Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq. called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were Dr. David Hunton, Ms. Jeannie Cole, Ms. Susan McFerran, and Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin. Dr. Deanie Mehl and Mr. Russell Owen were absent. Dr. Benny Gooden, Superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Barry Owen, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Dr. Annette Henderson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Support Services, Mr. Charles Warren, Director of Financial Services, Mr. Darian Layes, Director of Student Services, Ms. Zena Featherston Marshall, Director of Communication and Community Partnerships, and Ms. Nadine Brooks, Secretary to the Superintendent, were also present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and Dr. Barry Owen gave the invocation.

The consent agenda included the February School Board minutes, February Financial Report and Student Services Report. Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote for approval was 5/0.

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

**Recommendation for Employment**
Cox, Jacob

Dr. David Hunton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole, to approve the recommendation for hire. The vote for approval was 5/0.

Dr. Benny Gooden and Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq. recognized the following:

The Chaffin Junior High School Quiz Bowl Team won first place in the 2015 Arkansas State Quiz Bowl Championship on February 28. The team beat Bryant in the semifinals with a spread of 135 points.

Team Members are: Riyadh Ananda, Matthew Appleyard, Josh Bean, Psalm Dang, Isaac Deaver, Jarom Emms, Dominik Garretson, Jacob Geels, Javier Hernandez, Caroline Jennings, Hannah Krehbiel, Ethan Maddox, Bilal Momand, Sandy Nguyen, Kenny Pham, Dania Rahal, Kyler Swaim, and Beck Williams. Amy Markham, Coach and Nancy Krehbiel, Assistant Coach

The Southside High School Science Bowl Team won first place in the 2015 Arkansas Regional Science Bowl held at UAFS on January 31. This was Southside’s eighth state title. The team will represent Arkansas at the National competition in Washington, D.C. in April.
Team Members are: Justin Eckes, Brayley Gattis, Chase Green, Blake Larkin (Captain) and Jordan Myers.
Josh Adams, Coach

Jazmine Romero, NHS Senior, won first place in Accounting Applications at the 2015 DECA State Career Development Conference on March 3.
Melinda Briscoe and Jennifer Craig, Sponsors

Prince Gilmore, NHS Junior, won the 7A State Wrestling Championship Title in the 285 Heavyweight Class at the 2015 Arkansas State Wrestling Championship held on February 20 & 21 in Little Rock.
Ted Neal and Shawn Shaffer, Coaches

2015 All-State First Chair Musicians are: Nathan Boyd, NHS String Bass, Band Woody Boyd, SHS Trumpet, Chamber Orchestra
Gavin Clark, SHS Bass, Orchestra & Chamber Orchestra
Alex Konzelman, SHS Tenor, SHS Tenor Sax, Band
Ronal Ramos, SHS Horn, Band & French Horn, Chamber Orchestra

Southside High School Band won the Blue Ribbon National High School Award of Excellence from the National Band Association and was recognized in Chicago on December 18.
Sean Carrier, Director
Josh Ray and Julius Stevens, Assistant Directors

Sean Carrier, Band Director at SHS, was named the 2015 Bandworld Legion of Honor Laureate by The John Philip Sousa Foundation. Only 300 band directors all over North America have received this award since its inception in 1969. He is only the fourth Arkansan to receive the award and will be featured in Bandworld Magazine and receive an engraved myrtlewood plaque.

Erin Staples, Bonneville Media Specialist, was named 2014-2015 Middle School Teacher of the Year by the Department of Arkansas Veterans of Foreign Wars. This award is given to teachers who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism. This nomination is now being considered for the National Award.

John Ware, Director of AOG Energy Efficiency Programs, presented a check to the district in the amount of $13,520 for an energy savings program that AOG provided to Ballman Elementary Schools, Tilles Elementary Schools, and Southside High School. He noted that each of these schools will have over $15,000 in energy savings per year. Dr. Gooden thanked Mr. Ware for this contribution.

Dr. Gooden reported on legislative bills and told the Board that he would provide a summary to them when the legislative session ends.

Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq. reported that the Committee of the Whole met on March 9 and authorized the superintendent and administrators to draft
revisions to Policy KF, Community Use of School Facilities, regarding partisan events and student participation. This policy will be presented to the Properties Committee before going to the Board for approval.

PUBLIC/STUDENT AFFAIRS REPORT:

Dr. David Hunton reported that a recommendation for expulsion has been submitted to the Public/Student Affairs Committee. Dr. Hunton reported that no appeal had been filed. Dr. Gooden reminded the Board that the District does not recommend many expulsions and this one is based on repeated violations. Dr. Hunton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to approve the recommendation for expulsion. The vote for approval was 5/0.

OTHER:

Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq. reported that the regularly scheduled May Board meeting date is May 25 and the Memorial Day Holiday. Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole to move the May meeting date to May 18. The vote for approval was 5/0.

BOARD MEMBERS FORUM:

Mr. Wyman R. Wade Jr., Esq. yielded to Dr. Benny Gooden to discuss dates of upcoming events. Dr. Gooden noted several dates for the Board

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

There was no one present for citizen participation.

ADJOURN:

There was no further business. Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. The vote for approval was 5/0.