

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

DECEMBER 5, 2022

Present:

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

Also Attending:

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

Absent:

Steve Giffin
Isabella Martin, ex-officio

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order. Before asking for a motion to approve the agenda, Mr. Clark asked that the Pledge of Allegiance be moved above the election of officers on the agenda, and Mrs. Murdock requested that a discussion on the attendance policy be added to the Insurance & Policy Committee report. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve the agenda with those changes; second by Mrs. Murdock. All members voted aye.

Chairman Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Clark turned the meeting over to Mr. Hopkins for election of board officers. Ms. Bryson made a motion to re-elect Mr. Clark as chairman of the board; second by Mr. Holland. All members voted aye.

Mr. Clark then resumed his duties as chairman and asked for nominations for vice chairman. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to re-elect Mr. Holland as vice chairman; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022 meeting; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members present voted aye.

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

Principals' Reports –

Mrs. Whitenack – shared information about workshops she attended during the Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence National Convention. She said she attended sessions that aligned with how to hold teachers accountable without burning them out and creating a school community that fosters a sense of belonging.

Mrs. Jean – noted that the Blue Ribbon process has been very eye-opening and said the school has bought in to the improvement plans. A focus area has been family engagement. She said the FMS Winterfest is planned for December 15, and “Are You Smarter than a Middle Schooler” is once again planned for spring prior to TCAP testing. She also said there are big plans on the horizon to assist with attendance. School culture and

climate were also addressed at the National Conference. Mrs. Hicks received free digital lessons during the National Conference, and she has implemented those in her classroom. Mrs. Bobbitt, counselor, attended a session that focused on social and emotional well-being. Mrs. Warren attended a session on achievement engagement with special population students. Mrs. Jean also thanked the board for the opportunity to attend.

Mr. McCormick – expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend the National Conference to share ideas and showcase the school. He gave credit to the teachers for their efforts. He said he had the opportunity to attend several really good sessions with one that stood out to him led by the South Carolina Principal of the Year and focusing on whole child education. Mrs. Bradford attended a session led by The Academy School that focused on CTE. Mr. Hobbs and Mr. McCormick attended a session led by an alternative school principal from Arkansas that focused on building relationships with students.

Supervisors' Reports –

Mr. Jones – reported that the new bus has been inspected and passed by the state troopers. He said the first reimbursement check on the FEMA dome project is in the mail. The process will then begin in closing out the first grant and transitioning to the 95/5 grant. He anticipates ground breaking in the spring or toward the end of the school year. He also noted that HVAC bids are on the agenda for approval. He recommends the lowest bid for each of the two projects at RAS and FHS. He said warranties on the low bids are equal to or superior to those on the higher bids.

Mrs. Dotson – said the system was notified today that a dual enrollment grant had been received. It is a collaborative grant with Lincoln County and Franklin County over a three-year period. They are looking specifically at welding, industrial maintenance and health science. She said there has been a meeting about third grade retention, and plans are to use ESSER funds to begin off-the-bus tutoring at 7:15 a.m. A team will meet tomorrow about math standards with the goal of leading professional development in January.

Mrs. Tuten – reported that the midyear data report looks really good. She noted that the addition of Sara McCormick as coordinator has been a tremendous help for both students and teachers. Recently, Mrs. Tuten participated in the SPED Directors Institute in Murfreesboro.

Dr. Styles – noted she's working on a report to track students in our district who are involved in private school, virtual academies, homeschool, etc. She's also working with students "in transition", formerly known as "homeless", and is pleased to be able to assist these families. She also commended Mr. Spencer Perrin for his assistance.

Mrs. Young – reported that the pre-k grant is open and she will be writing to retain four classrooms. There are spots for 80 kids, and there are 76 enrolled. She noted she has participated in some partnerships through the early literacy grant that assist teachers in implementing curriculum. She noted that vendors will be on hand during professional development on Jan. 3 and invited board members to drop by FMS to visit with vendors.

Audit Presentation –

Paul Young, CPA with Putman & Hancock, was recognized to present the audit report on Fayetteville City Schools and the audit report for Fayetteville City Schools Internal School Funds.

CFO Report –

Lisa Williams – Mrs. Williams presented the November Financial Report, which is a year-to-date comparison of revenues and expenses.

Reports -

Facilities and Transportation – Chairman Clark made a motion to accept the low bid of \$55,987.57 for Daikin equipment from English Service Company for the Ralph Askins School HVAC; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Chairman Clark made a motion to accept the low bid of \$274,095.15 from English Service Company for Fayetteville High School HVAC; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Finance – Chairman Clark made a motion to approve the auditor's contract with Putman & Hancock for Fayetteville Board of Education for FY 2023; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Chairman Clark made a motion to approve the auditor's contract with Putman & Hancock for Internal School Funds for FY 2023; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Insurance and Policy –

Mrs. Murdock requested that the policy committee review the Attendance Policy and that RAS administrators review the handbook regarding attendance.

Superintendent's Report –

Mr. Hopkins recommended approval of an overnight trip for the FFFA Chapter to Tennessee Leadership Conference in Murfreesboro on Jan. 20-21. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the trip; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended that the board approve Christmas bonuses in the amount of \$200 for all staff members. He noted the finance committee has recommended that amount, as well. Chairman Clark made a motion to approve the \$200 bonus for each employee; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye.

Chairman's Report -

Chairman Clark read a resolution for Utrust System Coordinator Day on December 5, 2022. Chairman Clark made a motion to approve the resolution; second by Ms. Bryson. All board members voted aye.

Chairman Clark noted the next meeting of the school board will be held Monday, Jan. 9, at 5 p.m. He also noted the finance committee will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 1 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.



Mark Clark, Chairman



Thomas Holland, Jr., Vice Chairman

Minutes submitted by Sandy Williams