Dr. David Hunton, president, called the meeting to order. Other board members present were Ms. Susan McFerran, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Dr. Deanie Mehl, Mr. Rusty Owen, Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq. and Ms. Jeannie Cole. 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, Communication and Community Partnerships Director 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 July 22 school board minutes, and the July Financial Report. Dr. Deanie Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote for approval was 7/0.

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

**Resignations**
- D’Ann Fimple
- Jill Grinder
- David Scott
- Juanita Strickland

Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to approve the resignations. The vote for approval was 7/0.

**Recommendations for Employment**
- Janet Alspach
- Michael Bailey
- Christopher Bell
- Jason Bugeja
- Cartrina Curry
- Denise Dobbs
- Kathryn Endel
- Elizabeth Eoff
- Angela Hargis-Socarro
- Melissa Hinton
- Glenn Patterson
- Gary Pettigrew
- Melissa Polhemus
Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Deanie Mehl, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Benny Gooden reported on fifth day enrollment numbers which indicate that the district enrollment has increased 200+ students and that the growth appears to be “across the board”. He commended the Student Services staff for the great challenge they face and the fine job they do to get students placed in classrooms. Dr. Gooden also reported on traffic concerns, particularly at Woods Elementary where ongoing construction will continue through the school year. He noted that controlled entry systems are being installed at all elementary schools. These are complete in 90% of the buildings. He also reported that Mr. Darian Layes will chair the District Crisis Plan Review Team.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Sale of Bonds/Refunding Issues
Ms. Jeannie Cole reported that four bids were received on August 20, 2013. Mr. Dennis Hunt of Stephens Inc. recommended that the bid with an interest rate of 3.747235% submitted by Financial Capital Markets be accepted. The reduction in interest rates from the issuance of the refunding bonds will result in a net saving to the District of $1,165,862.19. Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wyman R. Wade to approve as presented. The vote for approval was 7/0.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT:

Authorization to Apply for Federal Funds
Ms. Jeannie Cole made a committee recommendation to authorize the Superintendent to make application for all federal and state funds, and to serve as the authorized representative for these programs. The vote for approval was 7/0.

IDEA Assurances
Dr. Mehl made a committee recommendation to approve the required assurances and agreements for services to students with disabilities for the K-12 IDEA as well as PRE-K IDEA programs. She stated that these assurances are consistent with those adopted each year. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Proposed 2013/2014 FSPS Budget
Ms. Jeannie Cole made a committee recommendation to approve the proposed 2013-2014 FSPS Budget and to submit the budget in electronic format to the Arkansas Department of Education. The vote for approval was 7/0.
Mr. Wyman R. Wade Jr. spoke about the 50th anniversary walk on D.C. that would take place on August 28. Ms. Jeannie Cole commented on student participation in the City of Fort Smith Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Cole also commented on the positive student articles published/edited through Times Record, @Urban and E-Fort Smith magazines. Dr. Hunton commented that several board members and administrators would be visiting sites of buildings completed by architects being considered as potential designers for a third high school, and performing arts/events centers if citizens of Fort Smith should approve millage for these facilities in the future.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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David Hunton, President

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Deanie Mehl, Secretary