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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 February 26, 2018, 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. Greg Magness, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Ms. Jeannie Cole, Ms. Talicia Richardson, Mr. Wade Gilkey and Mr. Bill Hanesworth. Dr. Doug Brubaker, Superintendent, Dr. Terry Morawski, Chief Operations Officer, Dr. Barry Owen, Chief Academic Officer, Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Zena Featherston Marshall, Executive Director of Communication and Community Partnerships, Mr. Martin Mahan, Executive Director of Human Resources, Mr. Darian Layes, Executive Director of Student Services and Ms. Nadine Brooks, Secretary to the Superintendent were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Dr. Barry Owen gave the Invocation.

The consent agenda included the minutes of the January Regular School Board Meeting, the January Financial Report, and February Student Services Report. Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bill Hanesworth, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The vote passed 7/0.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

#### **Professional Staff Recommendations**

##### Resignations

Willard, Lacie  
Rosar, Mary F.  
Lane, Greta  
Blymiller, Jonathan  
Cole, Emilee  
Lauver, Maxine "Annette"  
Mastin, Courtney  
McClure, Kristen

Smith, Danna  
Cassat, Amanda

Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bill Hanesworth, to approve the resignations. The vote passed 7/0.

#### Retirements

Davis, Judy  
Sikes, Nancy  
Floyd, Dr. Gordon  
Holder, Susan  
Been, Kimberly  
Getz, Maryann  
Becker, Bill  
Davidson, Sharee  
Frye, Kara  
Smyth, Deborah  
Hall, Audrey  
Henry, Barry  
Bell, Yolanda  
Bossarte, Barbara  
Clutts, Gayle  
Frazier, Rachel  
Emmert, Jerri  
Lowrance, Judy

Ms. Talicia Richardson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeannie Cole, to approve the retirements. The vote passed 7/0.

#### Recommendation for Employment

Treadway, Tammy

Ms. Jeannie Cole made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bill Hanesworth, to approve the recommendations for employment. The vote passed 7/0.

#### Leave of Absence

Heath, Kimberly

Mr. Bill Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Talicia Richardson, to approve the leave of absence. The vote passed 7/0.

### Recognitions

Dr. Brubaker, Ms. McFerran, and Ms. Cole recognized the following students.

February Superintendent Star Awards: Fayedra Barber, sixth-grader at Tilles Elementary, Maylea Burton, sixth-grader at Barling Elementary, Tatyana House, sixth-grader at Fairview Elementary, Imani Justice, second-grader at Beard Elementary, Camdyn Reichert, fourth-grader at Cavanaugh Elementary, King Robertson, fourth-grader at Sunnymede Elementary, Dakota Sharum, third-grader at Ballman Elementary, Devin Truong, sixth-grader at Orr Elementary

### **PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS' COMMITTEE PROPOSAL**

Ms. McFerran reported that since January 11 of this year, a Citizens Committee made up of 57 community members has invested over 900 hours during five meetings in the development of a millage proposal based on the Vision 2023 Strategic Plan that was approved by the Board in December. Ms. McFerran introduced Chairman Jason Green, ABB/Baldor Vice President for Human Resources. Mr. Green reported that the committee studied a set of 65 projects valued at \$658 million or 41.2 mills. On February 8, the Citizens Committee recommended a millage increase based on a prioritized list of approximately \$120 million (6.888 mills) of the district's greatest needs. Board members expressed great concern for safety based on recent school shootings and directed administration to place safety in the schools as first priority. Adding additional safety resource officers is one of the safety measures discussed to move forward with. After discussion, the administration was directed to review and scale the proposed 6.888 further by securing a lower interest rate, remove staffing, and developing a proposal to add more SROs to the district. The presentation came with no recommendation for action.

### **REVIEW TIMELINES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR A 2018 MILLAGE REFERENDUM**

Mr. Warren reported that the proposed budget will be prepared by Stephens Inc. He provided a draft proposed budget for 2018/2019 and a timeline of events pertaining to the election. Mr. Warren stated that the School Board will be asked at a March date to approve a resolution adopting a proposed budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020 to be published in a newspaper at least sixty days from the election date and no later than March 23. This item was informational and comes with no recommendation for action.

### **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ARKANSAS DIVISION OF ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION 2018 MASTER PLAN AND PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION RESOLUTIONS**

Dr. Morawski reported that every two years, school districts in Arkansas are required to submit an updated Master Facilities Plan to the Arkansas Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation. The district is not obligated to complete projects listed in the Master Facilities Plan. Dr. Morawski noted that a public hearing to receive comments on the Master

Facilities Plan was held on February 22 at 5 p.m. at the Service Center. This public hearing was advertised in local media, as well as on the district's web page and social media. If approved, the signed Board Resolution will be submitted to the Arkansas Division with the 2018 Partnership Applications. The administration recommends the Board adopt the 2018 Master Facilities Plan. Ms. Talicia Richardson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade Gilkey, to approve the Arkansas Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation 2018 Master Facilities Plan resolution. The vote for approval was 7/0.

Dr. Morawski reported that the administration also recommends the Board approve the resolution in support of the State Partnership Application. He noted that the application represents the 9<sup>th</sup> grade classroom additions. Ms. Richardson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wade Gilkey, to approve the submission of the 2018 Partnership Project Application Resolution. The vote passed 7/0.

### **CONSIDER SCHEDULING A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 12, 2018**

Dr. Brubaker said that a vote is not required to schedule a special board meeting. In the interest of transparency, he asked that the Board consider scheduling a special Board meeting on March 12. If the board chooses to place a millage referendum on the May 22 ballot, the proposed budget must be published sixty days prior to May 22. Sixty days prior to May 22 is March 23. The March regular board meeting is scheduled for March 26, which will be past the deadline for adopting a resolution and publishing the proposed budget as required to place a millage referendum on the May 22 ballot. A special board meeting provides an opportunity for the Board to approve a resolution and authorize publication of the proposed budget prior to the March 23 deadline. The Administration recommends that a special board meeting be called on March 12, 2018 in order to provide the Board with an opportunity to call a millage election if it chooses to do so with sufficient time remaining to publish the proposed budget as required by law. Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bill Hanesworth, to schedule a special board meeting on March 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Building B of the FSPS Service Center. The vote passed 7/0.

### **BOARD MEMBERS FORUM**

Ms. Cole reported on attending the NSBA Advocacy Institute in early February and meeting with the U.S. senators and representatives discussing various educational issues.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

There was no one present for Citizens Participation.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Susan McFerran, President

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Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Secretary