Regular School Board Meeting  
January 28, 2013  
5:30 p.m.

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

The consent agenda included the December 17, 2012 school board minutes, the December Financial Report, and the Student Services Report. Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mehl, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote for approval was 5/0.

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

Recommendations for Employment  
Falleur, Michael F.  
Gary, Brittany R.  
Loyd, Desirae L.

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. McFerran to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Leave of Absence  
Mikel, Brenda K.

Mr. Wade made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mehl, to approve the recommendation for leave of absence. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Dr. Gooden reported on several bills that he is monitoring at the Arkansas General Assembly in his weekly visits to Little Rock.

Dr. Gooden reported that Ms. Jeannie Cole is visiting the offices of our U.S. Senators and Representatives in Washington D.C. while attending the Federal Relations Network Conference of the National School Boards Association. One of the topics she is hoping to discuss is the Budget Control Act of 2011 and how sequestration would impact education by a reduction in funds of 8.2% or more.

Dr. Gooden also invited the Board members to attend the Fort Smith Region Legislative Reception sponsored by the Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce on February 5. It is an opportunity to network with elected officials.
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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:  
Ms. Keaton-Martin, personnel committee chair, yielded to Dr. Gooden to discuss the ethics disclosure detailing potential conflict involving a Fort Smith Public School employee. After review, Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mehl to approve the ethics disclosure resolution for submission to ADE for review if necessary. The disclosure is attached.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE:  
Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin to approve the appointment of the Elementary Mathematics Textbook Selection Committee. The vote for approval was 5/0.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT:  
Dr. Hunton stated that the steady growth of enrollment indicates the need for a third high school and possibly an arena/convocation center. These projects will need to be presented to the voters in the next year or two. He added that it will take a millage increase to build these facilities. Dr. Hunton made the motion to approve the Committee’s recommendation that architects offer concept drawings on a new high school at Chaffee Crossing as well as drawings on an arena/convocation center to be located on property yet to be determined. The vote for approval was 5/0.

BOARD MEMBERS  
Dr. Mehl reported that she accompanied a group of NHS and SHS students to the Regional Art Museum to hear French Scientific Engineer, Pascal Coffe present his research entitled “The Secrets of the Mona Lisa.” Dr. Mehl also stated that she was very impressed with the K9 demonstration at Ramsey and Kimmons. Mr. Wade commented on the anniversary of the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:  
There was no one present for citizen participation.

ADJOURN:  
There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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David Hunton, President

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Deanie Mehl, Secretary