



FROM THE BOARD

Notes from the July 24, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Fayetteville Board of Education

Superintendent Search Firm

The Board voted to 6-0 to enter into negotiations with Ray & Associates of Cedar Rapids, IA, to conduct a national search to find a replacement for superintendent Dr. Bobby New, who will retire on June 30, 2009.

Purchase of 9.6 Acres

The Board voted 4-2 to purchase 9.6 acres of land adjacent to land the district owns on Deane Solomon Road. The purchase will connect the district's property to the new Audubon Arkansas project and provide more road frontage.

Greenland Annexation Presentation

The presentation made by district administrators to the Arkansas State Board of Education on July 14 was presented for the Board.

Update on Raise Proposal

Dr. Lisa Morstad reported to the Board on the raise proposal for the 2008-09 school year. The Board approved the average 2% raise at the June 26 meeting, contingent on the district not being required to annex the Greenland School District.

Rezoning

Board member Becky Purcell reported to the Board on a model the district will use to rezone the elementary attendance zones. Purcell has agreed to chair the district committee that will oversee the process.

New Administrators

Dr. New introduced two newly named administrators for the district.

John L Colbert has been named the associate superintendent for elementary education. He was formerly the principal at Holcomb Elementary School.

Linda Auman has been named special assistant to the superintendent for curriculum and instruction. She was formerly the professional development coordinator for the Springdale School District.

Stowe Honored

Recent HS graduate Adam Stowe received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement award from the Board for being named the 2008 Arkansas Male Scholar-Athlete of the year by the Arkansas Democrat Gazette.

Odom Joins Board

Conrad Odom took his seat on the Board, replacing John Delap until the September 16 election. The Board voted to name Odom to the vacated seat earlier this month.

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