



FROM THE BOARD

Notes from the January 22, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Fayetteville Board of Education

Second Lien Bonds Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve the authorization of up to \$10 million in second lien bonds primarily for the Happy Hollow project.

Recognition Award

Holt GT teacher Jeanne King and FHS custodian Rick Ratliff received Above & Beyond Awards from the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce for their outstanding work. They also received a \$50 gift card, courtesy of Nabholz Construction Company.

The FHS Band received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for being selected to march in the 2008 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

The FHS Student Council received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for raising almost \$10,000 during their annual Homeless Vigil in December.

McNair Middle School received a Recognition of Outstanding Achievement Award for being named to the Schools to Watch List by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform.

The Apple Seeds Program at Leverett Elementary School was featured in a Best Practices video.

Construction Update

Wes Burgess and David Swearingen from Crafton Tull & Sparks architectural firm presented recommendations to the Board on the construction of a new high school. They recommended postponing the request to close Stone Street until it can be demonstrated that the closure is needed as part of the overall design plan.

They also recommended that part of the existing athletic facilities should remain in the future site plan due to cost of replacing them. Replacement cost is also a factor when considering the Adams Center, the administration building, and any portions of the existing high school structure. The Board will make a determination on those structures at a workshop meeting on February 9.

21st Century Timeline Update

Chief information officer Susan Norton reported on the 21st Century timeline and upcoming important dates. She noted that two entities submitted bids to conduct the community charrette. Concordia LLC of New Orleans will be working with the district and the community on the charrette in February. The master planning results will be presented in March.

Superintendent Search

Board president Susan Heil gave an update on the search for a new superintendent. She noted that 42 individuals had submitted an application with Ray & Associates, who will narrow the list to recommended finalists for a meeting on February 5. Heil added that Ray & Associates are "very pleased with the quality of the candidates."

Community Book Read

The Community Book Read of The Global Achievement Gap by Dr. Tony Wagner begins next week. The sessions will all be held in the Walker Room at the Fayetteville Public Library. The times and dates are:

Monday, January 26, 6-7 pm
Tuesday, February 3, 6-7 pm
Thursday, February 5, 1-2 pm
Click here for more

information on the Book Read and Project 21C.

FPS Blog

To keep current on the latest news from the Fayetteville Public Schools, check out our blog at <http://webapps.fayar.net/mt/community/>

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