

**FORREST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
FORREST CITY JR. HIGH LIBRARY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018
5:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

President, Joey Astin, called the September 17, 2018 board meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following board members were present: Mrs. Evetta Whitby; Mr. Larry Devasier; Ms. Evette Boyd; Mrs. Annie Norman; Mrs. Sandra Taylor; Mr. Miles Kimble (arrived 5:35 p.m.); Mr. Joey Astin and Dr. Tiffany Hardrick, Superintendent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Astin stated the September 17, 2018 school board minutes would be approved as amended. No objections were noted.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Mr. Astin stated the expenditures for the period beginning September 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2018 would be approved as submitted. No objections were noted.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Hardrick presented the Annual Report to the Public to board members and those in attendance. She presented items relating to finance, academics and operations of the Forrest City School District. Dr. Hardrick explained the ESSA Act and stated the district had received a phone call from the Arkansas Department of Education regarding three of the schools that will need comprehensive support. She noted Lincoln, Stewart and the jr. high campuses as those schools needing support. She noted each school received a letter grade of D, with the exception of Stewart which received an F. Dr. Hardrick stated adjustments are being made to the special education program. She noted the special education subpopulation is one of the ways a district is identified for needing comprehensive support. The schools have begun submitting extra assignments and special funding has been secured to carry out the plans for the assignments.

Dr. Hardrick informed the board that 2,300 students make up the Forrest City School District. An additional 330 students are in the pre kindergarten programs. From a financial standpoint, Dr. Hardrick reported the district is receiving \$24 million in revenue for the 2018-2019 school year. The district's carryover should be \$3 million with expenditures of \$21 million.

She noted from a facilities standpoint, the district has been focusing on the work on Sam Smith Stadium and track construction. She stated phase 3 would consist of the softball field. Additionally, security is always a main concern and the district will continue to focus on updating in this area.

AMI PLANS

Deputy Superintendent, Zrano Bowles, presented the district's Alternative Method Instruction plans to board members for their approval. He informed board members the district's plan had been approved by the Arkansas Department of Education for five days to be used for inclement weather. He noted if the district needed additional days for inclement weather, they could be added to the end of the school year. Mr. Bowles as part of the AMI plan, all students will receive packets consisting of materials from each of their classes based on skills previously taught as well as enrichment activities. Students will be able to complete the packets at home and teachers would be available to help via email if needed. Dr. Hardrick presented the AMI plans to board members for their approval. Mr. Larry Devasier moved to approve the recommendation and was seconded by Mr. Miles Kimble. The motion carried and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Hardrick recommended the following consent agenda items be approved:

- 1) Act 1120 Resolution

The motion to approve was made Ms. Evette Boyd and was seconded by Mrs. Taylor. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

TRACK & FIELD

Dr. Hardrick presented the bid results with board members. She stated that the district will contact each of the lowest bidders for the project. The district is currently focusing on Phase 2 of the project. Dr. Hardrick stated she and her staff had done additional research regarding the possibility of adding two extra lanes to the track. She stated she had been told by the Arkansas Activities Association that the only thing the district would not be able to do is host state track meets without the eight lane track.

NEW BUSINESS

PERSONNEL POLICY COMMITTEES - LICENSED & CLASSIFIED

No report.

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2018 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the FCJH library.

ADJOURNMENT 6:20 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Miles Kimble, Secretary