



# FROM THE BOARD

Notes from the February 28, 2008 Regular Meeting  
of the Fayetteville Board of Education

## **Recognition Award**

Asbell teacher Linda Granbois received an Above & Beyond Award from the Education Committee of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce for her outstanding work.

## **Changes to Grading Policy**

The Board voted to approve two changes to Board Policy 5.55 (Grading).

## **Audit Report**

The Board voted to approve the 2006-07 audit report. Board members noted the outstanding work of the Business Office and financial staff members, which resulted in a "clean" audit with no findings of fault or error.

## **Ethic Disclosures**

The Board voted to approve ethics disclosure statements by three school staff members. The ethics disclosures are required by Arkansas law.

## **Elementary Textbook Adoption**

The Board voted to approve a recommendation for new elementary social studies textbooks for the 2008-09 school year. The recommended textbooks are from Houghton-Mifflin publishers.

## **Facility 10-Year Master Plan**

The Board approved a resolution in support of the district's 10-year master facilities as required by Arkansas law.

## **Asbell Continuous Learning Calendar**

Asbell principal LaTayna Greene and Asbell teachers Carlena Lambert and Lorie Huff presented to the Board on the possibility of a continuous learning calendar at Asbell. It is planned to bring the Asbell calendar to the Board as an action item at their March meeting.

## **Uncommitted Carryforward Proposal**

Chief financial officer Dr. Lisa Morstad reported on a proposal to spend \$6.5 million in uncommitted carryforward funds on a 3% bonus for all staff members, including a 3%

bonus for all new certified employees signing contracts before the June Board meeting. Morstad also proposed to spend the remaining \$4.3 million on capital projects.

## **Future of FHS Select Committee II**

Board member Tim Hudson reported to the Board on the progress made by the Future of FHS Select Committee II. He commented on the various meetings the committee has held and urged parents and patrons to visit the Future of FHS pages on the district website at [www.fayar.net](http://www.fayar.net) for more detailed information.

## **Rephrasing of Future of FHS Select Committee II Charge**

Board member Becky Purcell made a motion to change the charge to the Future of FHS Select Committee II, but the motion died for lack of a second.

## **Superintendent Search Update**

Board president Steve Percival made a presentation to the Board on the superintendent search process to find a replacement for Dr. New, who will retire on June 30, 2009. Percival noted that nine individuals have applied for the position. The application deadline is February 29.

## **Facility Use Update**

Associate superintendent Dr. Randy Willison provided an update to the Board on current use of district facilities. He noted that Adult Education will move into the 1986 addition to the Jefferson building and vacate the building at 800 South Church Street. The Resource Center will move from behind Asbell to the H wing of the Regional Technology Center. Dr. Willison reported that Northwest Arkansas Community College has decided to not completely vacate the former West Campus facilities but will scale back their presence there.

## **Partnership Opportunities**

Board secretary Susan Heil made a presentation to the Board on possible expansion of partnership opportunities between the school district and the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.