

Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE: Consider Adoption of a Resolution Regarding the Release of Land at Fort Chaffee Designated in 2010 for use by FSPS as a Secondary School Site

DATE: March 5, 2019

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Doug Brubaker, Ph.D.
Superintendent

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

During its February 25 regular meeting, the Board accepted the donation of a building and site for the District's new Career and Technology Center (CTC). This new, donated site is within district boundaries at the corner of Zero Street and Painter Lane. As previously discussed, the CTC will provide focused education and training in specialty areas within the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) disciplines. In terms of its value, this contribution is an investment in the CTC that far exceeds the \$3 million budgeted for site acquisition as part of the Vision 2023 Capital Improvement Plan.

In 2010, the Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Authority (FCRA) designated a different, 80-acre site for a secondary school. The parcel of land is at the intersection of Wells Lake Road and Zero Street. The Wells Lake Road site has not been conveyed to the school district but remains designated for use as a location for an FSPS secondary school. This designation expires in 2020. The District does not plan at this time to build a secondary school on this parcel of land within the next year. In order to facilitate continued development of the Chaffee area, the FCRA has requested that the District consider formally notifying that body whether it intends to utilize the Wells Lake property for its designated use during the time frame allowed.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read: ***move to adopt the attached resolution regarding the release of land at Wells Lake Road and Zero Street that was originally designated for use by Fort Smith Public Schools as a secondary school site.***