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Fayetteville Board of Education

Minutes of the April 23, 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 Ramay Junior High.

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

FHS-TV received Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Awards for winning first place in the 2009 Student Television Network national convention and the 2009 All Arkansas Award from the Arkansas Scholastic Press Association. FHS senior John Couch also received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for being named the 2009 Broadcast Editor of the Year.

Eleanor Townsley, chairman of the playground project at Butterfield Trail, presented a slide show of the project. Representatives of Home Depot received the Partner Award from the district for their work on the build.

Members of the FHS Green Team presented a slide show of the carbon footprint of FHS. FHS teacher Mark White and his students from the E.A.S.T. lab presented their "A Photographic History of Fayetteville" project, which used old and new photos of Fayetteville that are also geo-coded on a map of Fayetteville.

Pam Kiser, human resource specialist in administration, and Cary Pollock, multimedia services manager, received Above & Beyond Awards.

Consent Agenda

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

2009-10 Textbook Adoption

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the textbook adoption list as presented by Lester Long. Tim Hudson made the motion, which was seconded by Howard Hamilton.

Reimbursement Resolution

The Board voted 7-0 to approve a reimbursement resolution as presented. Dr. Lisa Morstad, chief financial officer, noted that this will provide an option for the district to reimburse itself from debt issues for costs of constructing and equipping new school facilities, acquiring property and renovating and equipping various existing facilities. Howard Hamilton made the motion, which was seconded by Becky Purcell.



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Revised Land Purchase

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the offer to Whitfield Painter Enterprises, L.L.C. the amount of \$1,132,500.00 as stipulated in the contract. Dick Johnson, associate superintendent, noted that two changes have been made in the contract since last month's board meeting. The first is the change from three years to eighteen months for the construction of the roadway across the easement. The second change is the price increase of \$132,500, which is a result of negotiations. Wes Burgess from Crafton, Tull & Sparks reported that it is possible to build the road within the 18 month time frame. Dr. Lisa Morstad added that the funds are available to cover the increase in price and the district also has the option to reimburse itself with debt that would be issued to build Happy Hollow. Tim Kring made the motion, which was seconded by Jim Halsell.

Becky Purcell made a motion to resolve to support Whitfield Painter Enterprises, L.L.C. in their request to rezone approximately ten (10) acres located east of the proposed new Happy Hollow to C1. Steve Percival seconded the motion. Tim Kring made a friendly amendment to add "at the closing of the real estate transaction" to the motion. Becky Purcell and the Board accepted the addition of the friendly amendment. The motion passed 7-0.

Jefferson Lease Agreement

Dick Johnson asked that the board allow administration to continue the internal discussion regarding a lease agreement for the use of space at the Jefferson School site and table indefinitely any action on this issue. Steve Percival made a motion to remove the Jefferson lease agreement from consideration by the Board. Tim Kring seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote. Steve Percival made a motion to table indefinitely the Jefferson lease agreement agenda item. Jim Halsell seconded the motion which passed by a 7-0 vote.

District Demographic Profile

Susan Norton, chief information officer, introduced Dr. Jerome McKibben who presented details of the demographic profile of the Fayetteville School District. He projected that the district's 9-12 enrollment would decrease through the 2013-14 school year before returning to its current level. He also projected that the 9-12 enrollment would not increase to 2,700 until after the 2018-19 school year.

High School Planning Process

Board president Susan Heil discussed the high school planning process. The first two phases, design with charrettes and demographic information, have already been completed. Ms. Heil reported that the financial workshop has been scheduled for May 4th from 11:00am-1:00pm. In addition, a strategy workshop will be scheduled for the week of May 11th and the results of a second poll will be discussed. The Board will then vote on the millage election at the regular May board meeting.



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Fayetteville Forward Public Education Committee Recommendations

Susan Norton reported on the outcomes of the Fayetteville Forward Economic Development Summit that was held in early April. School district administrative staff member Linda Auman attended the summit and was pleased with the support for the 21C district initiatives.

School Calendar Policy

Greg Mones, human resources director, presented a School Calendar policy to the board. This policy has been approved by both PPC's and Rudy Moore. The Board will be asked to approve the policy at the May meeting.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to closed session at 7:10pm to discuss a student expulsion matter. The Board convened in open session at 7:28pm. John L Colbert recommended that Student A be expelled for the remainder of the calendar year. Howard Hamilton made a motion to uphold the recommendation from administration and expel Student A for the remainder of the calendar year. Steve Percival seconded the motion, which passed by 7-0 vote.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Susan W. Heil, President

Tim Kring, Secretary