

Fayetteville Board of Education

Minutes of the October 23, 2008 Regular Meeting

The Annual Report to the Patrons convened at 5:00PM in the Adams Leadership Center. Alan Wilbourn, public information officer, reported that this meeting serves as the annual meeting that is required by the Arkansas Department of Education. Staff members reported on progress toward ACSIP goals and presented reports regarding federal programs, accreditation status with no deficiencies, student performance, the gifted and talented program as well as other required items such as professional development and Pepsi fund allocation. Time was set aside for public comments and/or questions.

The regular board meeting convened at 5:30PM in the Adams Leadership Center with President Steve Percival presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Holcomb Elementary School.

Roll Call

The roll was called and board members Jim Halsell, Tim Kring, Steve Percival, Susan Heil, Tim Hudson, and Becky Purcell were present. Steve Percival welcomed new board member Jim Halsell.

Board Reorganization

As required by Arkansas law, the Board reorganized following the October 7th school board election. Steve Percival made a motion to accept the following slate of officers: Susan Heil, president, Tim Hudson, vice-president, and Tim Kring, secretary. Becky Purcell seconded the motion, which passed by a 6-0 vote. Board members expressed their appreciation to Steve Percival who has served as board president since 1999.

Recognition

Susan Colvin, FHS social studies teacher, received an Above & Beyond Award for her outstanding work with students.

FHS students Quinn Kelly and Joe Rulli received Recognition of Outstanding Achievement awards for receiving Achievement in Writing Awards from the National Council of Teachers of English.

The FHS girls golf team received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for winning the 2008 7A state championship, which is the team's fourth consecutive state championship. Senior Emma Lavy also received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for winning the 2008 Arkansas Overall Girls Golf Championship.

Consent Agenda

Becky Purcell made a motion to add an information item to the board agenda this month regarding reports from the board members who have recently attended meetings. Tim Kring seconded the motion, which passed by a 6-0 vote. Tim Kring made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Steve Percival seconded the motion which passed by a 6-0 vote.

Workshop Motion

No action was taken on the motion that was made at the October 21 workshop. Board member Tim Kring noted that the motion he made at the September 2008 board meeting was basically the same as the motion he made at the workshop; therefore no further action was necessary.

Uncommitted Carryforward Proposal

Dr. Lisa Morstad, chief financial officer, presented a proposal for the allocation of \$7.9 million in uncommitted carryforward funds. She noted that the funds are the result of money from last year's budget and one-time funds. \$3.0 million would be reserved for FY09, \$2.4 million would be allocated for a 21st century learning fund, and \$2.5 million would be used for a 4% bonus for certified and classified staff. Both certified and classified PPCs have approved the proposal. The Board will vote on this proposal at the November meeting.

Meeting Reports

Board member Susan Heil reported that a board roundtable was held on October 14th. Information regarding the student achievement gap and student engagement was presented by administrative staff members.

Board members Becky Purcell and Jim Halsell reported that they attended the new board member workshop on October 15th. They received information on FOIA, legal issues and board education. Mr. Halsell also noted that he spent a day of orientation and tours with administration staff members.

Board member Steve Percival reported that he met with the Happy Hollow Elementary PTO regarding the building plan for that school.

Dr. Bobby New and Susan Norton reported that they attended the Economic Development Summit that was sponsored by the City of Fayetteville and the University of Arkansas.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42PM.

Susan W. Heil, President

Tim Kring, Secretary