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## Board of Education

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Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting  
The Board of Education

A Regular School Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Fort Smith Public Schools was held May 20, 2019, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Service Center, Bldg B.

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

A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. McFerran read the mission statement.

### **CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION**

There was no one present for Citizens' Participation

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Brubaker reported that there would be no recognitions due to schools closed because of the tornado damage from the weekend.

### **Professional Staff Recommendations**

Dr. Brubaker yielded to Mr. Mahan to present the professional staff recommendations.

### **Professional Staff Recommendations**

#### **Resignations**

##### **Certified**

Harwell, Michael

Cochenour, Jessica

Eveld, Donald

Grosskreuz, Leica

Kasworm, Cheyenne

Roller, Sarah  
Hornung, Benjamin  
Shankle, Kary  
Giberson, Angela  
Zieger, Nancy  
Kelton, Tara  
French, Ashley  
Body, Mikal  
Fry, Brian  
Vearrier, Jessica

Classified

Brown, Amanda  
Hernandez, Alaina  
White, Cornelia

**Retirements**

Certified

Karnes, Mary

Classified

Ta, Tan  
Davis, Margaret

Ms. Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Richardson, to accept the recommendations for resignations and retirements as presented. The vote passed 6/0.

**Employment**

Certified

Gonzalez, Blanca  
Richardson, Matthew  
Smith, Jordan  
Hightower-Wilson, Tyler  
Nye, Kimberly  
Meyers, Kate  
Washington, Timothy  
Piepiora, Kaitlynne  
Lindgren, Arista  
Pope, Ashley  
Roberts, Amy  
Kupers, Sherry  
Sizemore, Jessica

Classified

English, Walker  
Cobb, Elberta BJ  
Waterbury, Dominique  
Axume, Rolando  
Orellana, Nancy

Mr. Gilkey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Magness, to approve the recommendations for employment as presented. The vote passed 6/0.

**Leaves of Absence**

Certified

Heath, Kimberly

Classified

None

Mr. Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Richardson, to approve the recommendation for leave of absence as presented. The vote passed 6/0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda included the minutes of the April 22 Regular School Board Meeting and May 6 Work Session, April Financial Report, May Student Services Report, approval of Continued Parents as Teachers Partnership with the United Way of Fort Smith, Master Facilities Plan Resolution, Adoption of Student Related Policy Changes for Second Reading – Section 4 Updated with Changes, approval of 2019-2020 Board of Education Meeting Schedule, and Special Education Statements of Intent for 2019-2020.

Mr. Bill Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Richardson, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote passed 6/0.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BID FOR SECURITY PACKAGE ONE**

Dr. Morawski reported that the first four schools selected to receive secure vestibules as Millage 2018 security projects were Cavanaugh, Fairview, Spradling, and Sunnymede. The process included: the bid was advertised March 31, 2019; a mandatory pre-bid meeting was held for contractors on April 9, 2019; and bids were opened on April 16, 2019. Five bids were received for the security package ranging from \$521,675 to \$894,000. Wear Construction of Fort Smith was the lowest responsible bidder.

Dr. Morawski reported that the Administration recommended the Board of Education award the bid of Security Package Number One to Wear Construction and authorize the Administration to execute a construction contract for this project.

Mr. Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin to accept the bid of \$521,675 from Wear Construction for Security Package Number One and authorize the Administration to execute a construction contract for this project. The vote passed 6/0.

**CONSIDER BID APPROVAL PROCESS FOR MORRISON ELEMENTARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Dr. Morawski reported that the first of four elementary school renovation projects to be completed as a Millage 2018 project will be at Morrison Elementary. Dr. Morawski reported that in order to start the project in time, the District is requesting approval from the board to award the project to the lowest responsible bidder as received according to the below schedule. After bids are received, the District would then execute a contract with the lowest responsible bidder enabling the construction firm to begin work as soon as school is out by June 1, 2019.

Date	Morrison ES Construction Bid Schedule
May 12, 2019	Bid Advertised
May 20, 2019	Mandatory Contractor Pre-Bid Meeting
<i>May 20, 2019</i>	<i>Board Considers Bid Approval Process</i>
May 23, 2019	Bid Opening
May 23 - June 1, 2019	Contract Executed/Notice to Proceed Issued

Dr. Morawski reported that the Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to accept the lowest responsible bid for the Morrison Elementary construction project, provided it is within a projected cost not to exceed \$2.5 million, and thereafter to proceed with the execution of a construction contract in a form approved by legal counsel.

Mr. Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Richardson to authorize the Superintendent to accept the lowest responsible bid for the Morrison Elementary construction project, provided it was within a projected cost not to exceed \$2.5 million, and thereafter to proceed with the execution of a construction contract in a form approved by legal counsel. The vote passed 6/0.

**CONSIDER ACCEPTING BID FOR \$8,030,000 REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2019**

Mr. Warren reported that bids were received on May 13, 2019 on the Refunding Bond Issue which the Board authorized in April. The bids were in line with projections. The winning bid produced an actual savings of \$739,059.38 of the life of the bond. Specifically, the bond

payment savings will be \$455,038.08 in 2019-2020 with another savings of \$239,588.76 in the 2020-2021 year.

Mr. Warren reported that Mr. Kevin Faight, Senior VP with Stephens Inc., provided summary documents and the required resolutions for consideration and adoption.

Mr. Warren reported that the Administration's recommendation is that the Board accept the bid from Ross, Sinclair & Associates, LLC for the Refunding Bonds, Series 2019 bond issue of \$8,030,000.

Mr. Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greg Magness, to approve the resolution to issue the Refunding Bonds, Series 2019 for \$8,030,000. The vote passed 6/0.

### **BOARD MEMBERS FORUM**

Ms. McFerran reflected on the many good things that have happened for the District in the past year since the millage passed a year ago, noting the support from community and staff.

Mr. Hanesworth commended the people that graduated through the Adult Education Center recently.

Mr. Gilkey expressed excitement for what the Career Technology Center will bring to the district and community.

### **ADJOURN**

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

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Susan McFerran, President

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Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Secretary