



Board of Education

Minutes of Called School Board Meeting The Board of Education

A Called School Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Fort Smith Public Schools was held March 2, 2020, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Service Center, Bldg B.

Mr. Bill Hanesworth, vice president, called the meeting to order. Other board members present were Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Mr. Greg Magness, Mr. Wade Gilkey, Ms. Jeannie Cole and Ms. Talicia Richardson. Ms. Susan McFerran was absent. Dr. Doug Brubaker, Superintendent, Dr. Terry Morawski, Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Martin Mahan, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Darian Layes, Executive Director of Student Services, Ms. Sheri Penix, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Campus Support, Mr. Vance Gregory, Executive Director of Technology, Ms. Zena Featherston Marshall, Executive Director of Communication and Community Partnerships, and Ms. Nadine Brooks, Secretary to the Superintendent were also present.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL GRANT AGREEMENT WITH GENE HAAS FOUNDATION

Dr. Brubaker reported that the Gene Haas Foundation is in the process of approving a \$1 million donation for a planned computer integrated machining lab within the PEAK Innovation Center, subject to the conditions detailed in the agreement presented for board approval.

Dr. Brubaker noted that the PEAK Innovation Center, the regional career and technology center, to open in the fall semester of 2021 as part of the District's Vision 2023 Capital Improvement Program has received the following donations, grants and commitments made in support of the PEAK Innovation Center.

- The donation of the PEAK Innovation Center site at the intersection of Painter Lane and Zero Street in Fort Smith by the Trust of William L. Hutcheson, Jr.
- A \$1.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration
- A \$750,000 grant from the Windgate Foundation to the Fort Smith Public Schools Foundation for innovative arts programming
- A \$2.1 million funding commitment from the Arkansas Office of Skills Development (OSD) for advanced manufacturing equipment

The administration's recommendation is to approve the agreement as presented.

Ms. Richard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gilkey, to approve the grant agreement as presented. The vote passed 6/0.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Susan McFerran, President

Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Secretary