

## **Nevada School Annual Reports to the Public**

On September 29, 2016, Mr. Rick McAfee, Superintendent, Nevada Schools, and his staff conducted the annual report to the public at its regular monthly school board meeting. They spoke on the budgets for the District, Federal Programs, Special Education, Gifted and Talented Programs, Supplemental Programs, Arkansas School Improvement Plan (ACSIP) and the School Lunch programs (NSL).

Mr. McAfee explained that the Federal Department of Education is now using a new act for school regulations the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) schools are identified in need of improvement on set scales. The Nevada High School has been identified as a needs improvement Focus School.

Mr. Odom(principal) pointed out that both the Nevada high school and elementary status is “needs improvement”. The Nevada School District overall status is “needs improvement”. He stated that both the Nevada elementary and high school are “Accredited” for meeting all required standards of the Arkansas Department of Education. It was also noted that this information may be found at the districts web site [www.nevadaschooldistrict.net](http://www.nevadaschooldistrict.net) at any time.

Mr. McAfee reported that the Nevada School District is committed to providing additional support to the school and is taking the following steps to address the problem of low graduation rates. The school continues to up-grade the Acellus computer lab that deals with mathematics and literacy and has included the latest information on science requirements. This program is used in the classroom, as well as for “at home tutoring” program and for Grade Recovery. Grade Recovery allows the students an opportunity to get back on track to graduation taking courses they may not have passed during the regular school sessions. Mr. Odom, has set these two technology programs up to be the basis of a new improved class for student’s Academic Improvement Plans (AIP). Also, Mr. Odom has formed a “safety net” system formed to help students that may need additional support.

The School Board also reviewed the schools 2016/2017 Internet Use Policy and 2016/2017 Internet Content Filter Policy.

Mr. Odom invited parents to become more involved and partner with the school in helping address academic and graduation issues for their students by:

- Attending Parent Teacher Conferences.
- Volunteering to mentor students at school.
- Meeting with teachers, counselors, and administrators.
- Insuring their student is prepared daily for school.
- Monitoring their students’ classroom and homework assignments.
- Contacting the school district at 870-871-2418 if there are any problems that we can assist with.