

Regular School Board Meeting
March 27 2017
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Dr. Deanie Mehl, president, called the meeting to order. Other Board members present were, Mr. Bill Hanesworth, Ms. Jeannie Cole, Mr. Wade Gilkey and Ms. Susan McFerran. Ms. Talicia Richardson and Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin were absent. Dr. Doug Brubaker, Superintendent, Dr. Gordon Floyd, Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Annette Henderson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Support Services, Dr. Barry Owen, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services, Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Darian Layes, Director of Student Services, Mr. Dennis Siebenmorgen, Director of Buildings and Grounds, Ms. Zena Featherston Marshall, Director of Communication and Community Partnerships and Ms. Nadine Brooks, Secretary to the Superintendent were present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and Mr. Charles Warrenin gave the Invocation.

The consent agenda included the minutes of the February 20 Regular School Board Meeting and the February 23 Called School Board Meeting, the February Financial Report, and the March Student Services Report. Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bill Hanesworth, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote passed 5/0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:

Dr. Doug Brubaker yielded to Dr. Annette Henderson to review the professional staff recommendations.

Resignations

Thrift, David

Retirements

Field, Regina

Willis, Diane

Spicer, Bill

Mr. Bill Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Susan McFerran, to approve the resignations and retirements. The vote passed 5/0.

Recommendations for Employment

Gillman, Clint

Brewer, Grant

Dawson, Elizabeth

Belcher, Jennifer

Cole, Mackenzie

Curd, Mary

Leachman, Kelsey

Pierson, Nita

Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bill Hanesworth, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote passed 5/0.

Dr. Brubaker and Dr. Mehl recognized the following students and staff:

Emily Bieker (Beek-er) of Southside qualified as the Principal Violin (First Chair) in All-State Orchestra. Ian d'Aquin of Southside High School earned First Chair, Alto Clarinet, All-State Band. Hannah Fingerhut from Southside earned, First Chair, Alto Saxophone, All-State Band. Cameron Law from Southside is the 2017 First Chair, Second Tenor in the All-State Choir. Jacob Martin was awarded First Chair in Bassoon. Alexandra Salamone of Southside High School won the top spot in the All-State Choir as the First Chair, First Soprano. Raul Ortiz of Northside earned First Chair, Tenor Trombone, in All-State Band.

Chaffin Junior High School Honor Band, directed by Teresa Segress, was selected to play as an Honor Band at the All-State Band Clinic. They were the first ninth grade band invited to perform. Ramsey Junior High choirs, directed by Keith Reeves, were exclusively selected to perform at the 2017 All-State Choir Clinic. Under the direction, of Sean Carrier, Southside High School Bands was selected to play at the 2017 National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana.

In individual recognitions, Ben Keating was selected as First Trumpet in the National Youth Honors Orchestra and has been recently recognized by the International Trumpet Guild with the Guild's Young Artist Award. Sean Carrier was also selected to represent Arkansas in 50 Band Directors Who Make a Difference, published by School Band and Orchestra Magazine.

Haris Rana of Chaffin Junior High was recognized for winning the Arkansas Spelling Bee after almost four hours and 15 rounds of competition. He competed against approximately 60 elementary and middle school students. He will represent Arkansas at the 90th Scripps National Spelling Bee which will take place in Washington D.C. May 28th - June 4th.

Ramsey Junior High Quiz Bowl Team won the Red Bracket Championship at the 2017 Arkansas Governor's Quiz Bowl Association's 7A State Competition. The advisors are Teresa Freeman and Gia Bethel. Team members include: Brooklyn Ray, Sarah Long, Cohen Scoggins, Matthew Alt, Anthony Pham, Kadin Hyatt, Megan Taylor, Theavan Saitang, Will Stewart, Rafe Whilwhite, Abby Spiotto, Lauren Roughley, Ellia Crase, Micah Alt, Hannah Owens, and Cayton Riggs. Chaffin Junior High Quiz Bowl Team won the Blue Bracket Championship at the 2017 Arkansas Governor's Quiz Bowl Association's 7A State Competition. The 24-student team will compete in national Quiz Bowl championships May 31 - June 5 in Washington D.C. The team's advisor is Amy Markham. Team members include: Seth Geoates, Mahdir Anower, Lucas Teoh, Leyton Elmore, Haris Rana, Garrett Locknar, Luke Stouffer, Zach Bean, Ashton Bailey, Sam Hansson, Gabe Davis, Anna Tilley, Kenneth Clardy, Josh Waack, Jack Minnick, Jackson Wolchied, Slate Stanton, Izabel Collins, Myriam Rodas, Tran Nguyen, Lilly Smith, Kate Keyser, Vivian Apple and Noah Risley.

Mahdir Anower, was also named the Top Scoring Player in the State at the Tournament.

Southside High School's Thespian Troupe competed in the AR State Thespian Festival in Jonesboro on February 10. Two groups claimed First Place in their categories: Kylee Hancock and Mallory Koenigseder earned First Place in Prop Shift. Joey Deschryver, Emilee Dewett, Deven Long and Bethany Koprovic received First Place in Drop Fold. Their sponsor is Amy Pumphrey.

Southside and Northside High Schools competed in a variety of business and marketing related contests March 5-6 during the Arkansas DECA Conference in Little Rock. Southside High School is the largest DECA chapter in Arkansas with 228 members. 92 percent of the 40 member team earned positions in finals competition. There are Southside High School's first place recipients: Holly Bissell won First Place in Restaurant Food Service Management. Callie Gibbs brought home First Place in Hospitality & Tourism Professional Selling. Jack Johns earned First Place in Professional Selling. Jaylin Brewer, Jenny Iraheta, and Emily Lopez received First Place with their Financial Literacy Promotion Project.

Southside High School DECA Advisor Adina Boatright was named Marketing Teacher of the Year and Outstanding DECA Advisor at the Arkansas DECA Conference.

Northside's Grizzly Gear earned a fifth consecutive Gold Level Certification with a perfect score. Jordan Myers worked on the certification along with her advisors Cee Cee Hollimon and Melinda Briscoe.

Northside High School business and marketing students Matheson Ladd and Austyn O'Connell won First Place in Community Service Project. Jenny Craig is their advisor.

Ms. Craig teaches Marketing at Northside but as the Arkansas Association of Marketing Education Teachers President, presented Martin Mahan and Stephanie Freeman with awards given by AAMET (Arkansas Association of Marketing Education Teachers). Stephanie Freeman earned the Marketing Division ACTE (AR Association for Career and Technical Education) Career Guidance Award. Martin Mahan was named the Marketing Division ACTE Administrator of the Year.

The 2017 American Legion state Rifle Match was held in North Little Rock on March 11. Fort Smith Public Schools JROTC Precision Rifle Team won first place honors in the contest. This is the program's 15th State Championship. The team includes: Denise Quirarte, Javier Mendez, Kimberly Sandoval, and Eboni Robinson. Denise Quirarte was recognized as the state's Top Shooter. Advisors are Jason Meharg, LTC. Ret. and Seane Fry, 1SG, Ret.

The Northside Basketball Team was recognized as the 2017 7A State Champions. Team Members include: Jeremiah Watson, Tevin Brewer, Tre Norwood, De'Michael Whitfield, Isaiah Joe, Gary Johnson, Kourtland Mondier, Javion Perkins, Daniel Myers, Kentrell Jacobs, Kendall Myers, Tyrell Perry, Jackson Forsey, Kwashea Taylor and Stevie Young. Managers include: Ladajia Coleman, David Myers, Peyton Carver, and Kedrick Thomas.

Tre Norwood, Isaiah Joe and Tevin Brewer were named to the 7A State Tournament All-Tournament Team

Tevin Brewer was named as the Tournament MVP and honored as the Division 1 Player of the Year by Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette. Tevin was also named to the Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette First Team and to the Central Arkansas Democrat Gazette First Team. These “First Teams” represent the top five players in these regions of the Democrat Gazette readership.

Isaiah Joe was named to the Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette First Team

Tevin Brewer and Isaiah Joe were both named 2017 Arkansas Activities Association All-State Players

Eric Burnett was named as the Division 1 Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette Coach of the Year. The team is coached by Eric Burnett, Matt Mondier and Greg Scott.

Dr. Brubaker introduced and recognized March Board Spotlight Teacher. Ms. Michelle Henslee who is a veteran elementary teacher. Ms. Henslee discussed using multi-disciplinary units to teach her students.

Following the Spotlight Teacher, Dr. Brubaker introduced Dr. Annette Henderson, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Support Services, and Ms. Sherri Penix, Human Resources Supervisor who made a brief presentation on Minority Recruitment and Staffing.

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE REPORT:

Elementary Science Textbook Adoptions

Ms. Jeannie Cole reported that the Elementary Science Textbook Committee has reviewed and made recommendations for texts which include digital access and online resources. The science adoption is a result of Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for Arkansas. The Committee recommended vendors McGraw Hill for K-5 and Discovery Education for Grade 6. Both vendors follow NGSS standards. Ms. Cole made a committee motion to adopt the Elementary Science Textbook committee’s recommendation of these two vendors. The motion passed 5/0.

Secondary Textbook Adoptions

Ms. Jeannie Cole reported that the Career and Technical Education Committee reviewed more than 40 textbooks and online resources for adoption in various courses. The committee recommended B.E. Publishing, Cengage, G-W Publishers, McGraw Hill, Pearson, AppCoda, Codesters and Goodheart Willcox. Ms. Cole made a committee motion to accept the committee’s recommendation. The vote passed 5/0.

Ethics Disclosures

Ms. Susan McFerran made a motion seconded by Mr. Bill Hanesworth to waive the formal reading of the resolution. The motion passed 5/0. Ms. McFerran presented an ethics disclosure resolution for FSPS employees Rachel Foster and Jonathan Foster. They own Foster's Sports and wish to do business with the District. Ms. McFerran made a committee motion to approve the resolution as presented. The motion passed 5/0.

Arkansas School Boards Association (ASBA) School Board Policy Services

Dr. Brubaker presented the ASBA School Board Policy Service contract which provides model Board of Education policies. Dr. Brubaker stated that some of the District's policies have been in place for many years. He added that the State's legislative sessions often results in new laws each year, and it is important that policies reflect these new laws. Mr. Wade Gilkey made a committee motion to approve the ASBA School Board Policy Service as presented. The vote passed 5/0.

BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. McFerran praised the many recognitions of students and staff this evening. Dr. Mehl praised that the confidence demonstrated by the NHS basketball team. Dr. Mehl also noted that Ms. Talicia Richardson and Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin were absent because they were attending the National School Boards Conference. Ms. Jeannie Cole urged Board members to call legislators on bills affecting education.

**CITIZENS
PARTICIPATION:**

Dr. Deanie Mehl reported that two individuals made request to participate in Citizen's Participation. Each were allowed 7.5 minutes. Ms. Daphne Dahlem spoke about Dixie Belle bags sold at the Southside Rebel Auction. Ms. Dahlem asked that the Board and District provide a statement and protocol for expenses. Dr. Brubaker stated that the District is reviewing this matter. Dr. Mehl noted the Board will review this matter by the end of the school year.

Mr. Greg Murray addressed the Board about Policy GBG which prohibits distribution of political material in the schools. He objects to the CTA's promotion of particular school board candidates in the 2016 School Board campaign and flyers that were placed in school mailboxes. He believes that the matter was not addressed. Dr. Brubaker indicated that he will look into it. Mr. Bill Hanesworth and Dr. Mehl stated that they understand that the administration had addressed the matter.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Bill Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade Gilkey to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Deanie Mehl, President

Bill Hanesworth, Secretary