



Fayetteville Board of Education

Minutes of the June 25, 2009 Regular Meeting

The meeting convened at 5:00pm in the Adams Leadership Center with President Susan Heil presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Butterfield Trail Elementary School.

Roll Call

The roll was called and board members Jim Halsell, Howard Hamilton, Tim Kring, Susan Heil, Tim Hudson and Steve Percival were present.

Recognition

Mayor Lioneld Jordan presented a proclamation from the City of Fayetteville to Dr. New in recognition of his service to the Fayetteville School District. Steve Clark, Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce president, thanked Dr. New for his service. Board member Steve Percival read congratulatory letters from Mike Huckabee and Bill Clinton. Susan Heil, board president, presented Dr. New with a framed collage of pictures from his “farewell” tour of the schools in the district.

Consent Agenda

Howard Hamilton made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Tim Kring seconded the motion, which was approved by a 6-0 vote.

High School Site Plan Selection & Proposed Budget of Expenditures

The Board voted 6-0 to adopt the resolution authorizing the proposed budget of expenditures for the 2010-2011 fiscal year with a 4.9 millage increase to present to the voters at the annual school election. Dick Johnson, assistant superintendent, presented information differentiating the three site plans for the new high school. He noted that several factors, including student safety and learning environment, design, new construction, and phasing, aided in the decision by administration to recommend master plan #2 (the plan which does not include the 1991 addition) and the 4.9 millage increase necessary to fund the project. Tim Kring made the motion, which was seconded by Howard Hamilton. Dr. Lisa Morstad added that the proposed budget is not a complete budget and that it contains certain categories that are required by state statute. In addition, it includes an amount for debt service.

Ratify 2nd Lien Bonds

The Board voted 6-0 to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance of \$10,000,000 in 2nd lien bonds for the purpose of construction, renovation and equipping school facilities. Dr. Lisa Morstad, chief financial officer, reported that the lowest bid of 4.16% was received from Morgan Keegan & Co. Tim Hudson made the motion, which was seconded by Steve Percival.



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Bond Refunding

The Board voted 6-0 to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds to refund the district's outstanding Series 2004 bonds. Dr. Morstad reported that the low bid of 4.22% was received from Morgan Keegan & Co. and that the district will realize a savings of approximately \$200,000. Howard Hamilton made the motion, which was seconded by Tim Hudson.

2009-10 District Budget

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the 2009-10 budget. Dr. Morstad noted that the budget will be revised mid-year after information is received from the assessor's office regarding property tax collection. Howard Hamilton made the motion, which was seconded by Tim Kring.

Certified & Classified Policy Changes

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the changes to Policy 4141.2 (Stipend Schedule). Tim Kring made the motion, which was seconded by Tim Hudson. The Board voted 6-0 to approve the changes to Policy 4150 (Certified Leave Policy). Tim Kring made the motion, which was seconded by Howard Hamilton. The Board voted 6-0 to approve the changes to Policy 4243 (Classified Leave Policy). Tim Kring made the motion, which was seconded by Tim Hudson. The Board voted 6-0 to approve changes to Policy 4115 (Transfer Policy). Howard Hamilton made the motion, which was seconded by Steve Percival. The Board voted 6-0 to approve the changes to Policy 4119 (RIF Policy). Howard Hamilton made the motion, which was seconded by Tim Kring.

Elementary & Secondary Student/Parent Handbook

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the 2009-10 elementary and secondary student/parent handbooks. Tim Kring made the motion, which was seconded by Steve Percival.

Soft Drink Contract

The Board voted 6-0 to ratify the actions of administration to execute the contract with Coca-Cola. Dick Johnson reported that this is a 3-year contract and that the district will receive \$50,000 each year for a total of \$150,000, which will be distributed to each school for the benefit of students. The contract respects the Arkansas Department of Education guidelines for rules governing nutrition and physical activity standards. Steve Percival made the motion, which was seconded by Howard Hamilton.

Jefferson Community Garden

The Board voted 6-0 to approve a two-year lease agreement with the City of Fayetteville for a community garden on the grounds of the Jefferson School site. Dick Johnson noted that the city will sub-lease garden plots to community members. There is no cost to the district for this project. Tim Hudson made the motion, which was seconded by Tim Kring.



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McKinney-Vento Grant Application

The Board voted 6-0 to approve the 2009-10 McKinney-Vento grant application. Linda Auman, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction, noted that this is the first time that the state has asked for approval by the board. Howard Hamilton made the motion, which was seconded by Tim Kring.

Remote Board Participation

Alan Wilbourn, public information officer, reported that few districts in the country allow remote participation for board meetings. If changes in technology occur, a policy could be drafted to address the issue further.

Proposed Millage Campaign Structure

Susan Heil, board president, reported on the structure for the millage campaign, including the responsibilities of the steering committee and subcommittees.

Superintendent Goals

Steve Percival, board member, presented an update on the discussion that was held at the May board meeting regarding the goals for the new superintendent.

Susan W. Heil, President

Tim Kring, Secretary