Regular School Board Meeting  
July 22, 2013  
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:  
Ms. Jeannie Cole, vice-president, called the meeting to order. Other board members present were Ms. Susan McFerran, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Dr. Deanie Mehl and Mr. Rusty Owen. Dr. David Hunton and Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq. were absent. Dr. Benny Gooden, Superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Annette Henderson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Support 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 Mr. Charles Warren gave the invocation.

The consent agenda included the June 17 school board minutes, and the June Financial Report. Because the board had previously authorized the superintendent to apply for state and federal funds, the McKinney-Vento Grant assurances associated with a $65,000 grant application were also included in the consent agenda. Dr. Deanie Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, 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 Resignations**

Sheila Barnes  
Katana Ellis  
Darrica Haney

**Recommendation for Retirement**

Stan Turnipseed

Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Deanie Mehl to approve the recommendations for resignations and retirement. The vote for approval was 5/0.

**Recommendations for Employment**

Nichelle S. Christian  
Jerri L. Chronister  
April M. Clark  
Tammy A. Coomer  
Sue L. Cromer  
Cynthia Faught-Stone  
Benjamin J. Hornung  
Sue K. Lee
Mr. Rusty Owen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Dr. Benny Gooden reported on the 2013 New Teacher Induction class which represents a large group of new hires. He also discussed Tier 1 training for administrators at the Western Arkansas Education Service Cooperative and his recent trip to Washington, D.C. to speak with legislators regarding the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), IDEA funding and Sequestration. Dr. Gooden also reported that site visits to properties designed and completed by selected architects were being scheduled for August by Ms. Zena Featherston Marshall and that firm dates will be set soon.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Special Education Contracts, 2013-2014**

Ms. Jeannie Cole reported that it is necessary to contract with several providers in order to provide services to students with disabilities each school year. These institutions and individuals include Valley Behavioral Health Systems, Horizon-Western Arkansas Counseling and Guidance Center, Brownwood School, Inc., Clay Mitchell, a licensed psychologist, Becky Hartsfield, a licensed physical therapist and Dr. Ron McInroe, a clinical neuropsychologist.

Dr. Deanie Mehl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rusty Owen to approve the special education contracts as presented. The vote for approval was 5/0.

**Attorney Agreement, 2013-2014**

Ms. Jeannie Cole reported that Mr. Mitch Llewellyn submitted a proposed attorney agreement with an hourly rate of $200 plus out-of-pocket expenses for July 2013 through June 2014. This is the current rate paid. Mr. Rusty Owen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Susan McFerran to approve the 2013/2014 attorney agreement. The vote for approval was 5/0.

**Child Nutrition Bids, 2013-2014**

Ms. Jeannie Cole reported that bids were received to supply dairy and bakery products for the 2013/2014 school year. Hiland Dairy and Harris Baking Company were awarded bids based on evaluation of responsive bids and review of product specifications, samples and calculating the relative price structure. Ms.
Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rusty Owen to approve the bids as presented. The vote for approvals was 5/0.

STUDENT SERVICES

REPORT:

Policy Changes
Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Deanie Mehl to waive the formal second reading of the policies changes. The vote for approval was 5/0. Ms. Keaton-Martin yielded to Dr. Benny Gooden to summarize the following policies changes.

JEC  Eligibility for Enrollment
This change reflects the provisions of the Public School Choice Act of 2013.

JED  Guidelines for Excused and Unexcused Absences
These changes mirror the action of the Arkansas General Assembly.

JE A  Compulsory School Attendance
This provision affects kindergarten entry and results from action by the Arkansas General Assembly.

JFC  Student Conduct Not Permitted on School Premises or at any Activity Related to School. The two changes in this policy reflect our protection of the “minute of silence” mandated by the Arkansas General Assembly, and a clarification of the expulsion rule for weapons.

JGA  Student Control—Corporal Punishment (Delete Policy)
This change affirms the fact that corporal punishment is not appropriate school discipline in the school district.

IKF  Graduation Requirements
This change clarifies the fact that the transition period for certain requirements has passed.

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion from the committee to approve the second and final reading of the policies changes. The vote for approval was 5/0.

BOARD MEMBERS

FORUM:

Ms. Susan McFerran commented on the death of former board member, E.M. Smith. Board members decided that in memory of Smith, the board would plant a tree at Kimmons Junior High School. Prior to his service on the board, he was a social studies teacher at Kimmons from August, 1975 through May, 1992. Board members made personal contributions for the memorial. Ms. Jeannie Cole commented on the sadness in learning of the death of a Northside High School
student. Dr. Deanie Mehl commented that she was receiving feedback from constituents in regards to the possibility of a new high school in the future.

ADJOURN: There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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David Hunton, President

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Deanie Mehl, Secretary