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**Board of Education**

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**INFORMATION**

**TITLE:** Advisory Panel Report

**DATE:** October 15, 2018

**RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR:** Doug Brubaker, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

**BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:**

Board Policy GCQF, which was originally adopted in 1970 and last updated in 1987, includes a process that enables one or both teams involved in policy consultations (the Classroom Teachers Association, which has changed its name to Fort Smith Education Association or FSEA, and district leadership) to request a three-person advisory panel for policy proposals that were not approved by either party during consultations.

On June 25, 2018, in response to a request from the CTA/FSEA, the Board authorized the appointment of a three-person advisory panel to study a proposed policy. Consistent with the procedure outlined in Board Policy GCQF, the CTA/FSEA selected Lynn Pevehouse to serve as a member of the panel. District leadership selected Bonneville Elementary School Principal Sharla Whitson to serve as a member of this group. In compliance with GCQF, the CTA/FSEA and the district leadership jointly selected The Honorable Robert T. Dawson, Senior U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, as the third member of the committee and its chairperson.

The panel met on August 7 and August 10. On August 10, the panel recommended by a majority vote that the proposed policy not be adopted. District leadership and CTA/FSEA will continue dialogue about how existing processes outlined in policy can be used to address individual concerns.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This informational agenda item serves to record the results of this process. No action is necessary.