



## FROM THE BOARD

*Notes from the June 26, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Fayetteville Board of Education*

### Alternative Option Presented for FHS Property

Dr. New presented a letter from Campus Building Group, LLC requesting an option to purchase the FHS campus, administrative offices, and athletic fields for \$60 million. The Board took no action on the option request.

### Greenland Annexation

The Board voted 5-0 to approve a resolution in support of the Greenland School District in their effort to remain an independent school district and not be annexed to any adjacent school districts. The Board also directed the administration to prepare an information packet for the members of the Arkansas Board of Education prior to their July 14 meeting on how an annexation would affect the Fayetteville School District.

### Handbooks Approved

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the elementary and secondary handbooks for the 2008-09 school year.

### 2008-09 Budget

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the proposed district budget for the 2008-09 school year. Chief financial officer Dr. Lisa Morstad noted that the district had intended to give a 2% raise for the coming year but decided to wait until the financial impact of the Greenland annexation is known, if the annexation occurs.

### 2009-2010 Budget

The Board voted 5-0 to approve the proposed district budget for the 2009-2010, as required by law for the upcoming annual school election.

### Grievance Hearing Request

The Board voted 3-2 to deny a request for a grievance hearing on room assignments by a principal. The Board also voted 5-0 to deny a grievance on the state requirements for classroom space.

### Recognition Awards

Board member Tim Hudson was inducted into the Superintendent's Honor Roll for his work in chairing the Future of FHS Select Committee II.

The Fayetteville School District's 2006-07 Annual Report was honored by the National School Public Relations Association with an Award of Merit. This award marks the third time in the last five years that the district's annual report has been recognized nationally.

### Butterfield QZAB

The Board voted 5-0 to approve a district application for low-interest QZAB bonds for technology programs at Butterfield Trail Elementary School.

### Superintendent Search

Board president Steve Percival reported that he had received information from three search firms. Board members agreed to invite all three firms to make presentations to the Board in coming weeks.

### Delap Resigns

Board member John Delap tendered his resignation as a board member so that he could accept a teaching position at Fayetteville High School. The Board accepted his resignation by a 5-0 vote.

Board president Steve Percival noted that any persons interested in replacing Delap on the Board should send a letter of interest to the following address:

Steve Percival  
Fayetteville Public Schools  
PO Box 849  
Fayetteville, AR 72702

The person selected will serve until the annual school election in September.

### New Website Unveiled

Chief information officer Susan Norton presented the new district website, which has been in development since February of this year. She thanked the development team members, including Chuck Baxter, Aimee Papazian, Patty Plummer, and Jake Porter.

The website may be viewed at [www.fayar.net](http://www.fayar.net).

Norton also reported the results of a parent survey conducted earlier this year. The purpose of the survey was to learn which school issues were of primary interest to parents and the communication media they prefer.