



Board of Education

Minutes of Called School Board Meeting The Board of Education

A Called School Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Fort Smith Public Schools was held March 11, 2019, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Kimmons Junior High School Cafeteria, 2201 N. 50th Street, Fort Smith AR

Ms. Susan McFerran, president, called the meeting to order. Other board members present were Ms. Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Mr. Greg Magness, Mr. Bill Hanesworth, Ms. Jeannie Cole and Ms. Talicia Richardson. Mr. Wade Gilkey 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, Ms. Zena Featherston Marshall, Executive Director of Communication and Community Partnerships, Mr. Darian Layes, Executive Director of Student Services 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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Recognitions

The Northside High School JROTC Team won their 17th State American Legion Rifle Championship in 19 years. Team members are: Jackie Pham, Koi Hampton, Johnny Chiamsachang, Christa Head and Oneida Ibarra earned the State Championship title in the Precision Class on Saturday March 9, 2019. Janet Phommaha, Jaylin Do, Alaysia Vongkhamchanh and Tina Tran earned the State Championship title in the Sporter Division on the same day. They are advised by Steve Lowdermilk.

The Northside Lady Bears won the 2019 State 6A Girls Championship Game. Jersey Wolfenbarger was named the tournament's Girls 6A Most Valuable Player. The Lady Bears team members are Eriel West, Jersey Wolfenbarger, Deairah Mays, Tamia Knauls, Avery Shelly, Laila Reese, Jalyn Ford, Tracey Bershers, Tiay Douglas, Kayla Flemming, Sara Bershers, Quineisha Tillery, Jazzlyn Coleman, Matia Stewart, Jashanti Cherry, Ashantay Dotson, Lakailah Howard, Abby Hunter, Ilesha Tillery and Lydia Reith. The Lady Bears are coached by Rickey Smith, with assistant coaches Scott Thompson, Randa Grant, Merrill Mankin and Conner Whitson. Managers are Aja Ford and Ashantay Dotson. Student Trainers are Kyeshia Weston and Kayla Jenkins.

The Northside Grizzlies secured the 2019 State 6A Boys Championship, led by Jaylin Williams who was named the tournament's 6A Boys Most Valuable player. Grizzly team members are Semonte Henderson, Derrick Perry, Jermualle Norwood, Noah Gordon, Javion Releford, Jacob Joe, Jan Miranda, Jajuan Thorne, Chris Poullard, Jordon Wright, Jaylin Williams, Evan Walker and Braylin McKinley. Grizzly Head Coach is Eric Burnett, with assistant coaches Nick Yarbrough and Greg Scott. Managers are Bryan Cerda and Zaqarre Releford.

UAFS Student Teaching/Internship Pilot Program

Dr. Brubaker reported that a waiver was being requested from the State Board of Education on March 14 in support of a partnership between the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith and the Fort Smith Public School District related to student teaching/internships. He introduced Dr. Monica Riley, Interim Executive Director-School of Education, College of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics, and Mr. Ron Orick, Executive Director of Career Services. Dr. Brubaker reported that FSPS has agreed to partner with the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith to pilot a program designed to promote teacher recruitment and retention. If the waiver is approved, the district will pay a stipend to two teacher interns while extending their internships to a full year. The scope of the pilot is two teacher interns and a certified FSPS supervisor. Mr. Mahan and Dr. Riley responded to questions from board members about the program. Board members expressed support for the program. This was an informational agenda item.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Teacher Lynn Pevehouse spoke to the Board about concerns with the UAFS Student Teaching Internship Pilot Program Waiver Request.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REQUIRED FOR CLOSING ON DONATED CTC SITE

Dr. Morawski reported that at its February 25 regular meeting, the Board accepted the donation of a building and site for the District's new Career and Technology Center (CTC). He reported that a resolution approved by the Board is required to complete the process of closing on the property. Mr. Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Magness, to adopt the resolution required for closing on donated CTC site. The vote passed 6/0.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RELEASE OF LAND AT FORT CHAFFEE DESIGNATED IN 2010 FOR USE BY FSPS AS A SECONDARY SCHOOL SITE

Dr. Brubaker reported that at its February 25 regular meeting, the Board accepted the donation of a building and site for the District's new Career and Technology Center (CTC). This new site will provide focused education and training in specialty areas. In terms of its value, this contribution is an investment in the CTC that far exceeds the \$3 million budgeted for site acquisition as part of the Vision 2023 Capital Improvement Plan. Dr. Brubaker reported that in 2010, the Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Authority (FCRA) designated a different, 80-acre site for

a secondary school. The parcel of land is at the intersection of Wells Lake Road and Zero Street. The Wells Lake Road site has not been conveyed to the school district but remains designated for use as a location for an FSPS secondary school. This designation expires in 2020. The District does not plan at this time to build a secondary school on this parcel of land within the next year. In order to facilitate continued development of the Chaffee area, the FCRA has requested that the District consider formally notifying whether it intends to utilize the Wells Lake property for its designated use during the time frame allowed. Mr. Hanesworth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Keaton-Martin, to adopt the resolution regarding the release of land at Wells Lake Road and Zero Street that was originally designated for use by Fort Smith Public Schools as a secondary school site. The vote passed 6/0.

PRESENTATION - CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION UPDATE

Dr. Ginni McDonald presented the key components of the mission of the District's new Career and Technology Center (CTC) as to the expansion of career pathways within the science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) disciplines. Dr. McDonald described how business leaders, students, educators, and parents are working collaboratively to develop these pathways. This was an informational agenda item.

PRESENTATION - VISION 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Dr. Morawski, Mr. Bill Hollenbeck, Mr. Jay Kirkpatrick, Hoar Program Management (HPM) and Mr. Eric Horstman, Corgan Architects presented an update on Vision 2023 Capital Improvements to Ramsey Junior High School and Northside High School. Dr. Morawski reported that board members will be updated as projects progress.

BOARD MEMBERS FORUM

Ms. McFerran thanked Dr. Johnson and staff for hosting the called board meeting.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Susan McFerran, President

Yvonne Keaton-Martin, Secretary