# FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### **APRIL 4, 2022**

#### **Present:**

Mark Clark, Chairman
Tommy Holland, Vice-Chairman
Pam Bryson
Bridgett Hopkins
Jennifer Murdock
Danny Bryant, ex-officio
Cason Seals, ex-officio
Bill Hopkins, Director of Schools

#### Also Attending:

Lisa Williams
Cindy Young
Eric Jones
Steve Giffin
Christine Tuten
Rujena Dotson
Tonja Whitenack
Tricia Jean
Adam McCormick

#### Absent:

Shawnta Fulton Claudia Styles

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the agenda; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members present voted aye.

Chairman Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2022 meeting; second by Mrs. Murdock. All members present voted aye.

Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve the March disbursements; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All board members present voted aye.

### Principals' Reports -

Mrs. Whitenack – introduced Kalliana Holden, a third grader at Ralph Askins School. She shared what she is learning in third grade, including pre-algebra, the water cycle and comparing and contrasting reading passages. She said she loves her school because of caring teachers and kind friends. The focus this month at RAS is preparing for TCAP testing. Kalliana invited the board to attend the testing parade set for April 14.

Mrs. Jean – introduced Kaidyn Ragsdale, an FMS student who shared information about happenings at the school, including preparing for TCAP, participating in spring sports and preparing for the play, "Robin Hood & His Merry Men". She shared the upcoming sports schedule and announced the "Are You Smarter Than a Middle Schooler?" on Thursday. Current enrollment at FMS is 79 in fifth grade, 90 in sixth, 89 in seventh and 108 in eighth for a total of 366. She also said her teachers are kind and caring, and she appreciates them. She's excited about her first play, which will be held May 4-5 in the FMS gym.

Mr. McCormick — introduced Hannah Giffin and Vincent Buchanan, students who attended SCOPE (Student Congress on Policies in Education), sponsored by TSBA. The students gave a report on activities at SCOPE, which was also attended by Brodie Baker and Kinsley Bryan. Students participated in a mock school board meeting and debate topics. Chairman Clark presented certificates to the students that were sent by TSBA thanking them for their participation.

#### Supervisors' Reports -

Mr. Jones – updated the board about the speakers being installed at the FHS stadium. Speakers have been ordered. Workers will begin pulling conduit soon, and locations for the speakers have been determined. The speakers should be in use by graduation.

Mrs. Dotson – informed the board that on April 28 there will be a spring CTE meeting held in conjunction with the GEAR Up meeting. She said she is still in contact with FRANKE about possibly using a portion of their building for a welding program. The Career Fair, held in conjunction with Lincoln County Schools and TCAT, will be held May 5 at NGA. She also commended Mr. Jones and Mrs. Williams on their work with ESSER. Mrs. Dotson said FCS is collaborating with LCS and Motlow's GIVE Grant to host a coding camp in July. Moore County students will also participate.

Mr. Giffin – reported that FHS is testing online, and FMS and RAS will be testing with paper and pencil. He shared the testing schedules for each school. He is also attending an attendance conference in Franklin this week.

Mrs. Tuten – expressed appreciation to Mr. Giffin for working with Mrs. McCormick to make sure students with disabilities are given the accommodations needed for testing. She also thanked the school board members for attending the ribbon cutting for the CDC classroom and thanked the full board for their support of her vision.

Mrs. Young – reported that FCS is joining two partners for those coming into the field of education from non-traditional avenues, UT Southern in Giles County and iteach Tennessee. Summer school will be held at RAS on May 21-June 23, and the FMS Bridge Camp will be held on the same dates. Students are currently being enrolled. Breakfast and lunch will be provided by cafeteria staff, and transportation will be provided by the system. She also noted that 40 have enrolled for pre-k for next school year.

#### CFO Report -

Lisa Williams – Mrs. Williams reported that work is underway on budgets for the coming year, information that was shared with the board during the work session the previous Friday. She offered to answer any questions from the board.

## Reports -

Facilities and Transportation – There was no additional report.

**Finance** – Chairman Clark made a motion to approve Broaddus & Associates Invoice #5 [PDMC PJ-04-TN-2019-03] in the amount of \$19,336 for project and program management services on the FEMA project, per Recommendation of Payment from Broaddus & Associates; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members present voted aye.

**Insurance and Policy** – There was no report.

#### Superintendent's Report -

Mr. Hopkins recommended changing the grade structure at RAS to pre-k through fifth and the grade structure at FMS to sixth through eighth. He noted that he has met with teachers, parents and students to get input from various groups about the proposed change, and all comments have been positive. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the changes in grade structure; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended approval of an overnight trip for FHS FFA Chapter to attend Tennessee State Veterinary Science Competition at UT Martin on April 22-23. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to

approve the trip; second by Ms. Bryson. All board members present voted aye.

# Chairman's Report -

Chairman Clark recommended the board approve a Resolution for Support Staff Appreciation Day on April 7. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All board members present voted aye.

Chairman Clark reminded the board of the next regular board meeting set for Monday, May 2.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mark Clark, Chairman

Thomas Holland, Jr., Vice Chairman

Minutes submitted by Sandy Williams