

**FORT SMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INITIAL CONTRACTS**

WHEREAS the Fort Smith School District Board of Education met in regular session the date of May 18, 2026. The meeting was open to the public and was conducted in the usual meeting place, the Service Center Auditorium, 3205 Jenny Lind Road, Fort Smith, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS ____ members were present, constituting a quorum for the conduct of legal business; and

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-620 and 6-17-301 authorize a school board to hire employees by written contract;

WHEREAS, Fort Smith Public Schools is committed to recruiting and hiring the best educational professionals;

WHEREAS, Offering prospective employees contracts in a timely manner is necessary to hire the highest quality employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Fort Smith Public Schools (the "Board"):

That the Superintendent may offer initial employment contracts individuals he/she wishes to employ;

That contracts offered by the Superintendent will be ratified by the Board at a regularly scheduled board meeting.

Adopted this the 18th day of May, 2026.

Superintendent of Schools

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education