President Deanie Mehl called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Dr. David Hunton, Ms. Jeannie Cole, Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., and Ms. Susan McFerran. Mr. Russell Owen was absent. 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, Ms. Zena Featherston Marshall, Director of Communication and Community Services, Mr. Darian Layes, Director of Student Services 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 April School Board minutes, April Financial Report and Student Services Report. Dr. David Hunton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole, 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**

Bryan, Nicole
Engler, Ellen
Hall, Cynthia
Shry, Cynthia

Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole, to approve the resignations. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**Recommendations for Employment**

Bond, Darion
Florez, Felicia
Gipson, Tracie
Guse, Cheyenne
Harwell, Michael
Key, Kerbi
Lehman, John
Macy, Jessica
Ray, Sherri

Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote for approval was 6/0.
**Leave of Absence**
Orendorff, Kelsey

Dr. David Hunton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole, to approve the leave of absence. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Dr. Gooden and Dr. Mehl recognized the following students:

Rachel Farhat, 9th grader at Chaffin Junior High School, was named Junior High Writer of the Year at the 2015 Arkansas Scholastic Press Association Spring Conference. Sandra Kaundart is the advisor.

Lydia Anthony, 9th grader at Ramsey Junior High School, was named Junior High Editor of the Year at the 2015 Arkansas Scholastic Press Association Spring Conference. Melissa Bonar is the advisor.

Gold medalists in the 2015 Arkansas Skills USA Competition were: Micah Galvan, Southside High School, Health Knowledge Bowl, Taylor Gould, Southside High School, Early Childhood Education, Abigail Morrow, Southside High School, Health Knowledge Bowl, Ignacio Quezada, Northside High School, Electronics Technology and James Sangster, Northside High School, Technical Computer Applications. All gold medalists were given a $4,000 scholarship to the University of Arkansas – Fort Smith and will complete in the Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky in June.

Dr. Gooden reported that over $65,000 was awarded to teachers by the FSPS Foundation Board recently at the annual Foundation Awards Luncheon. He also reminded the Board that graduation is May 21 for Southside and May 22 for Northside.

**2015/2016 Personnel Policy Changes for Second Reading**
Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., to waive the formal reading of personnel policy changes. The vote for approval was 6/0. Ms. McFerran yielded to Dr. Benny Gooden to review the following policy changes for a second reading:

Policy GBEC-Court Records of Students; This change provides somewhat more specificity as to who will be notified in the event students charged with violent acts are enrolled in school.

Policy GBED-Violent Behavior; This change reinforces the District’s commitment to assist employees who are assaulted by students or adults.

Ms. McFerran made a committee recommendation to approve Policies GBEC & GBED as presented. The vote for approval was 6/0.
Dr. Deanie Mehl noted that this was the final reading of these policies related to violent acts.

**Bond Refunding Resolution**

Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., to waive the formal reading of the bond refunding resolution. The vote for approval was 6/0. Dr. Gooden advised the Board that he had been contacted by Kevin Faught of Stephens Inc. that the bond issue from 2009 is eligible for refunding and reissuing at a considerably better interest rate. The estimated savings based upon the current market is $308,000 with approximately $285,000 of this savings to be realized before 2018. Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., to authorize Stephens Inc. to go forward with the sale should the market remain favorable. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

There was no one present for citizen participation.

**BOARD MEMBERS FORUM:**

Dr. Deanie Mehl remarked on the number of new teachers hired by the District this past school year who attended the New Teacher Induction reception before the board meeting. She also acknowledged the many teachers retiring from the District recognized at the FSPS Awards Banquet on April 28. She stated that teachers are the key to education. Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., reminded everyone of the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday.

**ADJOURN:**

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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Deanie Mehl, President

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Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Secretary