



RESOLUTION

Whereas it is within the role of the Board to designate names for facilities;

Whereas the District's Vision 2023 Mission Statement is "Fort Smith Public Schools, a premier district where innovation creates excellence, is dedicated to providing an equitable, challenging educational experience by engaging families and community partners as we prepare students to embrace their roles in our culturally diverse community and rapidly changing world";

Whereas it is central to the mission of the district that all students feel welcome at school;

Whereas Albert Pike Elementary School is named for a Confederate general;

Whereas Albert Pike joined a petition in 1858 to "expel all free blacks from the State of Arkansas";

Whereas Albert Pike wrote in 1868, "We mean that the white race, and that race alone, shall govern this country. It is the only one that is fit to govern, and it is the only one that shall";

Whereas Vision 2023 Parameter 2 states that, "We will honor relationships and treat all people with dignity and respect";

Whereas Vision 2023 Parameter 1 states that, "We will base decisions on what is best for students";

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Fort Smith Public Schools Board of Education indicates its intent to adopt a new name for Albert Pike Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year and directs the Administration to organize a committee to develop and recommend to the Board for its consideration a renaming process that will include stakeholders from within the Albert Pike Elementary School community.

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the above District, certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board at a Regular Board Meeting held on the 24th day of August, 2020. The Resolution appears in the official minutes of the meeting which are in my custody. At the time of the meeting the duly elected (or appointed), qualified and serving members of the Board and their respective votes on the adoption of the Resolution were as follows:

Director	Vote (Aye, Nay, Abstain or Absent)
Bill Hanesworth	<u>Aye</u>
Wade Gilkey	<u>Aye</u>
Yvonne Keaton-Martin	<u>Aye</u>
Talicia Richardson	<u>Aye</u>
Susan McFerran	<u>Aye</u>
Dee Blackwell	<u>Aye</u>
Dalton Person	<u>Aye</u>

I further certify that the meeting of the Board was duly convened and held in all respects according to law; that to the extent required by law due and proper notice of the meeting was given to the members of the Board and to the public; that the meeting was open to the public; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting; that all other requirements and proceedings under the law incident to the proper adoption and passage of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this Certificate.

CERTIFIED under my hand and seal of the District this 24th day of August, 2020.

Dee Blackwell
Secretary