Dr. Deanie Mehl, president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Dr. David Hunton, Ms. Jeannie Cole, Ms. Susan McFerran, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin and Mr. Russell Owen. Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq. was absent. Dr. Benny Gooden, Superintendent, Dr. Barry Owen, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Dr. Annette Henderson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Support Services, Mr. Charles Warren, Director of Financial Services, Mr. Darian Layes, Director of Student 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 Dr. Barry Owen gave the invocation.

The consent agenda included the October School Board minutes, October Financial Report and Student Services Report. Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Dr. Benny Gooden reviewed the professional staff recommendations.

**Resignations**
Johnston, Christina
Isaacs, Diane

**Retirements**
Stevenson, Sharon
Hutchinson, Vicki

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

**Recommendation for Employment**
Hancock, Christine

Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to approve the recommendation for employment. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Dr. Benny Gooden and Dr. Deanie Mehl recognized the following staff and students:

Southside High School Girls Golf Team for winning the 2014/2015 7A State Golf Championship title. Team members are Kayle Dryer, Tori Fox, Madison Hill, Bentley Lager, Claire Rosa Latta, Legacy Mendoza, Addison Mitchell and Sydney Staton. Coach Pedro Sadler was not present. Mr. Wayne Haver accepted the award for Coach Sadler.

Ms. Donna Smith, secretary at the Adult Education Center, was recognized as the
Outstanding Paraprofessional of the Year by Arkansas Association for Continuing Adult Education.

Ms. Terri Freeny, NHS business teacher, was recognized for receiving the Making IT Happen award given by the Arkansas Society for Technology in Education.

Woods Elementary School teachers, Ms. Kristina Thrift and Ms. Tracy Floyd, were recognized for receiving the 2014 Bessie B. Moore awards in the Newcomer category. Chaffin Junior High School teacher, Ms. Kathryn Robinson received the Bessie B. Moore award in the Veteran category. These awards were given by Economics Arkansas.

Dr. Gooden reported that the Arkansas Department of Education recently released its latest classification of schools for 2014-2015 with one school in the state listed as exemplary, 67 achieving and all others as “needing improvement.”

Dr. Gooden also reported on the GAINS model in which six FSPS campuses received cash payments for performing in the top 10 or 20% in Arkansas.

Dr. Gooden reported that another rating system is being released under a legislative mandate to “grade” schools on an A-F scale. These grades will be based primarily on the same data as that used in the previous ratings.

Dr. Gooden invited the Board to attend the William Shaver Band Center celebration on December 9. The Northside Christmas Concert will follow.

**OTHER:**

**December Board Meeting Date**
Dr. Deanie Mehl recommended due to the Christmas holiday, the Board meeting be held on December 15. Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to move the Board meeting to December 15. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**FORUM:**

Dr. Deanie Mehl stated that she opposes allowing political rallies at District sites. She stated that she wishes to address the current policy at a time when all seven board members are present.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

There was no one present for citizen participation.

**ADJOURN:**

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Deanie Mehl, President

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Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Secretary