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## Fayetteville Board of Education

*Minutes of the March 26, 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 Leverett Elementary School.

### **Roll Call**

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

### **Recognition**

The Fayetteville High School boys & girls basketball teams received Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Awards for completing undefeated state championship seasons. No other school has had both their girls and boys teams complete an undefeated state championship season in the same sport in the same year.

FHS senior Fred Gulley received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement award for being named the 2009 Arkansas Gatorade Boys Basketball Player of the Year for the second consecutive year.

FHS girls golf coach Kyle Adams was honored for being named the 2008 Arkansas Girls Golf Coach of the Year.

Barbara Prichard, director of gifted and talented education, received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for receiving the Martha Ann Jones-Norton Award from the Arkansas for Gifted & Talented Education for outstanding leadership and service to the organization.

Root Elementary School aide Jerusha Winchester received an Above & Beyond Award from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce for her outstanding work.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

### **Bond Refunding Resolution**

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the resolution to authorize the issuance of bonds to refund the district's October 1, 2003 bonds. Dr. Lisa Morstad, chief financial officer, reported that the lowest bid was 3.31% which would save the district \$387,000. Howard Hamilton made the motion, which was seconded by Tim Kring.



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### **Land Purchase**

Dick Johnson, assistant superintendent, asked the Board to approve the offer and acceptance for 30.86 acres adjacent to the existing Happy Hollow Elementary School. Mr. Johnson noted that before the purchase is finalized the following things will need to be completed: a geological survey, rezoning, and a survey to establish an accurate appraisal. Steve Percival made a motion to approve the offer and acceptance as presented. Becky Purcell seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote.

### **Jefferson Lease Agreement**

Dick Johnson asked the Board to approve the lease agreement for the use of space at the Jefferson School site. Mr. Johnson noted that the lease would be for entities that work with Adult Education, such as Legal Aid of Arkansas. The proposed lease is a draft template and a final lease for each tenant would be brought to the Board for approval. Steve Percival made a motion to approve a draft lease agreement and develop criteria, rules and regulations for lessees to demonstrate educational purposes. Jim Halsell seconded the motion. After discussion by the Board, Steve Percival withdrew the motion. Steve Percival made a motion to table the agenda item. Tim Kring seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote.

### **2009-10 District Calendar & Continuous Learning Calendar**

Ginny Wiseman, associate superintendent for secondary, discussed the 2009-10 district calendars and continuous learning calendars. Two changes in the calendars were noted. The first difference is that no snow days are built into the calendars. The second change is that eight professional development days are included in the calendar along with twelve hours of school level professional development, which will be held after school hours. Becky Purcell made a motion to approve calendar A for the 2009-10 district calendar. Howard Hamilton seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote. Tim Kring made a motion to approve calendar A for the 2009-10 continuous learning calendar. Jim Halsell seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote.

### **Internet Use Policy Update**

Susan Norton, chief information officer, asked the Board to approve revisions to Policy 4202 (Computer/Network Use Policy). The changes are necessary due to a new requirement from the State of Arkansas for the federal Children's Internet Protection Act compliance form required for e-rate reimbursement. Tim Kring made a motion to approve Policy 4202 as amended. Tim Hudson seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote.

### **NWACC Programs**

Dr. Becky Paneitz, president of Northwest Arkansas Community College, presented information regarding programs offered, including the Early College Experience.



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**Timeline Update**

Susan Norton presented a revised timeline of events and potential action items for the next few months.

**Community Poll Results**

Susan Norton presented the results of the telephone survey/poll designed to assess the effectiveness of our communications efforts in engaging our community with Project 21C and the high school design charrette. 403 registered voters were included in a telephone poll from April 17<sup>th</sup> through April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Achievement Status**

Due to time constraints, no information was presented on achievement status.

**Textbook Adoption**

Linda Auman, special assistant for curriculum, presented information regarding textbook adoption in the curricular areas of ESL, foreign language and career and technology education. Teachers from the content areas have been involved in the textbook selection. A notice of availability of texts for public review has been posted on the district website. The Board will be asked to approve the selected textbooks at the April meeting.

**Junior High Pre-Engineering Grant Award**

Ginny Wiseman, associate superintendent for secondary education, introduced Chris Epperson who presented information regarding the pre-engineering grant that was awarded to Ramay Junior High and Woodland Junior High. Each school received \$94,872.00 to start a pre-engineering class.

**Adjournment**

The Board adjourned to closed session at 7:50PM to consider a student expulsion matter. The Board convened in open session at 8:30PM. Steve Percival made a motion to expel Student A for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year. Tim Hudson seconded the motion, which passed by a 6-0 vote.

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Susan W. Heil, President

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Tim Kring, Secretary