Ms. Jeannie Cole, president, called the meeting to order. Other board members present were Ms. Susan McFerran, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Dr. Deanie Mehl, Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., Esq., Mr. Russell Owen and Dr. David Hunton. Dr. Benny Gooden, Superintendent, Dr. Annette Henderson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Support Services, Dr. Barry Owen, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional 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 September School Board Minutes, September Financial Report and Student Services Report. Mr. Charles Warren reported on summary pages added to the Financial Report that he considered “comprehensive yet concise.” ADE requires school districts to disclose various financial data on district websites and these new pages will be posted to fulfill some of those requirements. Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Deanie Mehl, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Benny Gooden reviewed the professional staff recommendations.

**Resignation**

Megan Brown

Dr. David Hunton made a motion, seconded by Dr. Deanie Mehl, to approve the resignation. The vote for approval was 7/0.

**Recommendations for Employment**

Susan Holder
Cindy Loughmiller
Kaylee Lowrey
James Lux
Morgan Myrick
Jeremy Branch

Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Benny Gooden reported on the Deer/Mount Judea School Finance Case in which the Arkansas Supreme Court partially reversed the lower court dismissal. The case will now go back to Court for additional hearings. Dr. Gooden reported on the Special Legislative Session of the General Assembly to address issues regarding health insurance premiums. Dr. Gooden expressed concern about reallocated funds lost to Districts and the long term nature of the problem. He also reported
that although the Federal Government has passed an interim appropriation bill to end the shutdown, the sequester spending cuts will result in an approximate 8% cut in federal funding. Dr. Gooden reported that this is a great concern for future budgeting.

**ASBA DELEGATE:**

**2013 Official Delegate - Arkansas School Board Association (ASBA)**

Dr. Deanie Mehl made a motion to select the Board president to serve the school district as the representative at the ASBA Annual Conference. Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., moved to amend the motion to read “Ms. Jeannie Cole” serve as the ASBA representative. The amendment passed 7/0. The vote on the amended motion to select Jeannie Cole as the ASBA representative was approved 7/0.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

(Ike Jackson, who was on the agenda, did not appear before the Board).

Ms. Kari Farmer Coffman spoke to Board as an advocate for HIV+. She stated that she and other members of Campaign to End AIDS (C2EA) will speak to the State Board next week. Mr. Layton Jackson also spoke to the Board as a volunteer in the schools and shared suggestions for helping students succeed.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Ms. Jeannie Cole commented on the NHS performance of *The Taming of the Shrew* and how much she enjoyed it.

**ADJOURN:**

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Jeannie Cole, President

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Russell Owen, Secretary