School Board Meeting
May 21, 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, Dr. David Hunton, Dr. Deanie Mehl and Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq. Also present were Dr. Benny Gooden, superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, deputy superintendent and Ms. Carolyn Kincaid, executive secretary.

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 April school board minutes, the April financial report and the Student Services Report. Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hunton, to approve the consent agenda. The vote for approval was 7/0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Benny Gooden reviewed the professional recommendations.

Resignations
Dorinda Fletcher
Yolanda Merriman
Alexandra Pillar
Rachel Stewart
Shannon Todaro

Retirement
Joel Dyer

Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock to approve the resignations and retirement.

Recommendations for Employment
Alice M. Albright
Laura E. Barnes
Carie L. Buratowski
Violeta Camarillo
Jessica M. Carpenter
Larry A. Cathcart
Leah C. Eardensohn
David Brent Evans
Melody A. Farrer
Caleb W. Fitting
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Recommendations for Employment (Continued)
Melissa K. Fretheim
Lindsey C. Hall
Donna S. Jones
Ana M. Martinez
Matthew R. Neissl
Kathy R. Ogdon Longford
Shannon L. Rutherford
Jerri Nicole Shaffer
Leslie L. Sharp
Sarah A. Sumpter
Mary Christen Wakefield

Ms. Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote for approval was 7/0.


Dr. Gooden reminded the Board that Northside High School graduation is Thursday, May 24, and Southside High School graduation is Friday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. both beginning at 7:30 pm. He also noted that the Partners In Education Luncheon is scheduled for May 31 at 11:30 a.m. at the Fort Smith Convention Center.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ms. Cole noted that bids were received on May 17, 2012 for a $5.2 million bond issue refunding a previous order to realize interest savings. Ms. Cole made a recommendation, seconded by Ms. Blatt, to approve the low bidder, Crews and Associates at the rate of 1.955742. The vote for approval was 7/0. The savings realized are in excess of $500,000.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT:
Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade, to waive the reading of the proposed personnel policies. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Blatt made a Committee recommendation to approve personnel policy GCBDBE Personal Business and Policy GCL Professional Development for first reading. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Blatt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hunton, to approve classified employee policies GDBDF Office Personnel, GDBDFA Buildings and Grounds/Child Nutrition, GDBDFB Paraprofessional, GDBDFC Transportation, Personal Business for first reading. The vote for approval was 7/0.


Ms. Cole made a Committee recommendation to approve Przybysz & Associates for audit services for a three year period as follows:
- 2011-2012 - $25,000
- 2012-2013 - $26,000
- 2013-2014 - $27,040

The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Cole made a Committee recommendation to approve new policy DJAA Electronic Transfer of Funds. The vote for approval was 7/0. This policy will clarify and define a requirement enacted in 2011 by Act 989 for electronic school district disbursements.

Dr. Hunton made a Committee recommendation to approve change orders at Sunnymeade Elementary School in the amount of $23,593.54 and at Euper Lane Elementary School in the amount of $1,003.33. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Mr. Wade made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to waive the reading of Policy IKF Graduation Requirements. The vote for approval was 7/0. Ms. Hathcock made a Committee recommendation to approve Policy IKF Graduation Requirements. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Mr. Wade made a recommendation, seconded by Dr. Hunton, to waive the reading of the proposed election resolution. The vote for approval was 7/0.
Mr. Wade made a Committee recommendation to approve an Election Resolution which reports the Board’s previous action realigning the election zones in compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965. The vote for approval was 7/0.

BOARD MEMBERS

FORUM:

There were no items for board members forum.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

There was no one present for citizen participation.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, President

Ms. Jeannie Cole, Secretary