



# FROM THE BOARD

*Notes from the November 20, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Fayetteville Board of Education*

## **Construction Updates**

Physical plant director David Tate reported that progress on the renovation of Butterfield Trail Elementary School continues on time. Tate noted that the district's custodial staff will move furniture and teacher materials into the new edition in time for school to start on January 5.

Wes Burgess and David Swearingen of the Crafton Tull architectural firm provided an update on planning process for the construction of a new high school. Burgess noted that the plan is still to open the new high school in the fall of 2012, taking advantage of collaborative efforts between the architects and the construction company.

## **FPS Blog**

*To keep current on the latest news from the Fayetteville Public Schools, check out our blog at <http://webapps.fayar.net/mt/community/>*

*Comments are welcome!!*

## **Recognition Awards**

Holcomb Elementary School teacher Helen Eaton received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for being named the 2008 Arkansas Elementary English Language Arts Teacher of the Year.

## **School Attendance Policy**

Associate superintendent Ginny Wiseman made a presentation to the Board to recommend repealing Policy 5.9 on School Attendance Areas, which was approved by the Board in 1965. The policy assigned all elementary students to attend the school in the attendance area in which they live. Wiseman said the district currently has four open enrollment schools and that the policy is out of date.

## **Criteria for Rezoning**

The Board members discussed the district's current criteria for rezoning elementary attendance zones that were developed in 2005. Board members asked the administration to present the latest information on elementary zones at the December meeting.

## **Site Visit Selection Process**

Chief information officer Susan Norton reported to the Board on what sites the administrative staff has and will visit to collect ideas for the new high school.

## **High School Enrollment Size**

Ginny Wiseman reported to the Board on the enrollment history of grades 9-12 since 2001. She noted that the total enrollment in those grades has grown by an average of only 37 students per year. She added that, if the current growth rate continues, the enrollment in grades 9-12 would not approach the 3,000 student level until 2024.