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## Fayetteville Board of Education

*Minutes of the May 13, 2009 Special Workshop*

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm in the Adams Leadership Center with President Susan Heil presiding. All board members were present.

### FHS Staff Overview

Jim Price, Fayetteville High School principal, reported that Concordia met with the certified and classified staff at the high school and presented information regarding the master plan for the new campus. He added that staff voiced concerns, needs and ideas about several topics including small learning communities, teacher spaces, staffing and safety. In addition, they noted that main areas of concern are a focus on academic success and the needs of students and staff during construction.

### Poll Results and Analysis

Susan Norton, chief information officer, presented the results of the poll that was conducted May 6-11. 400 registered voters in Fayetteville were interviewed by telephone. Questions regarding the proposed master plan for the new high school, reason for building a new high school and a millage vote were included in the poll.

### Strategy Session

Board president Susan Heil led the board in a discussion regarding the pros and cons of a millage election in September. The board also identified several questions that need be answered at the May 28<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

### Pros

- Students will have a better academic and extra-curricular experience sooner.
- Economy – low construction costs now & low interest rates now
- Community feels we need a new facility
- Community energy and engagement
- Support from City of Fayetteville, Fayetteville Forward, UofA and community
- Retaining current location
- City boost to economic development long term and short term
- LEED construction a plus

### Cons

- Economy
- Identification of student achievement linked to facility and 21C approach not done
- Unresolved issues – bus traffic & Stone St.
- Property tax collection in this economy
- Unknown small learning community costs
- Retaining current location



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Cons (con't)

- Effects of construction on students

Questions that need answers at May 28 board meeting:

1. Bus traffic and routing during and after construction – workable with a reasonable plan
2. Closure of Stone Street – letter of support from U. of A. and City of Fayetteville
3. Debt wrapping and margin removal from mills – broken down so we know what we are doing with the margins in those mills and how long it will last. How much flexibility will we lose?
4. Will SLC environment require additional staff?
5. Student to teacher ratio and teacher planning time & PD.
6. Will city be increasing their sales tax and mil rates?
7. Do we have the internal “bandwidth” to handle two construction projects at one time?
8. Construction equipment and materials staging & logistics

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:15pm to consider a student expulsion matter. The board reconvened in open session. Ginny Wiseman recommended that Student A be expelled the remainder of the calendar year. Steve Percival made a motion to expel Student A for the remainder of the calendar year. Tim Kring seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

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Susan W. Heil, President

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Tim Kring, Secretary