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Minutes of the May 26, 2011 Regular Meeting of the
Fayetteville Board of Education

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 Happy Hollow Elementary School.

Roll Call

The roll was called and board members Jim Halsell, Steve Percival, Tim Hudson, Susan Heil, Justin Eichmann, Bryn Bagwell and Becky Purcell were present.

Recognition

Fayetteville High School teacher Emery Faulkner and pre-k director Kathleen Hale received Above & Beyond Awards for the outstanding work in the district.

The FHS girls track & field team received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for winning the 2011 &A Outdoor State Championship.

FHS junior Brad Culp received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for winning the decathlon at the 2011 Arkansas Meet of Champions, becoming the first FHS athlete to ever win the event.

FHS senior Stephen Soerens received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for his outstanding record in the decathlon over the past three years. Soerens finished fifth, second, and second over the past three years.

FHS sophomore Tony Li received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for placing first on the 2011 Arkansas Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus exam. Li led a trio of FHS sophomores who finished first, second and third on the exam.

Woodland Junior High student Jacob Elser received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for winning the 2011 Arkansas Spelling Bee. Jacob will represent the state in the national Spelling Bee in Washington, DC on June 1-2.

Child nutrition program director Adam Simmons received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for being named to the School Nutrition Association's Chefs' Table. Simmons is one of only five child nutrition chefs in the nation selected.

Treva Hamilton, who is retiring as executive director of the Fayetteville Public Education Foundation, was named to the Superintendent's Honor Roll for her outstanding work. To date, the foundation has awarded more than \$3 million in grants and scholarships to FPS projects and students.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda, including the slip sheet, by a 7-0 vote. Tim Hudson made the motion, which was seconded by Steve Percival.



Policy 5.47 (Bullying)

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the revisions to Policy 5.47 (Bullying). Becky Purcell made the motion, which was seconded by Justin Eichmann.

Policy 5.10 (Promotion/Retention/Acceleration of Pupils)

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the revisions to Policy 5.10 (Promotion/Retention/Acceleration of Pupils). John L Colbert, associate superintendent for elementary education, noted that two changes have been made since the policy revisions were presented at the April board meeting. Jim Halsell made the motion to approve the revisions as presented, which was seconded by Steve Percival.

Key Work of School Boards Study

Board member Steve Percival presented the second of eight presentations by board members on *The Key Work of School Boards*. Mr. Percival discussed standards, how they affect education, to whom they apply and the next steps for the Fayetteville School District in developing a standards manual and ensuring that achievement meets expectations.

Food Service Price Equity Proposal

Adams Simmons, nutrition services director, provided information about the “Equity in School Lunch Pricing” provision, which is part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. An increase in the school meal price by five cents is mandatory. Mr. Simmons will ask for approval to raise the school meal price by an additional five cents, for a total of ten cents, to cover the increased cost of food, labor and equipment replacement. The Board will be asked to approve this request at the June board meeting.

2012-13 District & CLC Calendar

Ginny Wiseman, associate superintendent for administration, presented calendar A & B for 2012-13 district and continuous learning calendars. The staff voted on the calendars and the majority preferred calendar B, which was also endorsed by classified PPC and certified PPC. The board will be asked to approve Calendar B for the 2012-13 district and CLC calendar at the June board meeting.

Youth Advisory Council

Fayetteville High School service learning teacher Connie Crisp reported on the Youth Advisory Council, which is a partnership with the Arkansas Community Foundation. The students applied for and received grants totaling \$26,000.

New Policies 4556 (Classified Personnel Assignments) and 4555 (Assignment of Teacher Aides)

Greg Mones, director of human resources, presented two new policies, which are required by state statutes 6-17-201 and 6-17-2301. The policies are 4556, Classified Personnel Assignments, and 4555, Assignment of Teacher Aides. The Board will be asked to approve the policies at the June board meeting.



Stipend Revisions

Greg Mones presented proposed revisions to the stipend schedule (Policy 4141.2). The revised schedule will have a budget impact of \$13,700 and will be implemented July 1, 2011. The Board will be asked to approve the revised stipend schedule at the June board meeting.

Benefits RFP

Greg Mones reported on the process used by the benefits committee to review proposals for benefits broker services. An RFP was developed and two companies were taken to the committee for consideration. The recommendation is to stay with the current provider, Alexander & Co. The Board will be asked to approve this recommendation at the June board meeting.

Computer Network Use Policy Revisions

Susan Norton, chief information officer, presented proposed revisions to Policy 4202 (Computer Network Use Policy). A new section on social media guidelines has been added to the policy. The Board will be asked to approve the policy revisions at the June board meeting.

Happy Hollow Status Report

Kent Doughty, Nabholz project manager, reported on the progress made on the construction of the new Happy Hollow Elementary School. He noted that the project is five weeks to completion and the major focus now is site work. Wes Burgess from Crafton, Tull & Sparks noted that steps have been taken to reduce the heat island affect by having a reflective white roof, which will lower air conditioning costs.

FHS Status Report

Jared Brown from Nabholz reported on the progress made at the FHS construction site. He noted that the band and choir walls are underway and the majority of the southeast concrete footings and walls are complete.

Closed Session

The Board adjourned to closed session for an expulsion hearing at 7:25pm. The Board reconvened in opens session at 7:50pm. The Board voted 7-0 to expel Student A until the beginning of the 2012 spring semester. Jim Halsell made the motion, which was seconded by Justin Eichmann.

Executive Session and Adjournment

The Board convened in executive session to discuss the superintendent's goals. The Board reconvened in open session and adjourned at 8:56pm.

Susan W. Heil, President

Jim Halsell, Secretary