

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**JUNE 5, 2023**

**FAYETTEVILLE MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

**Present:**

Mark Clark, Chairman  
Tommy Holland, Vice-Chairman  
Pam Bryson  
Bridgett Hopkins  
Jennifer Murdock  
Shawnta Fulton  
Bill Hopkins, Director of Schools

**Also Attending:**

Eric Jones  
Steve Giffin  
Rujena Dotson  
Christine Tuten  
Claudia Styles  
Tricia Jean  
Michael Bobbitt  
Brittany Baker  
Montie Dangerfield

**Absent:**

Jeff Alder, ex-officio  
Lisa Williams  
Adam McCormick  
Spencer Perrin

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

Chairman Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2023 meeting; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Chairman Clark made a motion to approve the amended April 3, 2023 board minutes to reflect the correct project number associated with Broaddus & Associates Invoice #17; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

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

Chairman Clark recognized Kinsley Bryan, the board's TSBA Student Award nominee, and Corey Smith, the board's TSBA Volunteer of the Year nominee, presenting certificates to both.

Chairman Clark recognized Isabella Martin, student ex-officio member for 2022-23, presenting a gift and her board name plate. Mr. Clark thanked Miss Martin for her service on the board.

Lisa Wimmers with Accelerate Education was recognized to present information on the system's proposed virtual school, Volunteer Virtual Academy. After her presentation, Chairman Clark made a motion that the Fayetteville City School System Board of Education grant approval to open a public virtual school, Volunteer Virtual Academy, through an agreement previously approved with Accelerate Education to

provide services and curriculum to support the public virtual school; second by Vice Chairman Tommy Holland. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Principals' Reports –**

**Mrs. Baker** – presented the report for Ralph Askins School, noting that RAS is hosting Summer Learning Camp. About 140 students are attending. Students receive instruction, intervention, physical education, recess, computer time, enrichment, free breakfast and lunch as part of the Summer Learning Camp.

**Mr. Bobbitt** – said he appreciated the opportunity to serve as Fayetteville Middle School principal and looks forward to the new school year.

**Ms. Dangerfield** – in Mr. Perrin's absence, Ms. Dangerfield presented the report from Fayetteville High School. She read a statement from Mr. Perrin which noted that graduation was a big success and expressed appreciation to all of those who assisted with the ceremony. Vince Buchanan is the first male FHS tennis player to make it to state. Work continues on the schedule for the new school year, and custodians are working hard to get the building prepped for students' return to school in August.

#### **Supervisors' Reports –**

**Mr. Jones** – reported that the FHS/FMS sign has been installed on the campus. He expressed appreciation to Bank of Lincoln County for the sign. He thanked the maintenance team for their assistance working with the installers. Mr. Jones said there is no new news on the FEMA project and that a letter has been sent to Dr. DesJarlais to seek his assistance with moving the project forward. He also commended the system staff for their work on the Summer Learning Camp.

**Mrs. Dotson** – reported about a quarter million dollars' worth of welding equipment has been purchased for the Ariens project. She said she is excited for T'Essence Phelps to head up the Gear Up project. She also commended Brandi Thompson and her medical science students who have completed their CNA.

**Mr. Giffin** – noted that Fayetteville City Schools will add new student online enrollment this coming year. In the past, the system has offered online enrollment for returning students only.

**Mrs. Tuten** – reported that the system is providing extended school year services for students with disabilities at Ralph Askins coinciding with Summer Learning Camp. She said Lexie Wagster is the system's first apprentice teacher in the Grow Your Own collaborative with UT Southern. Lexie currently works as an EA for Fayetteville City Schools. Mrs. Tuten also said she has enjoyed her time working with Fayetteville City Schools.

**Dr. Styles** – requested approval of the FY24 Consolidated Funding Application for IDEA/ESEA, School Year 2023-24. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the application; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

#### **Reports -**

##### **Facilities and Transportation –**

**Finance** – Chairman Clark presented the May Financial Report for the board's review.

Chairman Clark made a motion to approve FY23 Budget Amendment #4 General Purpose Fund for the purpose of adding the approved Innovative School Models (ISM) grant from the State of Tennessee; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Chairman Clark made a motion to approve FY23 Budget Amendment #5 General Purpose Fund for the purpose of adding additional funds for Summer Learning Camps (SLC) and Transportation (TRANS) provided by the State of Tennessee; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Chairman Clark made a motion to approve FY23 Line Item Amendments #5 General Purpose Fund for the purpose of allocating all Bridge (BRDG) and Stream (STRM) cost center budget figures to Summer Learning Camp (SLC) cost center per the State of Tennessee; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Murdock made a motion to pay staff with a Specialized Teaching License at the MA+30 level; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

**Insurance and Policy** – Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve revised Policy 1.106 Code of Ethics on second reading; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve revised Policy 1.107 Board Members Conflict of Interest on second reading; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

### **Superintendent's Report –**

Mr. Hopkins recommended the board approve the Technology Department surplus list that had been emailed to the board. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the list; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended the board grant tenure for Nicole Painter. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to grant tenure for Mrs. Painter; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended approval of the resignation of Susan Miller, a tenured teacher. Chairman Clark made a motion to accept the resignation; second by Mrs. Murdock. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended approval of the resignation of Mandy Pitts, a tenured teacher. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to accept the resignation; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended approval of the resignation of Katie Thompson Sarver, a tenured teacher. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to accept the resignation; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended approval of the resignation of Christine Tuten, a tenured teacher. Chairman Clark made a motion to accept the resignation; second by Mrs. Murdock. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended approval of the resignation of Julie Higgins, a tenured teacher. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to accept the resignation; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended approval of the resignation of Rhonda Harris, a tenured teacher. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to accept the resignation; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

### **Chairman's Report -**

Chairman Clark made a motion to approve a four-year contract with Eric Jones to serve as the next Director of Schools; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye.

Chairman Clark noted that state law will require, beginning July 1, 2023 that the board dedicate time in each meeting for public comment.

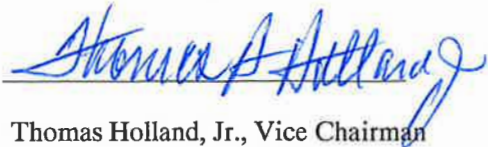
Chairman Clark noted the next meeting of the school board will be held Monday, July 10, 2023, at 5 p.m. He

also announced that the board will meet in a work session on Friday, June 9, 2023, at 1 p.m., in the multipurpose room.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Mark Clark, Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Thomas A. Holland, Jr.', written over a horizontal line.

Thomas Holland, Jr., Vice Chairman

Minutes submitted by Sandy Williams