



FROM THE BOARD

Notes from the March 26, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Fayetteville Board of Educations

Land Purchase Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve the district to make an offer to purchase property adjacent to Happy Hollow Elementary School for the purpose of building a new school.

Recognition Awards

The FHS Boys & Girls Basketball teams received Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Awards for completing undefeated state championship seasons. No other school has had both their girls and boys teams complete undefeated state championships seasons in the same sport in the same year.

FHS senior Fred Gulley received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for being named the 2009 Arkansas Gatorade Boys Basketball Player of the Year for the second consecutive year.

FHS girls golf coach Kyle Adams was honored for being named the 2008 Arkansas Girls Golf Coach of the Year.

Barbara Prichard, director of gifted and talented education, received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for receiving the Martha Ann Jones-Norton Award from the Arkansans for Gifted & Talented Education for outstanding leadership and service to the organization.

Root Elementary School aide Jerusha Winchester received an Above & Beyond Award from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce for her outstanding work. She also each received a Wal-Mart gift card, courtesy of Nabholz Construction Company.

Land Purchase for Happy Hollow

The Board voted to authorize the administration to pursue the purchase of land to construct a new Happy Hollow Elementary School.

Jefferson Lease Agreement

The Board voted to table any action on a lease agreement for possible tenants of the Jefferson School building until the April meeting.

2009-2010 District Calendars

The Board voted to approve the 2009-2010 district calendar and the Asbell and Happy Hollow calendar. The proposed calendars may be viewed at this link: <http://www.fayar.net/administration/calendar.html>

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!!

You may also receive Twitter feeds from the blog by going to <http://twitter.com/fayar>

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Internet Use Policy Update

The Board voted unanimously to approve changes to the district's Internet use policy.

Bond Refunding Resolution

The Board agreed to approve a resolution to authorize the issuance of bonds to refund the district's October 1, 2003 bonds.

NWACC Programs

Dr. Becky Paneitz, president of Northwest Arkansas Community College, made a presentation to the Board on programs offered at NWACC, including the Early College Experience.

Timeline Update

Chief information officer Susan Norton reported on adjustments made to the district's Project 21C calendar.

Community Poll Results

Susan Norton reported to the Board on the results of a telephone poll of Fayetteville voters. She noted that the poll revealed that 79% of those polled thought it was time to build a new high school in Fayetteville. The results of the poll may be viewed at this link: http://www.fayar.net/community/Public_Op_Survey.html

Textbook Adoption

Chief academic officer Linda Auman reported that the district's textbook adoption committees have made their recommendations for new textbooks for English as a second language, foreign language, and career and technology education for the 2009-2010 school year. The Board will vote on the adoptions at the April meeting.

Jr. High Pre-Engineering Grant Award

Chris Epperson, curriculum coordinator for special projects, reported to the Board on a grant the district has received to begin a pre-engineering class in the junior high schools.

Student Achievement Report

Due to the length of the meeting, the student achievement report was postponed until the April meeting.