



FROM THE BOARD

Notes from the September 25, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Fayetteville Board of Education

FHS Site Commitment

The Board voted 7-0 to commit to building a new 21st Century high school on the current FHS site. The Board also voted 7-0 to authorize the administration to “conceptualize and present a plan for a 21st Century school district.”

Recognition Awards

FHS band director Barry Harper and FHS counselor Dawn Norman received Above & Beyond Awards from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce for their outstanding work with students.

Ramay paraprofessional Jackie McCoskey received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement award for being named the 2008 Arkansas Special Education Paraprofessional Of the Year.

Special Education Budget

The Board voted 7-0 to approve the 2008-09 special education budget. The special education budget is approved after the district budget each year, since the Arkansas Department of Education requires that the special education budget be approved separately from the district’s general budget.

Online Transportation Information System

Associate superintendent John L Colbert reported to the Board on the progress made toward developing an online transportation information system (OTIS) for parents and students. Colbert said that OTIS is in its trial phase this year and should be ready for full use for the 2009-2010 school year.

Elementary Rezoning

Board member Becky Purcell made a report to the Board on rezoning at the elementary level. She noted that a Board workshop will be upcoming to discuss the rezoning process. Mr. Colbert reported that the administration recommends not pursuing a district wide rezoning at the present time, but he added that minor changes need to be made to alleviate overcrowding at Holcomb and Root Elementary Schools. The Board voted 7-0 to schedule a workshop to discuss rezoning at some point after the runoff election.

Runoff Election

The runoff election for At Large Position 1 between Jim Halsell and Conrad Odom will be held on Tuesday, October 7. Patrons may vote early at the County Clerk’s office during regular office hours from September 30 through October 6. The same polling places that were used for the September 16 school election will be used for the runoff.

Bulldogs on the Air!

The next live TV broadcast of FHS Bulldog football will be on Friday, October 10, which will be the Homecoming game. The game may be viewed on channel 14 of Cox Cable.

All home games will be broadcast live with video. All away games will feature only the audio signal from the game.