



FROM THE BOARD

Notes from the December 17, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Fayetteville Board of Education

Recognition Awards

The Fayetteville High School student council received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award raising more than \$14,000 in the 2009 Homeless Vigil.

Twelve district teachers were recognized for achieving National Board Teacher certification. The teachers are Sara Alderson, Tara Elzer, Maridith Gebhart, Cindy Gray, Erin Johnson, Amanda Krell, Michelle Moore, Jill Phillips, Magan Randall, Pam Skelton, Heather Williams, and Matt Wilson.

Kathy Spigarelli, the director of Fayetteville Adult & Community Education, was recognized for becoming a Certified Manager in Program Improvement (CMPI) in adult education and literacy.

The Fayetteville Target store received the Partner Award for their work in remodeling the Asbell Elementary School library.

Heather Bowen, who teaches first grade at Washington Elementary School, and Jessica Phelan, the head volleyball coach as well as a social studies teacher at FHS, received Above & Beyond Awards from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce for their outstanding work.

Board member Becky Purcell was recognized for achieving master board member status with the Arkansas School Boards Association for her participation in board activities.

Bond Refinancing

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the reissuing of the district's 2003 bonds, which will save the district \$1.8 million.

Race to the Top

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the district's participation in the state of Arkansas's application to the Race to the Top program.

Architect & Construction Manager Contracts for FHS

The Board tabled any action on the architect contract for the FHS project to allow more time to negotiate the LEED equivalency costs.

Online Transportation Information System

Thomas Meyer, who is the GIS coordinator for the district, reported to the Board on OTIS, the district's new Online Transportation Information System, which allows parents and school staff to find bus stops and routes online, and provides the transportation department with a bus routing management system. Parent access will be available in mid-January.

ASBA Winter Meeting

Board president Susan Heil and member Becky Purcell reported on sessions they attended at the recent winter meeting of the Arkansas School Boards Association. Both also commented on their favorable impressions of Dr. Tom Kimbrell, the new commissioner of the Arkansas Department of Education, who gave the keynote address at the meeting.

FPS Blog

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