PRESENT: Dr. David Hunton, 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., and Ms. Jeannie Cole. Mr. Rusty Owen was absent. Dr. Benny Gooden, Superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, Deputy 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. Barry Owen gave the invocation.

The consent agenda included the August 26 School Board Minutes, August Financial Report and Student Services Report. Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Dr. Gooden presented the 2013 Annual Report to the Public. (A copy of the annual report is on file in the Superintendent’s office.)

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Dr. Benny Gooden yielded to Dr. Gordon Floyd to review the professional staff recommendations.

Resignation
Bretz, Vicky

Dr. Deanie Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole, to approve the resignation. The vote for approval was 6/0.

Recommendations for Employment
Bonnett, Shannon
Carmack, Robert
Carter, Robert
Cluck, Megan
Fetters, Brenda
Fitts, Georgia

Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Susan McFerran, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote for approval was 6/0.

School Board Election Results
Dr. Gooden noted that the school board election was held on September 17. Citizens were able to vote early from September 10 through September 16. Ms. Susan McFerran ran unopposed in Zone II, Dr. David Hunton ran against Andrew
Mackey. Dr. Hunton was re-elected and he and Ms. McFerran will serve three year terms. Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole, to accept the election results to be incorporated into the September 23 minutes. The vote for approval was 6/0. (A copy of the certified election results is attached).

Dr. Gooden recognized and thanked the members of volunteer organizations for their service and support to the Fort Smith Public Schools. They include: Children’s Service League Board, Partners in Education Advisory Board, FSPS Foundation Board, City Council PTA Board, PTA Chairs and PTA Presidents. Mr. Charles Warren was recognized as State PTA President.

Dr. Gooden and Dr. Hunton recognized the following personnel and students: Jeff Tomlin, Director of Transportation, for the 2013 Transportation Safety Award by the Arkansas Association of Pupil Transportation; Elise Everly, a senior at Southside High School received the Youth Philanthropy Award by the Arkansas Association of Fundraising Professionals; Mason Sangster an 11th grader at Southside High School was selected to participate in the National Honor Band by the National Association for Music Education; Lisa Gray, an interventionist at Sunnymede Elementary is a finalist in the 2013-2014 Arkansas Teacher of the Year competition; Sheila Humphrey, a teacher at Woods Elementary was presented the John Morton Excellence in the Teaching of Economics Award by the Council for National Economic Education and the Global Association of Teachers of Economics; Kelly Davis was appointed to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement Board; Col. Tom Anderson with the 188th Fighter Wing presented the FSPS Adult Education Center with a framed photo of the Flying Razorbacks for their efforts to help the 188th employees with the ASVAB test; Bruce Stanton of PRADCO Fishing was recognized for the donation of property at 3600 Jenny Lind Road. Mr. Stanton spoke about the good relationship PRADCO has with the Fort Smith Public Schools and that EBSCO, the PRADCO parent company was pleased to donate this property recently appraised at $685,000.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE:

**PRADCO Resolution**

Dr. David Hunton asked the Board to move the PRADCO Resolution forward on the agenda for discussion. Dr. Deanie Mehl, representing the Properties Committee asked Dr. Gooden to read the resolution aloud for consideration. Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr. to approve the resolution to accept the PRADCO/ESBCO property located at 3600 Jenny Lind Road. Board members thanked Mr. Stanton for the generous donation.

**ACT 110 Resolutions**

The General Assembly passed Act 110 which creates a 15-day window following the bond payment due date so that the State might intervene in the event that a payment was not made when due and therefore avoid a default. Ms. Jeannie Cole made a committee recommendation to approve the resolutions to make the bond
payment schedule comply with Act 110. This is directly applicable to all bonds issued after July 1, 2013. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (ACSIP)**
Dr. Deanie Mehl made a committee recommendation to approve the District ACSIP and to submit it electronically to the Arkansas Department of Education. Dr. Mehl noted the addition of one elementary literacy instructional facilitator, two elementary math instructional facilitators, the Extended Day Learning Program, seven K-6 interventionists, and four paraprofessionals. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT:**
Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin asked that Dr. Gooden read the names of employees who submitted ethics disclosures. Dr. Gooden read the list of names, and Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve these disclosures. The vote for approval was 6/0. (The list is attached)

**PROPERTIES COMMITTEE REPORT:**
Dr. Deanie Mehl presented the Northside High School Fine Arts Addition/Renovation for approval. Dr. Mehl reported that designs and bids were complete for the project at a total cost of $3,899,358. Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin, to approve these bids so that construction can begin as soon as football season ends. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS:**
Dr. David Hunton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to adjourn the 2012/2013 board *sine die*. The motion passed by a vote of 6/0. The 2013/2014 Board convened. Dr. Gooden called for a slate of officers for 2013/2014.

Dr. David Hunton proposed the slate of officers as follows:

- Ms. Jeannie Cole, President
- Dr. Deanie Mehl, Vice President
- Mr. Rusty Owen, Secretary
- Mr. Charles Warren, Treasurer

Ms. Susan McFerran seconded the motion, and the vote for approval was 6/0. Ms. Jeannie Cole was seated as the 2013/2014 Board President.

**Designation of Board Disbursing Officers**
Dr. Gooden noted that it is customary to designate the President as primary board disbursing officer and the Vice President as alternate board disbursing officer. Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Ms. Susan McFerran, to designate Ms. Jeannie Cole as primary disbursing officer and Dr. Deanie Mehl as alternate disbursing officer. The vote for approval was 6/0.

**BOARD MEMBERS**
Board members expressed thanks to Dr. Hunton for his service as President.
FORUM: Ms. McFerran expressed congratulations to Ms. Lisa Gray, Sheila Humphrey and Natalie Throneberry. Dr. Deanie Mehl reiterated that she feels that it is important to make renovations to both existing high schools as plans for a third high school are discussed. She mentioned that the Southside Media Center needed to be considered as a possible project.

ADJOURN: There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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David Hunton, President

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Deanie Mehl, Secretary