



Board of Education

Minutes of
The Board of Education

A Regular School Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Fort Smith Public Schools was held Monday, September 23, 2024, 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

Mr. Dalton Person, president, called the meeting to order noting six board members were present. Other board members present were: Mr. Phil Whiteaker, Mr. Matt Blaylock, Ms. Susan Krafft, Ms. Lynnett Lott, and Ms. Talicia Richardson. Mr. Davin Chitwood was not present. District administrators present included: Dr. Terry Morawski, Superintendent; Mr. Martin Mahan, Deputy Superintendent; Dr. Chris Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Campus Support; Dr. Tiffany Bone, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Michael Farrell, Executive Director of Student Services; Mr. Shawn Shaffer, Executive Director of Facility Operations; Mr. Vance Gregory, Director of Technology; Ms. Zena Featherston Marshall, Executive Director, Community & Business Partnerships; and Ms. Leslie Phelps, Office Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. Mr. Marshall Ney of Friday, Eldridge, and Clark, District Attorney was also in attendance via Zoom.

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Mahan presented the following recognitions:

Northside High School teacher, Ms. Wendy Peer, was recognized for receiving the 2025 Travelers Award for Teaching Excellence from the National Education Association Foundation.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Morawski informed the board of several key events. The Leadership Fort Smith Education Day will be on October 10, 2024 and the next regularly scheduled board meeting is Monday, October 28, 2024. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the November board meeting will be held on November 18, 2024.

Dr. Morawski notified the board there was an item in the consent agenda concerning the approval of raising the adult meal prices to meet state compliance for minimum prices. The meal prices for breakfast was raised \$0.50 to \$3.00 and lunch for adults increased \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Dr. Morawski's Good Things Going on in the District included: Rajaa Kaddoura, MacKenzie Settlege, and Jiya Shah were recognized for being Southside High School National Merit Semifinalists; Northside High School was awarded the 2023-2024 6A Sportsmanship Award; the 2nd annual Celebration for Community Connections was a huge success, the pregame of the Battle of Rogers Avenue recognized Fort Smith as a Great American Defense Community; nominated by her student, Ava Rodriguez, Ms. Camille Monchamp was recognized as Teacher of the Week in *The Week Junior* national magazine; Congratulations to this month's Superintendent's Stars: Vivian Rhude from Barling Elementary, Ivan Solis from Cook Elementary, Bristol White from Woods Elementary, Hanan Hafeed from Beard Elementary, Richard

Denniston from Cavanaugh Elementary, Weston Cournyer from Orr Elementary, Cataleya Perlera from Bonneville Elementary, Rhett Oliver from Euper Lane Elementary, and Laila Parks from Carnall Elementary.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included the July and August Financial Report, August 26 Minutes, September Professional Staff Recommendations, August Student Services Report, the Community Service Learning Partner Site Applications, approving the child nutrition adult meal prices for 2024-2025, an ethics disclosure resolution, and selection of the superintendent as ex-officio financial secretary.

Mr. Blaylock requested that item number 8.5, Community Service Learning Partner Site Applications, be removed for individual consideration.

Ms. Richardson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Krafft, to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the Community Service Learning Partner Site Applications. The vote passed 6-0.

Mr. Blaylock requested more information regarding the address and hours of operation of the partner site application that was submitted for Arkansas United. The address was listed as a Fayetteville, Arkansas address. The applications for Arkansas United, Sandlot Fall Baseball League, and Reconcile Church were all pulled for having an address outside of the City of Fort Smith.

Mr. Whiteaker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lott, to table item number 8.5 Community Service Learning Partner Site Applications for Sandlot Fall Baseball League, Reconcile Church, and Arkansas United partner site application. The vote passed 6-0.

Mr. Whiteaker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Richardson, to approve the remaining Community Service Learning Partner Site applications as presented. The vote passed 6-0.

PRESENTAITON – ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. Bone presented data gathered during the Curriculum Management Solutions Incorporated audit of the District’s curriculum systems. The students work was collected and analyzed using seventy-three artifacts in math and sixty-nine artifacts for English language arts. The work was analyzed in three areas: content, context, and cognitive demand.

This is a presentation item. No action is required.

BOARD MEMBERS FORUM

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, October 28, 2024.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Dalton Person, President

Davin Chitwood, Secretary