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Fayetteville Board of Education

Minutes of the October 15, 2009 Special Meeting

The meeting convened at 11:30am in the Adams Leadership Center. Board members Jim Halsell, Tim Hudson, Susan Heil, Tim Kring, Howard Hamilton and Becky Purcell were present.

Linda Auman, chief academic officer, presented information regarding a proposed curriculum audit to be performed by Phi Delta Kappa. The price for the audit is \$30,687 for all fourteen schools in the district. The three person team would interview staff and parents, observe instructional practices in classrooms and collect student work. The idea for the audit came from the district literacy committee, which felt that accurate data is needed before moving ahead with a literacy plan for the district. The Board will be asked to approve the curriculum audit at the October 22nd regular board meeting.

Lisa Morstad, chief financial officer, presented information on the Qualified School Construction Bond program. The program provides bond holders with income tax credits in place of interest that the district would otherwise pay. The funds must be spent within three years (which would begin in March 2010) and be paid back in 14-16 years. The Fayetteville School District has been awarded \$52.3 million to be used for construction projects. The Board will be asked to approve a placeholder, which provides the opportunity to use the credits, at the October 22nd regular board meeting. Administration recommends taking the full allocation of credits, financing the payments with budget reductions, work with architects to develop options and develop a 10-year master plan.

Board member Jim Halsell reported that the Phase I committee interviewed eleven architectural firms for the high school project and chose the following five firms to be interviewed by the Board: Allison Architects, Crafton, Tull & Sparks, Hight-Jackson/DLR/Marlon Blackwell, Concordia/Polk Stanley/Fanning Howey and Wittenberg, Delony & Davidson. The committee also interviewed six construction management firms and chose the following five firms to be interviewed by the Board: Baldwin & Shell, CDI Contractors, Crossland Construction, Flintco and Nabholz. The Board will interview the firms as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm.

Susan W. Heil, President

Tim Kring, Secretary