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Fayetteville Board of Education

Minutes of the August 27, 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 Owl Creek School.

Roll Call

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

Recognition

Mary Briggs and Claude McGehee, Holcomb Elementary teachers, showed a video about the Hike It, Shoot It, Ride It program.

Colewyn Dehner and Landry Hanlan, Fayetteville High School students, received Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Awards for winning the ArkanSTAR Award from the 2009 T-Tauri annual Filmmakers Festival.

Carol Stone, district coordinator for the Coordinated School Health Initiative, presented the Board with the Diamond Award from the Arkansas Department of Education. The award is given to districts for their work toward creating healthy schools of excellence in Arkansas.

Vicki Thomas, superintendent, updated the Board on the precautions the district is taking regarding the flu. Ms. Thomas also thanked Washington Regional Medical Center and board member Steve Percival for donating and installing antibacterial soap and dispensers in every classroom in the district.

Consent Agenda

Tim Hudson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Steve Percival seconded the motion, which was approved by a 7-0 vote.

A+ Stronger Fayetteville Campaign Committee Report

Board president Susan Heil introduced Fred Vorsanger, campaign co-chair, and former superintendent Harry Vandergriff, who spoke on issues related to the upcoming millage election.

AP & GT Performance Update

Barbara Prichard, director of gifted and talented programs, updated the Board on the AP and GT programs in the district. Evaluation criteria were centered on quality programming for students.

FY09 Final Budget Report

Dr. Lisa Morstad, chief financial officer, presented the final budget for the 2008-09 fiscal year.



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Leap Ahead Program

Linda Auman, chief academic officer, and Lester Long, director assessment and accountability, presented information regarding the Leap Ahead early reading intervention program that took place over the summer. K-2 students from across the district participated in the program for twelve days of intensive intervention and project-based literacy.

Happy Hollow Update

Wes Burgess from Crafton, Tull & Sparks presented information regarding the construction of the new Happy Hollow elementary school. He noted that they plan to break ground in November. Mr. Burgess added that the floor plan is designed to meld the history of the location with 21st century learning.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.

Susan W. Heil, President

Tim Kring, Secretary