



FROM THE BOARD

Notes from the January 24, 2008 Regular Meeting
of the Fayetteville Board of Education

Budget Revisions

The Board voted to approve revisions to the 2007-08 district budget, including additional expenditures in curriculum materials and staffing.

Bond Refinancing

The Board voted to approve the refinancing of existing bonds, as recommended by Stephens, Inc., the district's bond counsel. The district could realize a net savings of approximately \$200,000 through the refinancing without extending the term of the bond contract.

Recognition Awards

McNair Middle School science teacher Gail Nebben received an Above & Beyond Award from the Education Committee of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce for her outstanding work with students.

Stipend Schedule

The Board voted to approve additions and one change to the district's stipend schedule. Among the additions approved are a one-time \$2,500 stipend for achievement of the National Teacher's Certification and a \$750 stipend for ACSIP chairs.

Smart Core Curriculum Changes

The Board voted to approve a word change to the Smart Core curriculum, removing the word "common" from the name of one of the curriculum paths to meet Arkansas Department of Education standards. The two curriculum paths from which students may choose are now Smart Core and Core.

Changes to Professional Development & Graduation Policies

The Board voted to approve changes to the district's Professional Development Policy to better align with Arkansas Department of Education standards.

The Board also approved a change to the district's Graduation Policy which will immediately remove the 2.0 GPA requirement for graduation. Students must meet all other state and school district graduation requirements.

Future of FHS Committee II Update

Board member Tim Hudson reported to the Board on the committee's progress to date. The committee met for the first time on January 22 and will tour FHS on Saturday, January 26.

Hudson added that minutes of the committee's meetings and other documents generated by the committee will be posted on the district's website.