



FROM THE BOARD

Notes from the November 29, 2007 Regular Meeting
of the Fayetteville Board of Education

Butterfield Construction Project

The Board voted to approve a construction project at Butterfield Trail Elementary School to completely renovate the school and increase its capacity to 600 students.

Dr. Willison noted that the cost of the renovation will be approximately \$8 million, and the district has \$4.4 million in reserve funds for the project.

The new Butterfield Trail will open in August of 2009.

The Board also approved the issuance of \$7.2 million in second lien bonds for district construction projects.

Recognition Awards

McNair Middle School and Woodland Jr. High received Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Awards for being named as two of the fourteen Arkansas schools recognized for Best Practices by the Arkansas Department of Education.

Leverett ESL teacher Stephanie Sawyer and Holcomb teacher Jason Edwards received Above & Beyond Awards from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce for their outstanding work with students.

The FHS Bulldog Football Team was honored for winning the 2007 7A State Championship.

The FHS Service Learning program received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for being named the 2007 Best Service Learning Program in Arkansas.

The McNair Middle School GT Program and Vanessa Seward received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for being named the #1 school in Arkansas in total participation in the Duke Talent Identification Program.

McNair art teacher Charity McCartney received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for being named the 2007 Middle-Level Art Educator of the Year.

This month's Best Practices video featured team teaching at our middle schools, led by Brent Smith (Owl Creek), Makayla Brown (Holt), and Ellen Otis (McNair).

Elementary Rezoning Postponement

The Board voted to postpone any action on rezoning the elementary attendance zones until further notice.

Employee Buy-Out

The Board voted to approve an employee buy-out program that will be offered to those staff members who have ten years of participation with Arkansas Teacher Retirement and five years of service to the Fayetteville School District. The buy-out will pay the participant \$50,000 total over an eight-year period.

High School GPA Requirements

Assistant superintendent Judy New reported to the Board on the formation of a study group to review the grade point average requirements at Fayetteville High School. Board member John Delap has agreed to chair the committee.

Future of FHS Committee II

Board member Tim Hudson reported that 30-35 individuals have contacted him, indicating their interest in serving on the committee. He added that if the committee agreed on a location for the new or renovated high school and if the school board approved the recommendation, the new/renovated high school would open in August of 2013.