



FROM THE BOARD

Notes from the March 27, 2008 Regular Meeting
of the Fayetteville Board of Education

Recognition Awards

FHS junior Fred Gulley received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement for being named the 2008 Gatorade Arkansas Boys Basketball Player of the year.

The Woodland Quiz Bowl team received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement award for winning first place in the 2008 Arkansas Jr. High Quiz Bowl. The Ramay Quiz Bowl team, which finished second in the state, was also introduced.

Kim Buck, coordinator of social work, and Marian Riner, families in transition coordinator, reported on the holiday basket program, which provided food baskets for more than 300 families prior to the holiday season. Both programs received Impact Awards of Excellence for their work with students and their families.

2008-09 Calendars

The Board voted to approve proposed Calendar A for the 2008-09 school year. The Board also approved proposed Happy Hollow Calendar A for 2008-09. Both calendars are posted on the district website at www.fayar.net.

Asbell Continuous Learning Calendar

The Board voted to approve a continuous learning calendar for Asbell for the 2008-09 school year.

Bond Bids

The Board voted to approve the low bid from Crews & Associates of 3.27% to refinance \$8.9 million in bonds. The district will realize \$179,400 in interest savings.

Uncommitted Carryforward Proposal

The Board voted to approve using the uncommitted carryforward funds from 2006-07 for a 3% bonus for all current employees as of March 27, 2008 and for \$4.3 million in capital projects. The bonus checks/direct deposits will be distributed on April 4.

Secondary Social Studies Textbook Adoption

The Board approved the recommended secondary social studies textbooks for use beginning in 2008-09.

Bus Bids

The Board voted to approve the purchase of four new school buses from Merl's Bus Sales, who was the low bidder among three bids. The low bid was \$72,642.

Student Transfers

Associate superintendent Ginny Wiseman reported to the Board on possibly changing the district's stance on allowing students to transfer out of the district without actually moving out of the district. Springdale and Rogers have both discontinued the practice of allowing out-of-district transfers.

Land Acquisition

Associate superintendent Dr. Randy Willison reported on an offer the district has received to purchase land adjacent to property the district currently owns on Deane Solomon Road.

Traffic Signals

Dr. Willison reported to the Board that the district received word that a traffic signal has been approved by the Arkansas Highway Department for installation at the intersection of Garland Avenue and Sixth Street.

Willison also noted that a traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of Starr Road and Mission Boulevard that will coordinate with the traffic signal at Mission and Crossover Road to create a safer situation for students to cross Mission Boulevard to attend Vandergriff and McNair.

Future of FHS Select Committee II Report

Board member Tim Hudson reported on the work of the Future of FHS Select Committee II to date. He noted that 37 people spoke at the first public input meeting on March 26 and that almost 140 people attended. A second public input meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3 at 6:30 pm in the Woodland cafeteria.

Hudson added that the committee currently plans to make its recommendations to the Board at the April meeting.

Elementary Attendance Zones

The Board discussed the process of developing a priority list for developing new elementary attendance zones.