Regular School Board Meeting  
June 25, 2012  
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: 
Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Ms. Shannon Blatt, Esq, Ms. Jeannie Cole, Ms. Barbara Hathcock, and Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq. Dr. David Hunton and Dr. Deanie Mehl were not present. Dr. Benny Gooden, superintendent, and Ms. Carolyn Kincaid, executive secretary to the superintendent, were also present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and Dr. Randy Bridges gave the invocation.

The Board had no items to be removed from the consent agenda. The consent agenda includes the May 28, 2012 school board minutes, and the May Financial Report. Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Dr. Gooden introduced Dr. Randy Bridges, Director of Student Services. Dr. Bridges noted that revisions to the Student Handbook include the use of the Fort Smith Police Department Canine Unit. Major Chris Boyd and members of the Canine Unit were present. He explained the process used for training the four dogs, including a demonstration. There was a period of time for questions and answers with the Board.

Dr. Gooden noted that administrative changes to the FSPS team are Carl Hill, Principal Barling Elementary School; Tammy Chase, assistant principal at Cook Elementary School; Amy Manley, Darby Assistant Principal and Katie Kreimer, assistant principal at Sutton Elementary School.

He also noted that New Teacher Induction begins the week of July 23 and goes through July 26.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Benny Gooden reviewed the professional staff recommendations.

Resignations
Debbie Akers
Casey Bazyk
Kathryn Berrios
Scott Dunn
Myron Heckman
Donna Lucas
Lauren Milton
Jamie Patterson
Resignations Contd.
Candace Scott
Erin Stamper
Linda Stocker
Carla Wilder
Kristy Williams

Retirements
Janice Hail
Margaret Moore

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve the resignations and retirements. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Recommendations for Employment
Britney R. Ballin
Dustin L. Clark
Kristina M. Coats
Connie A. Dunn
Kelly A. Dwyer
Meghan D. Edgington
Rhonda L. Edwards
Rodney J. Finley
Joshua L. Fonville
Laura A. Gladden
Deanna D. Griffith
Cynthia S. Grizzle
Zuri S. Harrod
Kristen L. Holloway
Matthew W. Hominick
Miranda B. Hurst
Lexy A. Hutchison
Steven E. Lockhart
Veronica Luna-Geels
Amy H. Markham
Jared A. Meyers
Isaac E. Navarro
Jeffrey J. Rice
Brandy D. Rinke
David A. Scott
Sara R. Shelton
Trisha B. Shepherd
Cherie N. Sims
Erin S. Staples
David R. Stone, Jr.
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Juanita R. Strickland
Recommending for Employment (Contd.)
Stefanie A. Trosper
Elizabeth G. Vaughan
Kimberly J. Vongphachanh
Kimberly R. Watts

Ms. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Dr. Gooden noted that the school board election is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2012. Five positions are open:
- Position 1, Zone II – currently held by Shannon Blatt, Esq.
- Position 3, Zone IV – currently held by Yvonne Keaton-Martin
- Position 4, At Large – currently held by Wyman R. Wade, Jr. Esq.
- Position 6, Zone I – currently held by Barbara Hathcock
- Position 7, Zone III – currently held by Jeannie Cole

Positions 1, 3, 6 and 7 will be elected in 2012 within their respective zones. Following the September 2012 election, the successful candidates shall draw by lot for terms of 1-3 years. One elected member shall have a one-year term which shall expire in 2013, one elected member shall have a two-year term which shall expire in 2014, and two elected members shall have three-year terms which shall expire in 2015.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT:


Ms. Cole made a Committee recommendation to approve the proposed 2013-2014 proposed budget of expenditures with tax levy to be published in the Times Record to comply with Arkansas statutes. The vote for approval was 5/0. (A copy of the budget is attached).

Ms. Blatt made a Committee recommendation to approve IBC Sales Corporation for bakery products and Hiland Diary for milk products for the 2012-2013 school year. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Mr. Wade made a Committee recommendation to approve a $.15 increase in full pay meals for the 2012-2013 school year. Dr. Gooden noted that the proposed increase was not initiated by the District, but encouraged nationwide by the USDA over concern of the current gap between reimbursement rate for free and reduced lunches and the price charged to full-pay students. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Mr. Wade made a Committee recommendation to approve proposed Insurance renewals as follows: Property-$494,271, Automobile-204,597, E & O-$17,774, ROTC-$1,000, Student Accident-$80,010. The total cost is $797,652. The vote for approval was 5/0.
Ms. Hathcock made a Committee recommendation to approve a resolution authorizing the District to apply for the maximum amount of $14,000,000 in Qualified Zone Academy Bonds. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Mr. Wade made a Committee recommendation to approve revisions to the Student handbook to include changes in seven student policies. The changes in the policies reflect those in the Handbook. Dr. Gooden reviewed the changes in each of the policies. The vote to approve the Student Handbook was 5/0.

Ms. Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to dispense with the reading of the policies. The vote for approval was 5/0.

The student policies are as follows:
- IKFD Smart Core Curriculum,
- JEC Eligibility for Enrollment,
- JED Guidelines for Excused and Unexcused Absences,
- JFC Student Conduct not Permitted on School Premises or at any Activity Related to School,
- JFG Search, Seizure and Monitoring,
- JGD Suspension of Students, and
- new policy JHCA Student Wellness.

Ms. Cole made a Committee recommendation to approve the revisions to the student policies for first reading. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock to dispense with the reading of the personnel policies. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Ms. Blatt made a recommendation, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve Personnel Policies for second reading as follows: GCBDVE Personal Business; GCL Professional Development. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve Policy DJM School District Disbursements Transfer of Funds for second reading. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade to dispense with the reading of the policy. The vote for approval was 5/0. Ms. Hathcock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve Policy IKF Graduation Requirements for second reading. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a Committee recommendation to extend Dr. Gooden’s contract one year ending, June 30, 2015, and for his salary to remain the same, $200,022. The vote for approval was 5/0.
Ms. Blatt announced that she would not be running for her Zone II position and Ms. Hathcock announced that she was not running for her Zone 1 position. Mr. Wade, Ms. Cole and Ms. Keaton-Martin noted that they are running for their respective positions.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was no one present for citizen presentation.

ADJOURN:

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, President

Ms. Jeannie Cole, Secretary