Present: Ms. Shannon Blatt, president, called the meeting to order. Board members present were Ms. Jeannie Cole, Dr. David Hunton, Ms. Barbara Hathcock, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin and Mr. Wyman R. Wade, Jr., and Dr. Deanie Mehl. Dr. Benny Gooden, superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, deputy superintendent and Ms. Carolyn Kincaid were also present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and Mr. Charles Warren gave the invocation.

The Board had no items to be removed from the consent agenda. The consent agenda includes the October 31, 2010 school board minutes, the October Financial Report and the Student Services Report. Ms. Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin, 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.

Resignation
Kristin Jones
Brian Rincon

Ms. Hathcock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin, to approve the resignations. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Recommendations for Employment
Dana J. Brooks
Kathryn E. Johnson

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

Dr. Gooden informed the Board that seven Fort Smith School teachers have received National Board Certification. These teachers will be recognized at the December board meeting. Fort Smith now has 59 national board certified teachers.

He also informed the Board that the District met Title III annual measurable achievement objectives (AMAO) in 2009-10.

Dr. Gooden noted that the District had an increase of 4.5% in our United Way giving. Cavanaugh Elementary School won the Helping Hand Award again this year based on the highest per capita contribution.

The Veteran's Day Display in the auditorium was from the Southside EAST Lab, sponsor Debbie Marley. The Northside EAST Lab, sponsor Stacy
Sangster was present to video the Trusty Elementary School presentation.

Dr. Gooden introduced staff from the Arkansas Department of Education, Dr. Tom Kimbrell, Dr. Laura Bednar, Mr. Tony Wood, Mr. Bill Goff, Ms. Phyllis Stewart, Ms. Julie Thompson, Ms. Linda Remley and Ms. Cindy Hogue. He noted that part of the School Improvement Grant received by Trusty Elementary School was a required visit from ADE to the recipient school and to see how the grant money is being utilized.

Dr. Gooden introduced Dr. Barry Owen and Ms. Sarah Lavey, Trusty School principal, to review the initiatives required by the School Improvement grant.

Ms. Lavey presented a Power Point presentation showing the progress at Trusty Elementary School. Afterwards, Dr. Kimbrell and Dr. Bednar thanked the Board, FSPS administration and the staff at Trusty Elementary for their services, their leadership and their hard work.

Dr. Gooden and Ms. Blatt presented certificates to Ms. Lisa Sellers, Fairview Elementary School, Arkansas Art Administrator of the Year, and Mr. Bill Spicer, Administrator of the Year, Arkansas Association of Educational Office Professionals.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Ms. Blatt recognized Mr. Wade for the Finance Committee Report.

Mr. Mark Lux, Przybysz & Associates was present and reviewed the results of the 2010 audit. He noted that the District had no Federal Audit findings and no Financial Statement findings. He stated that the Fort Smith Public Schools overall financial position is stable. Mr. Wade made a Committee recommendation to approve the 2010 Fort Smith Public Schools Audit. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Mr. Wade made a Committee recommendation to approve a resolution accepting the bid from Morgan Keegan of 5.238% and an effective interest rate of 5.125% for qualified school construction bonds for the amount of $7,940,000. The interest on these bonds will be paid through tax credits authorized by ARRA. The vote for approval was 7/0.

**PROPERTIES COMMITTEE REPORT:**


Ms. Cole made a committee recommendation to approve bids for storm shelter construction as follows:

- Chaffin Junior High School – SSI, Inc. $1,324,671;
- Kimmons Junior High School – Crossland Construction Company $1,097,000
- Ramsey Junior High School – Turn Key Construction Company $1,116,111
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ms. Blatt recognized Dr. Mehl for the Student Affairs Committee Report.

Dr. Mehl made a Committee recommendation to approve the FSPS 2011-2012 calendar. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin, to move the student appeal to the conclusion of the meeting. The vote for approval was 7/0.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT:


Ms. Cole read a draft resolution requesting that the Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Authority Board of Trustees designate the identified 80 acre site located on Wells Lake Road and Zero Street for a future secondary school. Ms. Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade, to approve the resolution. The vote for approval was 7/0. A copy of the resolution is attached.

BOARD MEMBERS FORUM:

Dr. Mehl made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hathcock, to move the December board meeting to December 13, 2010 because of the Christmas holiday. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Ms. Cole noted that she hoped the community would support the Board’s decision in planning for the future of the children of Fort Smith.

Mr. Wade reminded us that the week of November 14-18, 1965, 300 men were killed in Viet Nam and that we should remember our troops in harms way.

The regular Board meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. to hear a student appeal.