

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

JANUARY 8, 2024 @ 5 PM

**FAYETTEVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

Present:

Mark Clark, Chairman
Tommy Holland, Vice-Chairman
Pam Bryson
Bridgett Hopkins
Jennifer Murdock
Shawnta Fulton
Jeff Alder, ex-officio
Ma'Raya Fulton, student ex-officio
Eric Jones, Director of Schools

Also Attending:

Lisa Williams
Rujena Dotson
Steve Giffin
Tricia Jean
Adam McCormick
Brittany Baker
Betsy Davis

Absent:

Claudia Styles
Spencer Perrin

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order and then called for a moment of silence in memory of Billy Joe Evans, former superintendent, who served Fayetteville City Schools for 22 years.

Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve the agenda; second by Mrs. Murdock. All members voted aye.

Chairman Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023 meeting; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve the December disbursements; second by Mrs. Murdock. All members voted aye.

Principals' Reports –

Mrs. Baker – reported enrollment total of 590 at Ralph Askins School.

Mr. McCormick – reported enrollment of 253 at Fayetteville Middle School.

Mr. Perrin – The Fayetteville High School report was given by Mrs. Betsy Davis, who noted enrollment at FHS at 342.

Public Comment –

Chairman Clark noted that, in accordance with Board Policy 1.404, members of the public wishing to make comments and who have given the board advance notice of their desire to speak are being provided that opportunity. No members of the public had requested to speak.

Supervisors' Reports –

Mrs. Dotson – no report

Mr. Giffin – presented a draft of the 2024-25 Academic Calendar for the board's review, requesting a vote on the calendar at the next school board meeting.

Mrs. Jean – no report

CFO Report –

Lisa Williams – Mrs. Williams presented the January report for the board's review.

Reports -

Facilities and Transportation – Mr. Jones provided a report on behalf of Facilities & Transportation.

Finance – Chairman Clark made a motion to approve FY24 GP Line Item Amendment #2 for the purpose of mid-year account reconciliation; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Chairman Clark made a motion to approve FY24 Cafeteria Budget Amendment #1 for the purpose of allocating funds awarded by USDA for Local Food for Schools (LFS) Cooperative Grant; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Chairman Clark made a motion to approve FY24 General Purpose Budget Amendment #3 for the purposes of allocating the awarded State Special Education Preschool Grant (SPDPK), as well as mid-year account balance reconciliation; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Insurance and Policy – Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve Revised Policy 5.305 Family & Medical Leave on second reading; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve Revised Policy 4.603 Promotion & Retention on second reading; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve Revised Policy 1.105 School Board Legislative Involvement on second reading; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve Revised Policy 2.601 Fundraising Activities on second reading; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve New Policy 2.8051 Debit Cards, Credit Cards & Credit Lines on second reading; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

Superintendent's Report –

Mr. Jones recommended the board approve the resignation of Ashley Blake Smith, a tenured teacher. Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to accept the resignation; second by Ms. Bryson. All members voted aye.

Mr. Jones recommended the board approve the resignation of Julia Townsend, a tenured teacher. Chairman Clark made a motion to approve the resignation; second by Ms. Bryson. All members voted aye.

Chairman's Report -

Chairman Clark made a motion to approve a resolution for Food Service Appreciation Day on Jan. 11, 2024; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Chairman Clark made a motion to approve a resolution opposing Gov. Lee's Education Freedom Act; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Chairman Clark noted the next meeting of the school board will be held Thursday, Feb. 1, 5 p.m. at Ralph Askins School.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Mark Clark, Chairman

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Thomas Holland, Jr., Vice Chairman

Minutes submitted by Sandy Williams