



Board of Education

Minutes of
The Board of Education

A Called School Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Fort Smith Public Schools was held Monday, May 1, 2023, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Service Center, Bldg. B, Auditorium, 3205 Jenny Lind, P.O. Box 1948, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Blackwell, president, called the meeting to order noting seven board members were present. Other board members present were: Ms. Talicia Richardson, Mr. Dalton Person, Mr. Matt Blaylock, Mr. Davin Chitwood, Ms. Sandy Dixon and Mr. Phil Whiteaker. District administrators present included: Dr. Terry Morawski, Superintendent; Mr. Martin Mahan, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Shari Cooper, Director, Communications; and Ms. Leslie Phelps, Office Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. Mr. Marshall Ney, of Friday, Eldridge, and Clark, District Attorney was also in attendance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL EVALUATION

At 5:31 PM the Board and Dr. Morawski went into executive session to discuss the annual evaluation of the superintendent. Dr. Morawski left the board to deliberate at 6:14 PM.

Dr. Morawski returned to closed session at 6:56 PM. Dr. Morawski left the board to deliberate at 8:30 PM.

Dr. Morawski returned to closed session at 8:57 PM. Board members and Dr. Morawski returned to open session at 9:03PM.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S EXTENDED CONTRACT

Mr. Whiteaker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blaylock, to approve the superintendent's evaluation as presented in executive session. The motion passed 7/0.

Mr. Person made a motion, seconded by Ms. Richardson, to approve extending the superintendent's contract for an additional year. The motion passed 6/1 with Ms. Dixon opposing.

Ms. Blackwell stated she appreciated the favorable evaluation of Dr. Morawski and his leadership.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and this meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Dee Blackwell, President

Dalton Person, Secretary