



FROM THE BOARD

Notes from the August 23, 2007 Regular Meeting
of the Fayetteville Board of Education

Recognition

Several individuals were recognized by for their achievements.

Fayetteville High School senior Paul St. Clair received a plaque commemorating his election as Governor of the 2007 Arkansas Boys State from former school board member Jack Butt, who was elected Governor of the 1967 Arkansas Boys State. St. Clair also received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement award.

Mary Briggs, who teaches fourth grade at Holcomb Elementary School, and Claude McGehee, the technology specialist at Holcomb, received Above & Beyond Awards from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce for their work with students.

Lisa Jenkins, director of school food service, received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement award for receiving her School Nutrition Specialist national certification.

Dr. Lisa Morstad, chief financial officer, received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement award for being named as one of four national winners of the Pinnacle Award of Excellence from the Association of School Businesses Officials International.

Officer Foster and Corporal Montgomery of the Fayetteville Police Department presented the Youth Citizen Police Academy, which involved seventeen school district students during the summer.

Susan Norton, chief information officer, presented a "Best Practices" video that featured Delia Gorder's first grade class at Root Elementary School and the economic literacy unit she taught the class.

The Board members also expressed their appreciation to Chris Bell for her six years of service on the school board. Bell is not seeking re-election to her seat representing zone 4.

QZAB Bonds

The Board approved acceptance of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds at zero percent interest to fund technology programs at Ramay Jr. High.

Capital Improvement Plan

Dr. Randy Willison, associate superintendent, presented a brief history of the development of the Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan, noting that the Board was involved in eleven different meetings over five years, overseeing the plan's development. Fred Turrentine, physical plant director, also discussed the process for revising and updating the plan, rolling forward over the next ten years.

Online Bus Stop Map

Dr. Willison and Roy Wilson, assistant director of transportation, presented the district's new online bus stop map. The map allows parents to identify which bus route serves their neighborhoods, and when and where that route stops nearest to their homes. To address the issue of student safety, it was suggested that the information be protected by a passcode, similar to the method parents now use to view their students' grades.