



# FROM THE BOARD

*Notes from the February 25, 2010, Regular Meeting of the Fayetteville Board of Education*

## **Recognition Awards**

FHS custodian Cynthia Caudle and Ramay math teacher Matt Wilson received Above & Beyond Awards from the Education Committee of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce for their outstanding work.

## **Superintendent Contract Extended**

The Board voted 6-0 to extend the contract of superintendent Vicki Thomas through June 30, 2013.

## **School Board Recognition**

Members of the Board, both past and present, were recognized for their service to the district during School Board Appreciation Month. The roll of all current and former board members was called. To see the list of board members, click [here](#).

Mayor Lioneld Jordan read a proclamation that thanked school board members for their service and urged Fayetteville residents to do likewise.

A copy of *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope* by William Kamkwamba, which is the book being read during the Fayetteville Public Library's Adult Reading Festival, was donated to the library. Shawna Thorup, executive director of the FPL, accepted the book, which contains a nameplate honoring the current school board.

## **Financial Audit Approved**

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the independent financial audit conducted of the district's finances by Frazer Frost CPA firm. The audit was an "unqualified" audit, which is the highest rating given for such audits. The auditors noted no irregularities in accounting practices and strong internal financial controls.

## **Ethics Disclosures**

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the ethics disclosures required by Arkansas law by any board member or employee or their spouse who has a business relationship with the district.

## **Mid-Year Budget Revisions**

The Board voted 6-0 to approve revisions to the 2009-10 district budget. A decrease in property tax revenues and an increase in grant and restricted funding were the major changes.

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### **Enhancing Educational Technology Grant**

The Board voted 6-0 to approve a \$99,550 grant the district will receive to increase the academic performance and technological literacy of all geometry students and focus on closing the achievement gap for Mathematics in all secondary schools

### **Comprehensive School Health & Wellness Grant Application**

The Board voted 6-0 to approve an application by the district to apply for a grant to create a wellness center at Owl Creek School that will serve Owl Creek students, as well as other students in the district.

### **Happy Hollow Status Report**

Wes Burgess of the Crafton Tull architectural firm reported on the progress being made in the construction of a new Happy Hollow Elementary School. He noted that eight classroom have been removed from the plan to help lower the cost. To see the revised architectural renderings, [click here](#).

### **Small Learning Community Update**

FHS principal Jim Price and several of his staff members reported on progress made in creating small learning communities at FHS by August of 2012.

### **2010-11 and 2011-12 District & CLC Calendars**

The proposed district and continuous learning calendars for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years were presented for consideration by the Board. The Board will vote on the calendars at their March meeting.

### **Families in Transition Update**

Families in Transition coordinator Marian Riner reported on the district's Families in Transition program. She noted that the program has already served as many students in this school year as it did for the entire 2008-09 school year.

### **EPA Audit Update**

Chief financial officer Dr. Lisa Morstad reported on an indoor environmental quality (IEQ) program recently started by the district with help from a grant from the EPA. She noted that IEQ specialists toured three district schools and trained staff on how to improve IEQ. The grant also paid for five district staff members to attend The Tools For Schools Conference in Washington, DC in January.