. Gooden also reported that the General Assembly was close to adjourning. He reported on the Governor’s veto of an attempt by the General Assembly to use special language to grant tax cuts through an appropriation bill.

Dr. Gooden noted that the last day of classes is June 4, 2014. He reported that because FSPS has five inclement weather days built into the school calendar with four of those being at the end of the school year, spring break will not be affected.

Dr. Gooden invited the Board of Education to several events scheduled for the next few months.

School Choice Report
Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr. yielded to Dr. Benny Gooden to report on the current requirements of School Choice Law. Dr. Gooden reminded the Board of the changes to the School Choice Act from the 2013 legislative session. He noted that the Student Services staff annually evaluate the number of students transferring in and out of the District. He noted that this year’s numbers indicate 40 students transferred in and 23 transferred out. Although the District could invoke a School Choice waiver, because the 1965 desegregation case has not been dismissed, Dr. Gooden’s recommendation would be to continue to accept school transfers under the School Choice Act. No action was required as the Board opted to continue with the School Choice Act.

There were no requests for citizen participation.

There were no Board comments.

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

Russell Owen, Secretary