FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM REGULAR BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 10, 2022

Present:

Mark Clark, Chairman
Tommy Holland, Vice-Chairman
Pam Bryson (electronically)
Bridgett Hopkins
Jennifer Murdock
Shawnta Fulton
Danny Bryant, ex-officio
Isabella Martin, ex-officio
Bill Hopkins, Director of Schools

Also Attending:

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

Absent:

Christine Tuten

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order and noted that Ms. Bryson was attending the meeting electronically via Google Meet. 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 September 6, 2022 meeting; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members present voted aye.

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

Principals' Reports -

Mrs. Whitenack – invited the board members to attend the Blue Ribbon Pep Rally on Thursday, Oct. 13, at 1 p.m., encouraging everyone to wear blue. She noted that SRO Drew Ivey has begun the Distinguished Tigers Club and has invited men to greet students on Oct. 14 as children arrive to school. She then introduced Hayden Ivey, a fifth grade RAS student, to give the RAS report. He talked about what he is learning in fifth grade and said he has amazing teachers and principals who help students be their best.

Mrs. Jean – had student Shianne Nunley, an FMS seventh grader, present the report from FMS. Mrs. Jean noted that Shianne is the only seventh grader in the FHS Marching Band. Shianne said she competed in the Beta Club Convention and will represent Tennessee in nationals this year. She said the Blue Ribbon Pep Rally will be held on Thursday, Oct. 13, at 2 p.m. The first basketball game will be Oct. 17 at South Lincoln. The first home game will be Monday, Oct. 24, against Blanche. Current enrollment is 80 in sixth grade; 82 in seventh; and 83 in eighth. Total enrollment is 245.

Mr. McCormick – had representatives from the Drama Department present the report for FHS. Mr. McCormick mentioned that this is homecoming week and that the Tigers will host undefeated Red Bank on Friday night. He noted that ACT retakes are scheduled and that an ACT Boot Camp will be held. Sierra Arguello and Aaliyah Fowler talked about the drama department and the upcoming productions. Then, students from RAS, Jillian Jones, a fourth grader, and Kalliana Holden, a fourth grader, who have roles in Charlotte's Web, told the board about the upcoming production.

Supervisors' Reports -

Mr. Jones – reported that the FEMA Grant restructuring has been approved verbally. He complimented Jeff Bryant on his work with the renovation projects and his efforts in saving the system money. In the area of transportation, Mr. Jones said more children are riding buses than ever before. Once after-school extracurriculars are over, there may be issues to address as far as crowded buses.

Mrs. Dotson – reported on ESSER moneys being used for HVAC improvements. She said Motlow is setting up a dual-enrollment EMT program. She is still in talks with FRANKE about the welding program. She continues to work on the ISM (Innovative Schools Model) program. The focus will be on computer science.

Mr. Giffin – complimented the folks working on attendance in the individual schools, saying they've done a super job. He presented enrollment figures, noting a total enrollment of 1,190. Enrollment is as follows: 97 in 12th grade; 84 in 11th grade; 105 in 10th grade; 100 in 9th grade; 84 in 8th grade; 93 in 7th grade; 81 in 6th grade; 75 in 5th grade; 70 in 4th grade; 85 in 3rd grade; 95 in 2nd grade; 86 in 1st grade; 73 in kindergarten; and 72 in pre-k.

Dr. Styles – reported that Title I funds have been used to contract with The Bailey Group to work with administrators. The focus is culture and climate of schools. The Bailey Group will be here once a month for this entire school year.

Mrs. Young – reported there are about six empty spots in pre-k. The after-school program has a waiting list. There are 68 enrolled at present.

CFO Report -

Lisa Williams – Mrs. Williams presented the September Financial Report, which is a year-to-date comparison of revenues and expenses. She requested approval of the ARP IDEA Preschool FY2023 Budget. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the budget; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All board members voted aye. Mrs. Williams asked for approval of the ARP IDEA Part B FY2023 Budget. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve the budget; second by Mrs. Murdock. All board members voted aye. Mrs. Williams requested approval for ARP Homeless FY2023 Budget. Motion by Mrs. Murdock to approve the budget; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Williams followed up on the health insurance discussion from the September board meeting, reporting that staff had met virtually with OneDigital and received some information from the state. Mr. Hopkins noted that he spoke to the state's insurance representatives, who asked to have a meeting with the board in the future.

Reports -

Facilities and Transportation – No additional report.

Finance – Chairman Clark made a motion to approve Broaddus & Associates Invoice #11 [PDMC-PJ-04-TN-2019-03] in the amount of \$19,388.51 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 voted aye.

Chairman Clark made a motion to approve JBHM Architecture Invoice #8 [PDMC-PJ-04-TN-2019-03] in the amount of \$6,000 for architectural services through construction on the FEMA project, per Recommendation of Payment from Broaddus & Associates; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members present voted aye; Mrs. Murdock was absent from the room and did not vote on the motion.

Insurance and Policy -

Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve on second reading Policy 1.700 – School District Goals; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve on second reading Policy 4.205 Enrollment in College Level Courses; second by Mrs. Murdock. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve on second reading Policy 5.100 – Personnel Goals; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve on second reading Policy 1.404 – Appeals to and Appearances Before the Board; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve on second reading Policy 1.703 – School Attendance Areas; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve on second reading Policy 1.800 – School Calendar; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve on second reading Policy 6.204 – Attendance of Non-Resident Students; second by Ms. Fulton. All members present voted aye.

Superintendent's Report -

Mr. Hopkins recommended approval of an overnight trip for the FHS FFA Chapter to attend the 95th Annual National FFA Convention & Expo on Oct. 25-29 in Indianapolis, Ind. Ms. Fulton made a motion to approve the trip; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins presented a job description and discussed creating the position of assistant director of schools. There has never been a job description on file that can be found. He asked for approval of the job description and title. Chairman Clark made a motion to approve the job description/title; second by Mrs. Murdock. All members voted aye.

Chairman's Report -

Chairman Clark read a resolution for Custodian Appreciation Day on October 13, 2022. Chairman Clark made a motion to approve the resolution; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members present voted aye.

Chairman Clark said the next meeting will be held Nov. 7 at 5 p.m.

Prior to the meeting's adjournment, Mrs. Murdock noted that October is Dyslexia Awareness Month and thanked the system for their efforts in this area over the past few years.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mark Clark, Chairman

Thomas Holland, Jr., Vice Chairman

Minutes submitted by Sandy Williams