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Fayetteville Board of Education

Minutes of the September 24, 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 McNair Middle 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.

Board Reorganization

As required by Arkansas law, the Board reorganized following the September 15th school board election. Jim Halsell made a motion to accept the following slate of officers: Susan Heil, president, Tim Hudson, vice-president, and Tim Kring, secretary. Becky Purcell seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote.

Recognition

Laura Ring, Fayetteville High School chemistry teacher, and Laurie Gavrilova, Owl Creek third grade teacher, received Above and Beyond Awards.

Missy Kincaid and Fred Vorsanger were named to the Superintendent's Honor Roll for their work in chairing the recent millage campaign.

Consent Agenda

Tim Kring made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Jim Halsell seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote.

2009-10 Special Education Budget

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the 2009-10 special education budget as presented by Debra Wilson, director of special education. Becky Purcell made the motion, which was seconded by Steve Percival.

Charter School Application

The Board voted 7-0 to accept the recommendation from administration not to approve the charter school application from the Prism Education Center. John L Colbert, associate superintendent, reported that the recommendation to disapprove the application is based on several factors, including duplication of educational services, teacher certification and lack of reliable transportation for students. Howard Hamilton made the motion, which was seconded by Tim Hudson.

ACSIP Statement of Assurance

The Board voted 7-0 to approve and record in the minutes this set of assurances (attached) that was presented at the meeting held on September 24, 2009, and further authorize the superintendent, Vicki Thomas, to sign such assurances as required by Section 9306 and to submit an Arkansas



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Comprehensive School Improvement plan (application) to the Arkansas Department of Education as required by Section 9305. Steve Percival made the motion, which was seconded by Becky Purcell.

Architect and Construction Manager Selection Update

Board member Jim Halsell reported that a request for proposal was sent to architect firms and construction companies for work on the new Fayetteville High School. Proposals were received from eleven architect firms and six construction companies. A ten-person committee heard presentations from each company. In the near future, the Board will decide on the next steps to be taken in the process.

Election Update

Board president Susan Heil reported that the results of the September 15th millage election will be certified on Friday, September 25th. Superintendent Vicki Thomas thanked everyone who worked so hard to formulate the plan for the new high school. Mrs. Thomas reported that the next step is to develop a survey to send to those who voted in the election to ascertain reasons why patrons voted for or against the millage increase. After analyzing the data from the surveys, administration will bring forward a recommendation to the Board regarding the next steps toward a new high school.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36pm.

Susan W. Heil, President

Tim Kring, Secretary