



Board of Education

Minutes of The Board of Education

A Called Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Fort Smith Public Schools was held Tuesday, November 10, 2020, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Service Center, Bldg B., 3205 Jenny Lind, P.O. Box 1948, Fort Smith, AR 72901.

Mr. Bill Hanesworth, president, called the meeting to order. Other board members present were Ms. Susan McFerran, Ms. and Mr. Wade Gilkey, Talicia Richardson, Mr. Dalton Person, Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin and Ms. Dee Blackwell. . Dr. Terry Morawski, Deputy Superintendent, Ms. Zena Featherston Marshall, Executive Director of Communication and Community Partnerships and Ms. Nadine Brooks, Secretary to the Superintendent were also present.

At 7:05, Mr. Hanesworth announced that the board members would go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Dr. Morawski joined the board in executive session at 8:37 p.m. Dr. Morawski left executive session at 9:10 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 9:35 p.m.

Ms. Richardson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin, to approve a mutual termination of Dr. Brubaker's contract effective December 31, 2020, conditioned upon him receiving a contract from Texarkana School District. The vote passed 7/0.

Ms. McFerran made a motion, seconded by Ms. Richardson, to approve the promotion of Dr. Morawski to the position of superintendent as of January 4, 2021 and negotiate said contract. The vote passed 7/0.

Mr. Person stated that he felt that the board had a really good discussion and that he's excited about where the District is headed. He commended the District administrative staff and stated that he was happy that the board was able to show faith in Dr. Morawski by promoting from within the District.

Ms. McFerran congratulated Dr. Morawski and stated that she was proud to have him as the next superintendent.

Ms. Richardson thanked Dr. Brubaker for establishing a team that allowed them to flourish under his leadership. She thanked the community for their continuing support of this administration and the wonderful things that will come forth with Dr. Morawski's leadership.

Dr. Morawski stated that he was humbled, honored and excited to be the superintendent of an excellent school district.

Mr. Hanesworth thanked Dr. Brubaker and wished him well in his new assignment. He stated that he was leaving the District in good standing and set the District on a good path. He congratulated Dr. Morawski.

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There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Bill Hanesworth, President

Dee Blackwell, Secretary