



Board of Education

Minutes of Work Session
The Board of Education

A Work Session of the Board of Education of Fort Smith Public Schools was held December 4, 2017, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Southside High School Cafeteria.

Board Members Present: Ms. Susan McFerran, Ms Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Ms. Talicia Richardson, Ms. Jeannie Cole, Mr. Bill Hanesworth, Mr. Greg Magness, and Mr. Wade Gilkey.

Administrators and Staff Present: Dr. Doug Brubaker, Superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Terry Morawski, Chief Operations Officer, Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Barry Owen, Chief Academic Officer, Ms. Zena Featherston Marshall, Executive Director of Communication and Community Partnerships, Mr. Martin Mahan, Executive Director of Human Resources, Mr. Darian Layes, Executive Director of Student Services, and Ms. Nadine Brooks, Secretary to the Superintendent's Office.

Ms. Susan McFerran, president, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Dr. Brubaker thanked the staff of Southside High School, Technology Department and other staff members for the setup for the work session. The Board plans to meet at other schools to give board members an opportunity to see facilities.

Vision 2023 STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Dr. Brubaker reported that the Vision 2023 Strategic Planning Team met earlier in the day on December 4 to hear the reports of the seven action teams and to review and/or revise the plan. The individual action plans were approved by the Vision 2023 Team and the administration will submit the entire strategic plan to the Board for consideration during its December 18 meeting.

MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS UPDATE

Dr. Brubaker reported that board members expressed interest in scheduling an opportunity to discuss mental health services as it relates to the district and the Fort Smith area. Dr. Brubaker reported that the Vision 2023 Strategic Planning team has identified wellness as one of seven areas of focus, and an action team has been working to develop strategies in this area. He reported that the Board will receive those recommendations as part of the draft Vision 2023 Strategic Plan.

Dr. Brubaker reported that the purpose of this agenda item is to gather more input about how to structure this meeting this spring. Mr. Gilkey stated that he would like to get all interested parties together to determine how to better serve students.

Dr. Brubaker reported that with the concern of funding cuts for day treatment, Perspectives Mental Health Management and Western Arkansas Counseling and Guidance Center are two

providers providing services through the spring, allowing the District planning time for fall. He reported that he had met with a group of specialists in mental health about the needs of students. Some of these same needs were discussed by the Strategic Planning Wellness Team as part of their presentation.

FACILITY ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Mr. Morawski introduced the two architecture firms, Corgan and Childers to present facilities assessment and observations. Steve Hulse, Corgan; Eric Horstman, Corgan; Graham Sharum, Childers; David Adams, HP Engineering were in attendance. Mr. Hulse of Corgan and Breck Childers of Childers provided an update about the process followed in assessing district buildings.

ADJOURN

The work session adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Following the work session, board members toured Southside High School with architects.