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## Board of Education

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### **Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting The Board of Education**

A Regular School Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Fort Smith Public Schools was held January 22, 2018, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Service Center, Bldg B.

Ms. Susan McFerran, president, called the meeting to order. Other board members present were Mr. Greg Magness, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Ms. Jeannie Cole and Ms. Talicia Richardson. Mr. Wade Gilkey and Mr. Bill Hanesworth were absent. Dr. Doug Brubaker, Superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Terry Morawski, Chief Operations Officer, Dr. Barry Owen, Chief Academic Officer, Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Zena Featherston Marshall, Executive Director of Communication and Community Partnerships, Mr. Martin Mahan, Executive Director of Human Resources, Mr. Darian Layes, Executive Director of Student Services and Ms. Nadine Brooks, Secretary to the Superintendent were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mr. Charles Warren gave the Invocation.

The consent agenda included the minutes of the December Regular School Board Meeting and January 8 Work Session, the December Financial Report, January Student Services Report, Secondary Science Textbook recommendations and an amendment to Stephens Inc. Municipal Advisory Agreement. Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Ms. Talicia Richardson, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote passed 5/0.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### Professional Staff Recommendations

Dr. Brubaker yielded to Mr. Mahan to present the professional staff recommendations.

#### **Resignation**

Medlin, Quendy

#### **Retirement**

Schmidt, Sallie

Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greg Magness, to approve the resignations and retirements. The vote passed 5/0.

## **Recommendations for Employment**

Repass, Valeri  
Kraus, McKenna  
Harris, Candice  
Turner, Chris  
Graham, Corrie  
Rosar, Mary

Mr. Greg Magness made a motion, seconded by Ms. Talicia Richardson, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote passed 5/0.

## **Recognitions**

Dr. Brubaker, Ms. McFerran, and Ms. Keaton-Martin recognized the following students and teachers.

January Superintendent Star Awards: Lee Dotson, a second-grader at Spradling Elementary, Taira Nguyen, a fourth-grader at Trusty Elementary, Dallas Sharum, a sixth-grader at Bonneville Elementary, Fernanda Diaz Lozano, a sixth-grader at Sutton Elementary, Jailyn Rae Wooden, a second-grader at Cook Elementary, Caroline Reith, a first-grader at Cook Elementary, Jiya Shah, a fifth-grader at Woods Elementary, Shekinah Thompson, a kindergartener at Woods Elementary, Brandon Rincon, a fifth-grader at Howard Elementary.

JROTC Awards: The JROTC Sporter Rifle team won first place at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Civilian Marksmanship State Championship held on December 9, 2017. They were led by First Sergeant Steve Lowdermilk.

The Grizzly Red Team won First Place Overall and will travel to Anniston, Alabama to represent Arkansas in the CMP Regional Competition. The team consists of Rudy Vasquez, Crista Head, Rebecca Chacon and Oneida Ibarra.

Rebecca Chacon also was the highest overall shooter and placed first overall in kneeling position.

National Board Certified Teachers: Mary Baker, Albert Pike Elementary, Generalist-Early Childhood, Rozanna Brown, Ballman Elementary, Literacy: Reading-Language Arts- Early and Middle Childhood, Sarah Davis, Cook Elementary, Generalist-Early Childhood, Lindsey Fielder, Ballman Elementary School, Literacy: Reading-Language Arts- Early and Middle Childhood, Rhonda McBride, Barling Elementary School, Literacy: Reading-Language Arts- Early and Middle Childhood, Sarah Ray, Northside High School, School Counseling/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood

Dr. Terry Morawski was recognized for completing his doctorate in December.

## **CONSIDER CHANGING MEETING DATES FOR FEBRUARY 12 AND APRIL 9 WORK SESSIONS**

Dr. Brubaker stated that the Board had approved a meeting schedule/calendar on April 24, 2017. He reported that there are two scheduling conflicts that would be alleviated by rescheduling the work session on February 12, 2018 at 5:30 PM to February 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. and rescheduling the work session on April 9, 2018 at 5:30 PM to April 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Richardson made a motion, seconded Ms. Cole to reschedule the February 12 work session to February 19 and the April 9, work session to April 16. The vote passed 5/0.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUIRED TRAINING HOURS**

Dr. Brubaker reported that Ark. Code Ann. §6-11-105, §6-13-629, and Act 589 of 2017 stipulate the amount of training required by members of a local school district board of directors. A member who has served for twelve or more consecutive months shall obtain no less than six hours of training and instruction by December 31 of each calendar. A member elected for an initial or non-continuous term shall obtain no less than 9 hours of training and instruction by December 31 of the calendar year following the year in which the member is elected with the training or instruction to be accomplished within the first (15) months of service on the Board of Directors. As the attached report indicates, all members of the FSPS Board of Directors have met their training requirements for 2017. Dr. Brubaker reported that this is an information item and does not come with a recommendation. As legally required, this information will be referenced in the minutes of the January Regular Board Meeting.

## **2017-2018 AUDIT REPORT**

The District engaged Przybysz & Associates, CPAs to prepare an audit report on the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2017. The report includes an unmodified opinion from the auditor. The financial statements fairly present the financial position of the District. At the January 8 Work Session, Marc Lux, the Lead Auditor with Przybysz & Associates, CPAs made a short presentation regarding the financial position of the District. A governance letter from the auditor is also attached. This letter concludes that no audit findings nor audit adjustments were made for the audit report. The administration recommends the board accept the audit report for the year ending June 30, 2017 as prepared by Przybysz & Associates, CPAs.

Mr. Greg Magness made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin to accept the audit report for the year ending June 30, 2017 as prepared by Przybysz & Associates, CPAs. The vote passed 5/0.

## **BOARD MEMBERS FORUM**

Ms. McFerran thanked the Citizens' Committee participants for volunteering their time and the commitment to the District.

Ms. Keaton-Martin expressed thanks to the band directors and band students of both high schools , and Superintendent Star Award students who participated in the Martin Luther King

parade. Ms. Richardson added that the NHS and SHS bands showed unity in their performance. Darby and Kimmons Junior High students participated as well.

Ms. Cole noted that the State PTA Convention is to be held s in Fort Smith on April 27.

Ms. Richardson attended storytelling at Belle Point and was impressed with students' progress. She congratulated Dr. Brubaker on a year with the school district.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

There was no one present for Citizens Participation.

### **ADJOURN**

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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Susan McFerran, President

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Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Secretary