
Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE: Authorize Submission of EDA Grant Application for FSPS Career and Technology Center

DATE: April 22, 2019

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Doug Brubaker, Ph.D.
Superintendent

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

Fort Smith Public Schools has been working with Western Arkansas Planning and Development District (WAPDD) on an U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant funded under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965. The purpose of the grant is to make improvements to the property designated as the future Fort Smith Public Schools Career and Technology Center (CTC). The address of the future CTC is 5900 Painter Lane, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72903 and includes an adjacent parcel of land. Nineteen (19) government, business, and education leaders have submitted letters of support for this project.

The District was recently advised that an EDA grant review meeting has been scheduled for early May. Submission of the District's application in time for this review meeting may result in a more favorable outcome for the District.

Completing the application requires submitting the attached forms. Counsel recommends that the Board authorize the superintendent to complete all such forms.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board authorize the superintendent to complete and sign all forms related to the EDA grant for the FSPS CTC.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read, ***move to authorize the superintendent to complete and sign all forms related to an Economic Development Administration grant for the FSPS Career and Technology Center.***