PRESENT: Dr. David Hunton, president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., Ms. Susan McFerran, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Mr. Rusty Owen, Ms. Jeannie Cole and Dr. Deanie Mehl. Dr. Benny Gooden, Superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Brenda Sellers, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources and Support Services, Dr. Barry Owen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Ms. Zena Featherston Marshall, Communication and Community Partnerships Director 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 March 25, 2013 school board minutes, the March Financial Report, and the Student Services Report. Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Deanie Mehl, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote for approval was 7/0.

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

Recommendations for Resignations Effective at the Close of 2012-2013 School Year
Broyles, LaManda
Butler, Sheila
Ewing, Laura
Grinder, Devonny
Hasty, Danielle
McHaffie, Marie
Peters, Elizabeth
Williamson, Jason
Young, Lee
Alley, Calvin
Camarillo, Violeta

Recommendations for Retirements Effective at the Close of 2012-2013 School Year
Massey, Earl
Mikel, Brenda
Peters, Nancy
Stephens, Phyllis
Walker, Marquetta
Zglomgicki, Sharla

Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole, to approve the recommendations for resignations and retirements. The vote for approval was 7/0.
Recommendations for Employment – 2012/2013
Hood, Jr., LeRoy M.

Recommendations for Employment – 2013/2014
Griffin, Lori A.
Hood, Marcia D.
House, Elizabeth A.
Isaacs, Karol Diane
Edwards, Angelia D.
Shumate, Michelle R.

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

Recommendations for Leave of Absence
Smith, Mindy

The leave of absence was presented to the Board by Dr. David Hunton without objection and passed with a vote for approval of 7/0.

Dr. Gooden and Dr. Hunton recognized the Southside High School Johnny Rebs for their selection as Best in Class and Best in Class Overall for Medium Choirs. SHS Mixed Choir won Best in Class and Best in Class Overall for Large Choirs. Dr. Gooden commended Gaye McClure as Choir Director.

Northside High School’s, John Spradlin, was named Arkansas State Champion in Carpentry and won a gold medal at the 2013 SkillsUSA Leadership and State Championships held in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Charles Mackey is the Northside High School Construction Technology teacher.

Southside High School Future Business Leaders of America members competed in the FBLA Arkansas State Conference. First place winners include: Alan Pinter, Computer Problem Solving, Marrissa Garr, Global Business, Madison Lager, Global Business, Sami Sexton, Global Business, and Devin Dishner, Impromptu Speaking. Kelley Todd, sponsor of FBLA, won Outstanding Local Advisor award for contributions to the association at the local, district, state, and national levels. Ms. Todd will be recognized and first place winners will compete at the National Conference this summer in Anaheim, California.

Northside High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. (JROTC) received the Honor Unit with Distinction recognition at its recent inspection to be held in three years. This is the highest honor a unit can receive. Each cadet wears a gold star on their uniform until the next inspection. There are 101 students in the JROTC program. The JROTC is led by: LTC (Ret.) Earl Massey, Senior Army Instructor, and SSG (Ret.) Jerry Marshall, JR., Army Instructor.
Dr. Gooden reported on recent legislative action. He stated that he and Ms. Jeannie Cole had been in contact with Steve Womack and John Boozman regarding the Federal budget cuts, particularly the idea of the level funding (cut) of Title I and IDEA funds. Dr. Gooden informed the Board of upcoming events: FSPS Awards Banquet on April 30, Southside High School 50th year celebration on May 7 and Adult Education graduation on May 13.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

Dr. David Hunton made a committee of the whole motion to approve the 2013/2014 personnel recommendations. The vote for approval was 7/0. Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole to waive the formal reading of the policies. The vote for approval was 7/0. Dr. Gooden reported on the changes to the following certified personnel policies for adoption: GCBDBA – Sick Leave, GCBA – Salary Schedule, and GCN – Evaluations. Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole to approve the first reading of the certified board policies. The vote for approval was 7/0. Dr. Gooden reported on the changes to the following classified policies as well: GDBDB, GDBDBA, GDBBBB, GDBDBC – Sick Leave, GDBA, GDBAA, GDBAB, GDBC – Salary Schedule, GDJB - Work Hours, New policies GDJA and GDJC – Work Hours. Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole to approve the first reading of the classified policies changes. The vote for approval was 7/0.

**OTHER:**

Dr. Hunton recommended that the May board meeting be rescheduled on May 20 due to the Memorial Day holiday and that the June board meeting be changed to June 17 due to a conflict with Dr. Gooden’s schedule. Mr. Rick Wade made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole to approve the changes to the Board meeting dates. The vote for approval was 7/0.

**BOARD MEMBERS FORUM:**

There were no comments during the board members forum.

**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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David Hunton, President

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Deanie Mehl, Secretary