



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, November 14, 2022, 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

Ms. Blackwell, president, called the meeting to order noting seven board members were present. Other board members present were: Ms. Talicia Richardson, Mr. Dalton Person, Mr. Matt Blaylock, Mr. Davin Chitwood, Ms. Sandy Dixon and Mr. Phil Whiteaker. 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. Vance Gregory, Director of Technology; Mr. Shawn Shaffer, Executive Director of Facility Operations; Ms. Shari Cooper, Director, Communications; 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.

The mission statement was followed by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Cooper presented the following recognitions.

November Superintendent Star Awards

Isaiah Al-Shabeeb – Beard Elementary
Amdyn Cortez – Carnall Elementary
Hayes McNew – Woods Elementary
Celeste Parra – Euper Lane Elementary
Addy Plymale – Cavanaugh Elementary
Alicen Treadaway – Cook Elementary
Elizabeth Villa Guzman – Orr Elementary
Kaitlyn West – Barling Elementary

OG&E ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Eddie Lee and Ms. Carrie Terry presented a pledge of \$500,000 from the OG&E Energy Corporation Foundation for the Live Safely Program at the Peak Innovation Center.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Ms. Kayla Henderson spoke regarding bullying.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Morawski gave his Good Things Going on in the District report.

Dr. Morawski reported an update on the Peak Center drainage and parking will be given at the December board meeting.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Ms. Blackwell will not be able to attend the December 2022 meeting and requested that the Continuous Improvement update and District Attendance Zone presentation be moved to January. The Board agreed to move these items to the January meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included October 24 Minutes, November Professional Staff Recommendations, and the November Student Services Report.

Ms. Richardson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dixon, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote passed 7/0.

CONSIDER NAMING A LEGISLATIVE LIAISON FOR ASBA

Dr. Morawski reported that ASBA requests the school board designate a board member to serve as a legislative liaison during the Arkansas General Assembly set to convene in January 2023.

Ms. Richardson stated that she would be interested in serving in this role.

Ms. Blackwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteaker, to designate Ms. Richardson as the legislative liaison to serve during the 2023 legislative session. The vote passed 7/0.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE DONATION OF A MOVABLE BUILDING

The District was approached by the county to allocate one of the District's surplus movable buildings to establish a sobering center.

Mr. Person made a motion, seconded by Ms. Richardson, to approve the allocation of the movable building to the Sebastian County Quorum Court and the Fort Smith Police Department. The vote passed 7/0.

PRESENTATION - ESSA INDEX AND CURRICULUM AUDIT

Dr. Minton explained how ESSA Index scores are calculated and what the Index grades are for each school. Dr. Minton reported that our District's grades reflected the same pattern as all District's in the state.

Dr. Minton reported that each school developed their own school improvement plan. These plans are unique to each school and was developed by building leaders and teacher teams. These plans help develop goals and set forth actions to reach those goals.

Dr. Bone presented an overview of the curriculum audit, the audit findings, and a plan of action including updated school improvement plans.

This was a presentation item and did not require action.

CONSIDER APPROVING AMENDED SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Mr. Person made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteaker, to approve the amended school improvement plans for the 2022-2023 school year. The vote passed 7/0.

BOARD MEMBERS FORUM

Mr. Person suggested in the event of a snow day that the District have one true snow day without curriculum. This may be looked at for next school year.

Ms. Richardson inquired about the possibility of working with student councils at the schools to get their opinion on an anti-bullying campaign.

Mr. Blaylock requested clarification on staff members that are considered certified concerning the retention bonus that is to be paid out in December.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Talicia Richardson, Vice President

Dalton Person, Secretary