

Fayetteville Board of Education

Minutes of the August 28, 2008 Regular Meeting

The meeting convened at 5:00PM in the Adams Leadership Center with President Steve Percival presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from McNair Middle School.

Roll Call

The roll was called and board members Conrad Odom, Tim Kring, Howard Hamilton, Steve Percival, Susan Heil, Tim Hudson and Becky Purcell were present.

Recognition

Fayetteville High School teacher Tamara Stassen and 2008 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 school district. Tyson Foods was also named to the Superintendent's Honor Roll for their long-standing commitment and contributions to our schools.

Dick Johnson showed a video featuring the Tyson food drive that was held in 2007.

Consent Agenda

Becky Purcell made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Susan Heil seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote.

Bond Refinancing Option

The Board voted 7-0 to approve a resolution to authorize Stephens, Inc. to file an application with the State Board of Education for the option to refund bonds. Dr. Lisa Morstad, chief financial officer, reported that this will position the district to immediately take advantage of lower interest rates as they become available.

Curriculum Update

Linda Auman, special assistant for curriculum, instruction, accountability and assessment, reported on the progress made toward achieving Strategic Goal #2 and the department's focus on student learning. She also noted that special emphasis will be placed on closing the achievement gap between segments of the student population, which will require planning and realignment of district resources.

Capital Improvement Plan & Timeline

Dick Johnson, assistant superintendent for student life services, and Dr. Lisa Morstad presented information regarding the plan for decision making for the future of Fayetteville High School and future capital projects. Dr. Morstad discussed the timeline of the \$50 million offer from the University of Arkansas and the variables associated with the offer.

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Butterfield Construction Update

Fred Turrentine, director of maintenance, reported that the 26,000 square feet of new construction at Butterfield will be completed by December 2008. The students will move into the new area in January 2009 and the renovation of the existing building will begin. The total project will be completed by July 2009. Gordon Knetzer from Nabholz noted that the project is on time and on budget.

Patron Complaint

Board president Steve Percival reported that he had received and responded to a patron complaint. Each board member received a copy of the complaint and Mr. Percival's response. None of the board members expressed any interest in pursuing the matter further.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04PM.

Stephen M. Percival, President

Susan W. Heil, Secretary