

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

FEBRUARY 7, 2022

Present:

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

Also Attending:

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

Absent:

Steve Giffin

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order and welcomed Ms. Fulton as a new member of the school board. 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.

Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2022 meeting; second by Mrs. Murdock. All members voted aye.

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

Principals' Reports -

Mrs. Whitenack – introduced Jack Pitcock, a third grade student at Ralph Askins School, who reported on what he is learning in school. He noted RAS is celebrating Black History Month and invited school board members and central office staff to judge a door decorating contest. Jack then presented Valentine's candy to each board member.

Mrs. Jean – introduced Kaydan Parks, eighth grade vice president, who reported on the Drama Club's upcoming production of "Robin Hood & His Merry Men" to be presented in May. A total of 48 students have been invited to join the Beta Club. An induction ceremony is planned for Thursday, Feb. 24, at 6 p.m. The soccer team will open its season at home on Monday, Feb. 28. The baseball team opens its season at home on Saturday, Feb. 26. Kaydan bragged on the hardworking cafeteria staff who earned a 100 on the recent inspection report. She also shared why she loves FMS, saying the teachers encourage students to work as hard as possible and be the best versions of themselves. She then thanked the school board for their support.

Mr. McCormick – introduced Jenna Dean and Lauren Pettie, members of FHS First Priority. They were joined by Coach Melissa Good, sponsor with Jordan Holt. The students reported on the activities of the club, including caroling in December and a "See You at the Pole" event. The club will work on a drive for Clothe Our Kids.

Report

Todd Smith with Schneider Electric presented an update on the company's work with the Fayetteville City Schools. He noted that the company has put together a plan to save the system 30 percent on energy consumption, which equates to 20 percent cost savings. Included in the plan is full LED lighting for all three schools, new automation system, weather stripping, aeration on the sinks to save water, replacing some of the toilets and urinals and implementing a machine that creates cleaning solution. Over the company's term of 20 years, a savings of \$2.3 million will be generated, which is backed by a guarantee by Schneider. That will allow for \$1.7 million in improvements. Final funding documents and a contract are being processed and should be available for passage in the next school board meeting.

Supervisors' Reports -

Mr. Jones – updated the board about ongoing projects and noted that the system now has a full team of bus drivers.

Mrs. Dotson – shared documents that have been uploaded to the website in regard to ESSER. She noted that surveys have been conducted, and that Mr. Hopkins has been meeting with stakeholders. Mrs. Dotson also reported that there are 12 FHS industrial maintenance dual enrollment student at TCAT and two students in Math for Meds.

Mrs. Tuten – noted she has applied for a TAS (Teaching All Students), a grant that provides the high school the opportunity to engage in technical assistance training/coaching to support our high school students with the most intense and complex needs.

Dr. Styles – noted that she is working on a report on the findings from the Blue Ribbon Schools process. In response to the need for student-centered activities, FMS has founded several clubs, including cooking and dance, to get students involved. At RAS, a STEM lab has been started. She reported that work has begun on the district-wide plan.

Mrs. Young – reported that interactive panel boards are being installed and that the project should be complete by next week. By spring break, FMS students should have access to new Chromebooks, and FHS teachers will have new laptops by the end of February. Pre-K registration will be Feb. 17. She also noted that a \$5,000 grant was received for a Robotics club.

CFO Report –

Lisa Williams – Mrs. Williams reported that the Chromebooks, boards and computers were all purchased by ESSER funds, and a bus has been ordered, with a delivery date in September or October this year. The deadlines for W2s and 1099s were met, and she is currently beginning preparations for FY23 budgets.

Reports -

Facilities and Transportation – Mr. Jones gave the update on facilities and transportation when he gave his supervisor's report earlier in the meeting.

Finance – Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve Broaddus & Associates Invoice #3 [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 Mrs. Murdock. All members voted aye.

Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve JBHM Invoice #5 [PDMC-PJ-04-TN-2019-03] in the amount of 14,279 for architectural services through construction on the FEMA project, per Recommendation of Payment from Broaddus & Associates; second by Mrs. Murdock. All board members voted aye.

Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve Broaddus & Associates Invoice #4 [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 Mrs. Hopkins. All board members voted aye.

Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve advertising for bids for FEMA project [PDMC-PJ-04-TN-2019-03]; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All board members voted aye.

Insurance and Policy – Ms. Bryson moved to revise Policy 1.703 School Attendance Area on first reading; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members present voted aye.

Superintendent's Report -

Mr. Hopkins recommended the board grant tenure to Candace Allen from FHS. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve tenure for Ms. Allen; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended the board grant tenure to Mandy Pitts from FHS. Ms. Bryson made a motion to approve tenure for Mrs. Pitts; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended the board grant tenure to Anna Buetner Wilson from RAS. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve tenure for Mrs. Wilson; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended the board grant tenure to Natalie Hatcher from RAS. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve tenure for Mrs. Hatcher; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended the board grant tenure to Ashley Blake Smith from RAS. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve tenure for Mrs. Smith; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended approval of an overnight trip for FHS FFA Chapter to attend State Convention in Gatlinburg, March 27-30. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the trip; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended approval of an overnight trip for the FHS Band to Dollywood, April 22-24. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the trip; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins requested that the March board meeting be moved up since he will be out of town on the regularly scheduled meeting day. The board agreed to meet on Monday, Feb. 28, at 5:30 p.m., in regular session.

He also reminded board members of the School Board Appreciation Breakfast on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 7:30 a.m. at Fayetteville High School.

Chairman's Report -

Chairman Clark recommended the board approve Resolution 2022-02 accepting the Lincoln County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All board members voted aye.

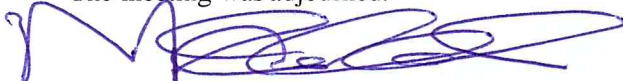
Chairman Clark recommended the board approve a Resolution for Principal Appreciation Day on Feb. 10. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve the Resolution; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All board members voted aye.

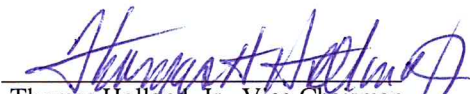
Chairman Clark noted the new committee assignments: Finance Committee, Vice Chairman Holland and Chairman Clark; Facilities Committee, Mrs. Murdock and Ms. Bryson; Policy Committee, Mrs. Hopkins and Ms. Fulton. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the committee assignments; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All board members voted aye.

Chairman Clark noted that a new sound system will be installed on Tiger Field. The project cost is \$12,500, with \$2,000 coming from a Walmart grant.

Chairman Clark suggested the board meet in an offsite meeting on April 1 or April 8. A date will be determined at the Feb. 28 board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.



Mark Clark, Chairman

Thomas Holland, Jr., Vice Chairman

Minutes submitted by Sandy Williams