



FROM THE BOARD

Notes from the October 25, 2007 Regular Meeting
of the Fayetteville Board of Education

Annual Meeting

The district held its annual public meeting prior to the school board meeting. Presentations were made on progress made toward meeting ACSIP goals, federal programs, accreditation status, and student performance.

Innovative Student Leadership Activities

Assistant superintendent Dick Johnson reported to the Board on student leadership activities that are currently in place in the district and those that are planned for implementation.

Chip Martin, who is the faculty sponsor of the Holt Middle School Video Club, presented a short video prepared by Holt students entitled "Trick My Locker."

Superintendent-Elect Search Update

Board president Steve Percival reported to the Board on progress made in beginning the search for a replacement for district superintendent Dr. Bobby New, who will retire on June 30, 2009.

High School Select Committee Part II

Board member Tim Hudson agreed to chair the FHS Select Committee II and outlined some considerations for the new committee, including academics, affordability, accessibility, added value, and sustainability. He added that the primary charge to the committee would be to answer the question "where will we build the grades 9-12 high school?"

Employee Buy-Out

Chief financial officer Dr. Lisa Morstad reported to the Board on the possibility of offering an employee buy-out. She noted that the firm that would implement the potential buy-out has projected a savings to the district of \$5.7 million over the next eight years. The Board agreed to consider taking action on the proposal at the November meeting. A blog will be created for teacher input on the proposal.

ASBA Delegate

Becky Purcell was elected as the board's delegate to the Arkansas School Boards Association meeting in Little Rock in December.