Regular School Board Meeting  
October 27, 2014  
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:  
Dr. Deanie Mehl, president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Dr. David Hunton, Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., Ms. Jeannie Cole, Ms. Susan McFerran, and Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin. Mr. Russell Owen was absent. Dr. Benny Gooden, Superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, Deputy 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 Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin gave the invocation.

The consent agenda included the September School Board minutes, September Financial Report and October Student Services 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 and Dr. Deanie Mehl recognized Brenda DeArmond for “Excellence in School Nursing” as the Arkansas School Nurse of the Year by Arkansas School Nurses Association. Ms. DeArmond will also be publicly recognized at the National Association of School Nurses Conference in Philadelphia.

Colonel Tom Anderson and other 188th officers expressed deep appreciation to the Adult Education Center, Gary Udouj, Linda Holland and Linda McAdams for assisting with the educational needs of the units’ personnel. Dr. Gooden and Dr. Deanie Mehl recognized and thanked the 188th for their service and support to the Fort Smith Public Schools.

Dr. Gooden reported that the FSPS marching bands performed admirably in the Region 8 Marching Contest held at Northside High School on October 21.

Dr. Gooden also reported that 30 students were recognized at Kimmons Junior High on Saturday, October 25 for reaching proficiency in English. Dr. Gooden stated that approximately 100 students have exited through the English Language Learner program to date.

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

**Resignations**
Hickey, Carol
Munguia, Sarah
Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to approve the resignations. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**Recommendation for Employment**

Simpson, Julie

Dr. David Hunton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., to approve the recommendation for employment. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT:**

**Act 1120 5% Salary Increase Resolution**

Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq. made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole, to waive the formal reading of the Act 1120 5% Salary Increase Resolution. Dr. Deanie Mehl reported that the committee had discussed the list of FSPS employees and the various reasons for salary increases. After discussion, Ms. Susan McFerran made a committee motion to approve the resolution. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**Printing Services**

Ms. Jeannie Cole reported that the FSPS administration over the last year has evaluated FSPS Printing Services for cost effectiveness. Ms. Jeannie Cole made a committee motion to approve the relocation of the Printing Services to the soon to be renovated B Street property across from Northside High School, restructuring the Print Shop Services, selling the offset printing presses, purchasing or leasing digital printing equipment for smaller jobs and outsourcing larger jobs. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**Surplus Properties**

Ms. Jeannie Cole reported that the committee had discussed the list of obsolete items, unused equipment, offset printing presses, vehicles, and school busses. Ms. Cole made a committee motion to authorize the sale of these items through competitive bidding and live auction. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**SPICE Program**

Dr. David Hunton reported that the Department of Human Services (DHS) had recently issued new guidelines regarding fencing and playground equipment. Most FSPS campuses do not meet these additional requirements. The cost for fencing is estimated at $75,000. He noted that FSPS playground equipment does meet industry standards appropriate for school-age children. Dr. Hunton made a committee motion to continue the SPICE program without seeking DHS licensure. The program is less than 20 hours per week and accreditation is not required. The vote for approval was 6/0.
2014 Official Delegate - Arkansas School Boards Association (ASBA)

Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole, to name the Board president as the Board’s representative at the ASBA Annual Conference. The vote for approval was 6/0.

BOARD MEMBERS

FORUM:
Dr. Deanie Mehl opined that the Board did not follow proper procedure when she and Ms. Jeannie Cole abstained from voting at the September Board meeting after the adjournment of the 2013/14 Board. Dr. Mehl discussed the issue with ASBA legal staff and the Sebastian County Clerk’s Office. She verified that elected Board members cannot be sworn in until 10 days after the September election date. The FSPS September board meeting was held six days after the election. Under these circumstances, re-elected board members may vote, but newly elected board members may not vote until they are sworn in. Ms. Cole and Dr. Mehl meet the re-elected board member standard.

CITIZEN

PARTICIPATION:
There was no one present for citizen participation.

ADJOURN:
There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Deanie Mehl, President

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Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Secretary