

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**MAY 1, 2023**

**Present:**

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

**Also Attending:**

Lisa Williams  
Eric Jones  
Rujena Dotson  
Christine Tuten  
Claudia Styles  
Michael Bobbitt  
Tricia Jean  
Adam McCormick

**Absent:**

Jeff Alder, ex-officio  
Isabella Martin, ex-officio  
Steve Giffin  
Tonja Whitenack

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

Chairman Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2023 meeting; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2023 Special Called meeting; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

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

**Principals' Reports –**

**Mr. Bobbitt** – presented the report for Ralph Askins School in Mrs. Whitenack's absence. He said testing went well. The school will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. Other activities and events on the calendar include the Tiger Talent Show, Tiger Tracks, awards programs, and the first Tigers, Ties & Tiaras dance for grades 3-5.

**Mrs. Jean** – reported that testing went well at Fayetteville Middle School. She invited the board to attend Eighth Grade Night on Saturday, May 6, beginning at 5:30 p.m. An athletic awards program will be held on Tuesday, May 9, and a special open house will be held for rising sixth graders. Steve Trash, a magician, will perform. The Beta Club raised over \$1,000 for the Junior's House Walk, and the school's final awards program will be Tuesday, May 16.

**Mr. McCormick** – reported that testing went well, and attendance was great for testing. Beta Induction is May 9 at 5 p.m. in the gym. On May 16, FHS will hold graduate walkthroughs at RAS and FMS in the

morning with the senior awards being presented that night. Baccalaureate will be held May 17, and field day will be held that day. Graduation is May 18 at 7 p.m. Weather permitting, it will be held on the football field.

### **Supervisors' Reports –**

**Mr. Jones** – reported substantial completion has been reached on the Schneider project, and the bulk of the HVAC work has been completed.

**Mrs. Dotson** – reported approval was given on the ISM budget and gave updates on CTE programs.

**Mrs. Tuten** – reported the system has established a “Grow Your Own” partnership with UT Southern.

**Dr. Styles** – reported pre-k numbers have risen to 70 at this point. She thanked the pre-k teachers for their assistance in helping advertise the program. Planning continues for the Summer Camps.

### **CFO Report –**

**Lisa Williams** – Mrs. Williams presented the April financial reports. She presented the Salary Scale for 2023-2024 for board approval. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the Salary Scale; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

### **Reports -**

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

**Finance** – Chairman Clark made a motion to approve FY23 Budget Amendment #2 General Purpose Fund for the purpose of projected year-end reconciliation; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Chairman Clark made a motion to approve FY23 Budget Amendment #3 General Purpose Fund for the purpose of adding approved summer learning camp grants from the State of Tennessee; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Chairman Clark made a motion to approve FY23 Line Item Amendments #2 General Purpose Fund for the purpose of projected year-end reconciliation; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Chairman Clark made a motion to approve FY23 Line Item Amendment #2 Cafeteria for the purpose of projected year-end reconciliation; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

**Insurance and Policy** – Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve revised Policy 5.802 Qualifications and Duties of the Director of Schools on second reading; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

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

Mrs. Hopkins noted the next meeting of the Insurance & Policy Committee is Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 4 p.m. at the FCS Central Office.

### **Superintendent's Report –**

Mr. Hopkins recommended the board approve the name and logo for Volunteer Virtual Academy as the system's virtual school. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the name and logo; second by Ms. Fulton. All board members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended the board approve a trip request for the FHS FFA Chapter to attend Tennessee State FFA Camp Clements in Doyle, TN, on July 17-21. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the trip; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended the board approve a trip request for the FHS Cheerleaders to attend UCA Cheer Camp at Clemson University on July 8-12, 2023. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the trip; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All board members voted aye.

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

Chairman Clark read a resolution for Teacher Appreciation Day on May 4, 2023. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the resolution; second by Ms. Fulton. All board members voted aye.

Vice Chairman Holland made a motion for the board to authorize the finance committee to negotiate a contract with Eric Jones to begin serving as the system's next Director of Schools on July 1, 2023; second by Mrs. Murdock. All members voted aye.

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

The meeting was adjourned.



Mark Clark, Chairman



Thomas Holland, Jr., Vice Chairman

Minutes submitted by Sandy Williams