

Fayetteville Board of Education

Minutes of the September 25, 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 Asbell Elementary 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 band director Barry Harper and counselor Dawn Norman received Above and Beyond Awards for their outstanding work with students.

Ramay Junior High paraprofessional Jackie McCoskey received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement award for being named the 2008 Arkansas Special Education Paraprofessional of the Year.

Susan Norton introduced Peggy James and FHS students Alex Jones and John Couch who talked about the FHS TV projects. Also, a best practices video was shown which highlighted teachers in the district and their enhanced instructional tools made possible by Fayetteville Public Education Foundation grants.

Consent Agenda

Tim Hudson made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Howard Hamilton seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote.

Future Fayetteville High School Site

Board president Steve Percival introduced Dick Johnson, assistant superintendent for student life services, who presented information about the Morningside Drive site and the work that the administrative team has done regarding plans for a new 21st century high school. Tim Kring made a motion that the Board of Education authorize administration to conceptualize and present a plan for a 21st century pre-K-12 school system that includes one new high school on the existing FHS site. Conrad Odom seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote.

2008-09 Special Education Budget

Debra Wilson, director of special services, presented the 2008-09 special education budget which must be approved separately from the district budget. Tim Kring made the motion to approve the 2008-09 special education budget. Conrad Odom seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote.

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On Line Transportation Information System

John L Colbert, associate superintendent for elementary education, reported on the progress made toward developing an online transportation information system (OTIS). Mr. Colbert noted that OTIS is in the trial phase this year and should be ready for use by parents and students for the 2009-10 school year.

Elementary Rezoning

Board member Becky Purcell presented information regarding the work that has been done in the past regarding rezoning in the district. Mr. Colbert reported that administration recommends that the board delay district rezoning, and revisit the criteria set in 2005-06. In addition, Mr. Colbert requested that administration be allowed to look at the attendance zones for Holcomb and Root and make a recommendation which would alleviate overcrowding at these schools. Becky Purcell made a motion to schedule a board workshop, which would be facilitated by an outside facilitator, after the October 7th board run-off election. Tim Hudson seconded the motion. After Ms. Purcell's friendly amendment that the topic of rezoning be included at a workshop scheduled for this fall, the motion passed 7-0.

Executive Session and Adjournment

The Board adjourned to executive session at 6:30PM to discuss the employment of the superintendent. The Board reconvened in open session at 7:22PM. The Board adjourned at 7:23PM.

Stephen M. Percival, President

Susan W. Heil, Secretary