



Board of Education

Minutes of The Board of Education

A Work Session of the Board of Education of Fort Smith Public Schools was held Monday, January 12, 2026, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Darby Middle School Media Center, 616 N 14th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dalton Person, president, called the meeting to order noting seven board members were present. Other board members present were: Mr. Phil Whiteaker, Ms. Susan Krafft, Ms. Brittney Hall, Mr. Brad Harding, Ms. Lynnett Lott, and Ms. Maria Martinez. District administrators present included: Mr. Marty Mahan, Superintendent; Dr. Tiffany Bone, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Chris Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Campus Support; Dr. Kellie Cohen Minton, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Michael Farrell, Director of Student Services; Ms. Kimberly Mundell, Executive Director of Communications, and Ms. Leslie Phelps, Office Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

PRESENTATION – STUDENT SERVICES OVERVIEW

Dr. Farrell provided a comprehensive overview of the various services provided by the Student Services Department, including the roles of counselors, mental health therapists, social workers, and school nurses. The presentation also highlighted the work done at the School Based Health Center.

PRESENTATION – DARBY MIDDLE SCHOOL HEALTH SCIENCES ACADEMY

Lieutenant Colonial Jason Meharg, Principal of Darby Middle School presented information regarding the Health Sciences Academy, including the application process, community partnerships, program growth, and student involvement in the community.

After the presentations, Board members were able to tour the School Based Health Center.

BOARD MEMBERS FORUM

Mr. Person requested that administration schedule a tour of the elementary schools that are under consideration for rezoning.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Dalton Person, President

Susan Krafft, Secretary