



FROM THE BOARD

Notes from the August 28, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Fayetteville Board of Education

Bond Refinancing Approved

The Board voted 7-0 to pass a resolution to give the district approval to seek refinancing of bonds, if the interest rates become more favorable.

Recognition Awards

FHS teacher Tamara Stassen and 2008 FHS graduate Brittany Sexton were honored for being named the 2008 Arkansas German Teacher of the Year and the 2008 Arkansas German Student of the Year, respectively.

Paul Nottenkamper was named to the Superintendent's Honor Roll for his many years of service to the schools. Tyson Foods was also named to the Superintendent's Honor Roll for their long-standing commitment and contributions to our schools.

Curriculum Update

Linda Auman, special asst for Curriculum, Assessment, Instruction, and Accountability, reported to the Board on progress made toward achieving Strategic Goal #2. She noted that more attention will be focused on meeting the learning needs of all students, including closing the "achievement gap" between various segments of our student population. An emphasis on pre-k as well as technology for acceleration of both adult and student learning were posed as viable strategies.

Capital Improvement Plan & Timeline

Assistant superintendent Dick Johnson and chief financial officer Dr. Lisa Morstad reported to the Board on the district's timeline and plans for capital improvements, including the future of FHS.

Morstad outlined the timeline of the offer from the University of Arkansas to purchase the FHS property. She also detailed the expenses associated with building on a new site that would greatly reduce the \$50 million the district would have received for the sale of the FHS property.

The Board will hold a special workshop meeting in the next couple of weeks to hear a more detailed presentation on the plan and timeline.

Butterfield Construction Update

Fred Turrentine, director of physical plant services, and Gordon Knetzer of Nabholz Construction, reported on the progress made in renovating Butterfield Trail Elementary School. They noted that the project is "on time and on budget," adding that the roof should be in place on the new edition by late September.

Candidate Forum

The Fayetteville School District will televise candidate forums for the two contested seats on the Fayetteville Board of Education. The forums will be televised live on fayar.tv (Cox Cable channel 14) on Tuesday, September 2 at 5 pm. The forums will also be taped and rebroadcast numerous times before the school election on September 16.

Round Table Meeting

The next Round Table Meeting of the School Board will be held on September 9 at 6 pm in the Woodland Jr. High cafeteria.

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