



FROM THE BOARD

Notes from the September 27, 2007 Regular Meeting
of the Fayetteville Board of Education

Board Reorganization

In accordance with Arkansas law, the Board voted to reorganize and approved the following slate of officers for the 2007-08 school year: Steve Percival, president; Howard Hamilton vice president; and Susan Heil, secretary/disbursing officer.

The Board members also welcomed Becky Purcell to her seat representing zone 4 on the Board, replacing Chris Bell.

Recognition

Tara Elzer, who is the counselor at Woodland Jr. High, and Kelly Wade, who teaches kindergarten at Asbell Elementary School, received Above & Beyond Awards from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce for their work with students.

Dr. Barry Brown was named to the Superintendent's Honor Roll for his work to create the Fayetteville Public Schools Fitness Center in the former Boys & Girls Club building. Dr. Brown reported that more than 400 staff members have joined the fitness club, which rep

Susan Norton, chief information officer, presented a "Best Practices" video that featured Karen Wikholm's third grade class at Vandergriff Elementary School and the "CSI: Who Borrowed Mr. Bear" investigative unit she taught the class.

Charter School Application

The Board voted to disapprove an application for an open-enrollment charter school to be located within the Fayetteville School District.

Special Education Budget

The Board voted to approve the 2007-08 special education budget. The vote is held each September after the district is notified of the Federal funds available to the district after the start of the school year.

Audit Contract

The Board voted to approve a contract with Moore, Stephens, Frost CPA firm for the annual financial audit of the district.

Reimbursement Resolution & 2nd Lien

Bonds

The Board voted to a reimbursement resolution as part of the QZAB bonds the Board approved in August. The Board also approved 2nd lien bond applications for up to \$7 million for renovation projects at district schools.

UA/Washington Contract

The Board voted to approve a contract between the district and the Landscape Architecture Program at the University of Arkansas for the construction of an outdoor classroom at Washington Elementary. The Washington PTO will fund the project, and UA students will provide the labor.

Capital Improvements

Associate superintendent Dr. Randy Willison and chief financial officer Dr. Lisa Morstad presented a report on proposed renovations and improvements to several district schools. To view a list of the proposed projects, [click here](#).

FHS Select Committee

Susan Heil made a report to the Board of the FHS Select Committee, reviewing the work done last fall as a basis for new considerations. Tim Hudson agreed to chair a new committee that will build upon the work of the previous committee. The charge to the new committee has not been determined.

Strategic Goal #8

Assistant superintendent Dick Johnson reported to the Board on the district's progress toward Strategic Goal #8: "create and promote participation in a variety of activities that develop a full range of life skills."

School Board Zone Meetings

The Board discussed district-wide zone meetings held by Board members on a quarterly basis. Tim Kring agreed to pursue the idea further, coordinate the various calendars involved, and report back to the Board in October.