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## Minutes of Committee Meeting

### The Board of Trustees Fort Smith Public Schools

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A Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of Fort Smith Public Schools was held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2017 in the Service Center, Bldg B. Hearing Room.

Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bill Hanesworth to meet as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Board members present were Dr. Deanie Mehl, Ms. Susan McFerran, Mr. Wade Gilkey, Ms. Talicia Richardson, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Mr. Bill Hanesworth, and Ms. Jeannie Cole. Administrators present were Dr. Doug Brubaker, Superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Annette Henderson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Support Services, Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Zena Featherston Marshall, Director of Communication and Community Partnerships, Mr. Dennis Siebenmorgen, Director of Building and Grounds and Ms. Nadine Brooks, Secretary to the Superintendent.

#### **I. Child Nutrition - Finance Committee Presenter: Bill Hanesworth**

Mr. Hanesworth presented the Free Breakfast Program proposal from the Director of Child Nutrition requesting that the District continue to offer the Free Breakfast Program for 2017-2018. Mr. Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to make the free breakfast a permanent program with a \$15,000 increase to the budget for 2017-2018. Board members discussed demographics, elementary and secondary trends for the past three years. After discussion, Mr. Wade Gilkey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bill Hanesworth to table the motion until the regularly scheduled board meeting requesting free breakfast meal counts by campus with trends for three years. The motion to table failed with Keaton-Martin, Cole, McFerran and Mehl opposing. Dr. Mehl called for the vote on the original motion. This motion passed with a 5/2 vote and will go to the Board of Education for approval on April 24, 2017. Dr. Brubaker noted the requested information would be provided in a few days.

Mr. Bill Hanesworth presented the proposed 2017-18 lunch prices as recommended by Child Nutrition Director Donna Turnipseed and as required by federal regulations.

The proposed increase raises the cost of regular meals by \$.0.25 and the food bar by \$0.35. Mr. Hanesworth reported that the recommendation to increase by these amounts should not require another increase in the 2018-19 school year. Mr. Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade Gilkey, to increase paid lunch meal pricing for all full paid lunches for 2017-2018. The motion passed 7/0 and will be presented to the Board of Education on April 24, 2017 for approval.

## **II. Insurance - Finance Committee**

**Presenter: Bill Hanesworth**

Mr. Hanesworth presented the recommendation to renew the current student accident policy at a premium cost of \$80,055, a reduction in cost by \$3,000 from last year. Mr. Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade Gilkey, to present to the Board of Education on April 24 the renewal of the district's student accident insurance policy with Reliance Standard Life Ins. Co. through the agency of Lawrence E. Smith & Associates, Inc. TPA for the school year 2017-2018. The motion passed 7/0.

## **III. Personnel Contracts 2017-2018 - Personnel Committee**

**Presenter: Susan McFerran**

Ms. McFerran presented the 2017-18 personnel contracts. Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, to extend 2017/2018 employee contracts as presented by Dr. Annette Henderson to the Board of Education for approval on April 24, 2017. The vote passed with a 7/0 vote.

## **IV. Calendar/Timeline for BOE Meetings**

**Presenter: Doug Brubaker**

Dr. Brubaker presented the calendar for the Board of Education meeting and committee dates to the committee for approval through 2017-18. Dr. Brubaker recommended adopting the calendar. Committee members discussed the pros and cons of adopting or using as a guideline for scheduling purposes. After discussion, Ms. McFerran made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bill Hanesworth to present to the Board of Education on April 24 the adoption of the calendar as presented. The motion passed 6/1 with Ms. Cole opposing.

## **V. Property Purchase - Properties Committee**

**Presenter: Talicia Richardson**

Ms. Richardson presented a proposed 2201 Rogers Avenue property for purchase for \$250,000. She referred to the aerial view of the property included in the packet and the appraisal completed by Ken Colley & Associates valued at \$260,000. After discussion, Ms. Richardson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Susan McFerran, to recommend this purchase to the Board of Education on April 24. The motion passed 7/0.

**VI. Roof Bids - Properties Committee**

**Presenter: Talicia Richardson**

Ms. Richardson presented the recommendation for the bid acceptance for roof repairs and improvement for storm damage to Ramsey Junior High School. She noted that this is from storm damage and is covered by insurance. After discussion, Ms. Richardson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Susan McFerran, to recommend to the Board of Education on April 24, the low bid of \$1,014,068 from Dale Crampton Company. The motion passed 7/0.

**VII. Salary Schedules 2017-18 - Finance Committee**

**Presenter: Bill Hanesworth**

Mr. Hanesworth deferred to Mr. Charles Warren to present the 2017-18 Salary Schedules. Mr. Warren summarized the range of proposed increases on the certified salary schedule and a base salary increase of \$200. Mr. Warren discussed the local revenue and calculations used to identify the source of funds projected to support the increase. Dr. Brubaker and Mr. Warren stated that at this time, no Board action is needed. Once ratified by the FSCTA membership on April 20, 2017, the board may take action on April 24, 2017 to approve the 2017-2018 salary schedules.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:35p.m.