



Fayetteville Board of Education

Minutes of the November 20, 2008 Regular Meeting

The meeting convened at 5:00PM in the Adams Leadership Center with President Susan Heil presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Happy Hollow Elementary School.

Roll Call

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

Recognition

Helen Eaton, Holcomb Elementary teacher, received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for being named the 2008 Arkansas Elementary English Language Arts Teacher of the Year.

Consent Agenda

Steve Percival made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Howard Hamilton seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote.

ASBA Delegate

Becky Purcell made a motion to elect Jim Halsell as the delegate at the Arkansas School Board Association annual conference. Tim Hudson seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote.

Repeal of Policy 5.9 (Policy on School Attendance Areas)

Ginny Wiseman, associate superintendent for secondary education, requested repeal of Policy 5.9 regarding school attendance areas. Standards and assurance regulations from the Arkansas Department of Education preclude any transfer policy within the Fayetteville School District. The Board will vote on the request at the December meeting.

Construction Update

David Tate, director of maintenance, reported on the construction at Butterfield Elementary School. On December 22nd they will start moving to the new addition in preparation for the renovation of the current building.

David Swearingen and Wes Burgess from Crafton, Tull & Sparks reported on the progress of the high school construction planning process, including issues that affect the proposed schedule, site development ideas discussed with the City of Fayetteville, the charrette process and student safety during construction.



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Criteria for Rezoning

The Board members discussed the criteria for rezoning elementary attendance zones that were approved by the board in September 2005. Becky Purcell made a motion to delay rezoning until 2012-13 unless there is a major change in housing distribution. Jim Halsell seconded the motion. After board discussion, Becky Purcell withdrew the motion. The Board asked administration to present information regarding elementary attendance projections and a timeline at the December meeting.

Site Visit Selection Process

Susan Norton, chief information officer, reported that administrative staff is using criteria for 21st Century schools that the architects prepared for the FHS Select Committee II and researching sites recommended by the architects, the NSBA Technology Leadership Network, and American School Board Journal. Ms. Norton presented slides and information regarding the two locations that have been visited: Todd Beamer High School and Sprint International Headquarters.

High School Enrollment Size Discussion

Ginny Wiseman presented information regarding potential costs of a second high school, district growth patterns since 2001 and projected growth for grades 9-12. She noted that the total enrollment in grades 9-12 has grown by an average of only 37 students per year and if the current growth rate continues, the enrollment in grades 9-12 would not approach the 3000 student level until 2024. The Board will address high school enrollment size as an action item at the December board meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

Closed Session

The board convened in closed session at 7:45PM to hear student expulsion matters. The board reconvened in open session at 8:55PM. Ginny Wiseman asked that the Board uphold administration's recommendation that Student A be expelled for the rest of the semester and attend ALLPS the second semester. Steve Percival made a motion that Student A be expelled for the rest of the semester and attend ALLPS the second semester. Howard Hamilton seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote.

Ginny Wiseman asked that the Board uphold administration's recommendation that Student B be expelled for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year. Tim Kring made a motion that Student B be expelled for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year. Jim Halsell seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59PM.



Susan W. Heil, President

Tim Kring, Secretary