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, 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. Randy Bridges gave the invocation.

The consent agenda included the February 25, 2013 school board minutes, the February Financial Report, and the Student Services Report. Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rusty Owen, 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 Employment
Beachy, Alisa M.
Fry, Seane K.
Henderson, Annette

Noting the employment of Dr. Annette Henderson, as the assistant superintendent for Human Resources and Support Services, Dr. Gooden commended Dr. Brenda Sellers for her leadership at Fort Smith Public Schools. He informed the Board of Education of the excellent applicants who were considered when selecting a new assistant superintendent for Human Resources and he addressed the experience that Dr. Henderson will bring to this position in the coming years.

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

Recommendations for Resignation
Fimple, Keith
Churchman, Elizabeth
Foster, Candy
Grizzle, Nicole
James, Andrea
Lloyd, Stephanie
Marshall, Jerry L.
Pena, Isela
Dr. Deanie Mehl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rick Wade, to approve the recommendations for resignations. The vote for approval was 7/0.

**Recommendations for Retirement**

Adkins, Colleen  
Ahlert, Nancy  
Alexander, Deborah  
Baker, Mary  
Blevins, Kathy  
Brannon, Sheila  
Burton, Dennis  
Cates, Kathleen  
Cathcart, Larry  
Cooper, Beth  
Elsken, JoAnne  
Galloway, Pamela  
Garner, Margaret  
Hawkins, Donna  
Jernigan, Jennifer  
Kincy, Margy  
Lavey, Sarah  
Lewis, Nancy  
Matlock, Donald  
McGary, Dana  
Nelson, Teija  
Nevin, Barbara  
Perry, Belinda  
Rupe, Linda  
Sellers, Brenda  
Statham, Tammy  
Sullins, Pam  
Thomsen, Suzanne  
Wallwork, Brenda  
Warrick, Billie  
Wells, Stanley  
Wiley, Mikie

Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole, to approve the recommendations for retirement. The vote for approval was 7/0.

**Addendum to Recommendations for Resignation**

Henslee, Clint

Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Dr. Deanie Mehl, to approve the recommendation for resignation. The vote for approval was 7/0.
Dr. Gooden and Dr. Hunton recognized the Northside High School Lady Bears Basketball team for winning the 7A state championship. The NHS Lady Bears have won state championships in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2007 and 2013 under Coach Rickey Smith. Dr. Gooden noted that it was exciting to have both Fort Smith Public Schools teams competing for the state title.

The following team members were recognized: Hailey Bunch, Brianna Jackson, Jill Myers, Olivia Hanson, Jay Nee Alston, Bria Caldwell, Kilah Cummings, Courtney Flemming, Tiarra McDonald, Kira Shepard, Nicole Jackson, Tyler Adams, Nicole Knight, Kim Rollinson, Danasia Shade, Asia Adams, Alexsia Banks, Shawn Banks, Kaylena Ceaser, Jasmine Cooksey, Jala Jones, Rakiya Jones, Vanessa Myers, Markeyah Robinson, Megan Shipp, Kiki Thomas, and Bre-ahna Walton. Team managers are Jye Wesley and Nykia Toran. The Lady Bears are coached by Rickey Smith, Scott Thompson, Ben Goode, Don Fiser, Jason Williamson, and Sherry Riggins, Trainer.

Dr. Gooden invited the Board members to attend the Chamber of Commerce Honors Society Banquet on April 1. Dr. Gooden also reported that the legislatures are still in session and updated the Board on voucher bills passing Senate, now at House. Dr. Gooden said he expects legislatures to continue for another three weeks.

Dr. Gooden presented a resolution to transfer the $39,000 AASA stipend to the Fort Smith Public Schools Foundation in order that it endow needs based scholarships for students. After review of the resolution, Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rick Wade to amend the resolution to include Dr. Benny L. Gooden in the name of the scholarship. The vote for approval was 7/0. Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole to approve the resolution as amended. The vote for approval was 7/0.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT:

Dr. Deanie Mehl made a motion to approve the elementary mathematics textbooks recommendations presented by the committee on February 25, 2013. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Deanie Mehl also made a motion to approve the secondary mathematics textbooks recommendations presented by the committee on February 25, 2013. The vote for approval was 7/0.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, personnel committee chair, yielded to Dr. Benny Gooden to discuss the ethics disclosures detailing potential conflicts involving Fort Smith Public School employees. After review, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole to approve the ethics disclosure resolutions for submission to ADE for review if necessary. The vote for approval was 7/0. The disclosures are attached.
Mr. Rick Wade reported on the recommendation for expulsion of a student for the possession of a lock blade knife. After discussion and questions directed to Dr. Randy Bridges, Director of Student Services, Mr. Rick Wade made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rusty Owen to uphold the expulsion. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Mr. Rick Wade recognized Dr. Brenda Sellers for her years of dedicated service and for her preparation of teachers for the classroom. Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin stated that she will miss Dr. Sellers as well.

There was no one present for citizen participation.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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David Hunton, President

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Deanie Mehl, Secretary