



FROM THE BOARD

Notes from the April 23, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Fayetteville Board of Education

Land Purchase Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve a contract for \$1,132,500 to purchase property adjacent to Happy Hollow Elementary for the construction of a new school. The Board also voted unanimously to support a resolution to ask the City of Fayetteville to rezone the property to C-1.

Recognition Awards

FHS-TV received Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Awards for winning the first place in the 2009 Student Television Network national convention and the 2009 All Arkansas Award from the Arkansas Scholastic Press Association. FHS senior John Couch also received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for being named the 2009 Broadcast Editor of the Year.

Eleanor Townsley, who chaired the playground build project at Butterfield Trail, presented a slide show of the project. Representatives of Home Depot received the Partner Award from the district for their work on the build.

Members of the FHS Green Team presented a slide of the carbon footprint of FHS. To see their presentation, click [here](#).

FHS teacher Mark White and his students from the E.A.S.T. lab presented their "A Photographic History of Fayetteville" project, which uses old and new photos of Fayetteville that are also geo-coded on a map of Fayetteville. Click [here](#) to go to their web page.

Pam Kiser, who is a human resource specialist at Administration, and Cary Pollock, multimedia services manager, received Above & Beyond Awards from the Education Committee of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce for their outstanding work.

Reimbursement Resolution

The Board voted unanimously to approve a reimbursement resolution that provides an option for the district to reimburse itself from debt issues for costs of constructing and equipping new school facilities, acquiring property, and renovating and equipping various existing facilities.

Jefferson Lease Agreement

The Board voted to indefinitely table any consideration of a lease agreement for the Jefferson Building.

Textbook Adoption

The Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed new textbooks in foreign languages, English as a Second Language, business/marketing and career orientation.

District Demographic Profile

Dr. Jerome McKibben of McKibben Demographics, Inc., reported to the Board on a demographic study he performed of the Fayetteville School District. He projected that the district's 9-12 enrollment would decrease through the 2013-2014 school year before returning to its current level. He also projected that the 9-12 enrollment would not increase to 2,700 until after the 2018-19 school year. Click [here](#) to view the presentation.

Fayetteville Forward Summit

Susan Norton, chief information officer, reported on the outcomes of the Fayetteville Forward Economic Development Summit that was held in early April. The full report is available at: www.fayettevilleforward.accessfayetteville.org

School Calendar Policy

Greg Mones, human resources director, presented a School Calendar Policy, which the Arkansas Department of Education requires all school district's to have. The Board will vote on the policy at their May meeting.

FPS Blog

To keep current on the latest news from the Fayetteville Public Schools, check out our blog at <http://webapps.fayar.net/mt/community/>

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