Minutes of the July 25, 2013 Regular meeting of the Fayetteville Board of Education

The meeting convened at 5:00pm in the Adams Leadership Center with President Tim Hudson presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call
The roll was called and board members Justin Eichmann, Steve Percival, Tim Hudson, Susan Heil, Bryn Bagwell, Jim Halsell and Traci Farrah were present.

Recognition
Matt Morningstar, the new principal at Holt Middle School, was introduced.
Morgan Stout, the new director of child nutrition, was introduced.

Consent Agenda
The Board voted 7-0 to approve the consent agenda. Steve Percival made the motion, which was seconded by Jim Halsell.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Grant
The Board voted 7-0 to approve the McKinney-Vento Homeless Grant. The district must reapply for the grant every three years. Approximately 285 students were served through the Families in Transition program last year. Jim Halsell made the motion, which was seconded by Steve Percival.

Bank Access
The Board voted 7-0 to authorize Logan LeMaster, director of accounting, to have full online access to the district bank accounts at Liberty Bank. Bryn Bagwell made the motion, which was seconded by Traci Farrah.

FHS Update
Phil Jones from Nabholz Construction reported on the progress made on Phase 2. Floors are being waxed, ceiling grids and tiles are being installed and painting is being done on stairwells and non-classroom areas. Demolition, re-skinning and fill-in are underway in the 1950 building.

Open Enrollment School (Owl Creek)
John L Colbert, associate superintendent for elementary education, presented information on the recommendation that Owl Creek School be designated as an open enrollment school for the district. The open enrollment concept has helped reduce overcrowding in some schools while increasing enrollment of others. If Owl Creek School is designated as an open enrollment school, overcrowding at Holcomb Elementary and Holt Middle School will be alleviated. The Board will be asked to approve the recommendation at the August board meeting.

R-Stem Grant
Holly Johnson, director of development and community relations, reported that the district has partnered with the University of Arkansas College of Education and Health Professionals to apply for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) grant. The funding would provide for STEM teacher development. Leverett Elementary would be the pilot school.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 5:38pm.

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Tim Hudson, President    Bryn Bagwell, Secretary