

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**APRIL 3, 2023**

**Present:**

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

**Also Attending:**

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

**Absent:**

Steve Giffin

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of consideration of revised Policy 5.802 Qualifications and Duties of the Director of Schools under the Policy Committee report; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Chairman Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2023 meeting; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

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

**Principals' Reports –**

**Mrs. Whitenack** – introduced Ta'rijah Ewing, a fifth grade student at RAS. She talked about what she is learning in fifth grade and shared what she loves about school. Ta'rijah also gave dates about upcoming events, including the Art Festival and TCAP Parade.

**Mrs. Jean** – had FMS student Krina Patel give the report for her school. She is a member of the Beta Club and soccer team. She shared information about special events coming up at Fayetteville Middle. She noted that over 30 parents visited the new Tiger Exchange store. Krina said she is enjoying being a middle school student.

**Mr. McCormick** – Vincent Buchanan and Te'Asia Ewing, SCOPE participants from Fayetteville High School, shared information about activities held during the SCOPE conference. The two attended with fellow student Kinsley Bryan.

**Supervisors' Reports –**

**Mr. Jones** – reported that projects are going on according to plan. HVAC is nearly complete. Bids have been received for boilers and were favorable. He said the system had received its first reimbursement for the FEMA project.

**Mrs. Dotson** – reported she is excited to get the ISM grant in. Plans for those funds include implementation of a graphic design computer science class at FHS and in-house dual enrollment which is Math for Meds and Anatomy & Physiology, as well as the welding at Ariens. There will also be a coding class at FMS, as well as a greenhouse. A 9-passenger van to transport students is also included in the grant.

**Mrs. Tuten** – reported that work based learning opportunities for students with disabilities have increased. She said the system is working to help register athletes for the Special Olympics in Tullahoma, an event that has not been held in several years. She is collaborating with Summer Learning Camp for extended learning for students with disabilities.

**Dr. Styles** – reported that the summer camp leadership team has met to plan for the upcoming camps. She noted that pre-k registration is now underway.

#### **Coordinator Report -**

Carla Warden, Coordinated School Health, reported on how the system has utilized Safe Schools Grant funds to improve school security over the past few years.

#### **CFO Report –**

**Lisa Williams** – Mrs. Williams presented the March financial reports.

#### **Reports -**

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

**Finance** – The General Purpose Budget for FY 2024 was presented for consideration. Revenues and expenditures are projected at \$13,384,884. The budget includes a 2% raise for employees and an 8% increase in health insurance. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve the General Purpose Budget for FY 2024; second by Mrs. Bryson. Voting aye were Vice Chairman Holland, Mrs. Bryson, Chairman Clark and Ms. Fulton. Abstaining were Mrs. Murdock and Mrs. Hopkins who noted they were abstaining due to conflicts of interest.

The Cafeteria Budget for FY 2024 was presented for consideration. Revenues and expenditures are projected at \$828,248. The budget includes a 2% raise for employees and an 8% increase in health insurance. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve the Cafeteria Budget for FY 2024; second by Mrs. Murdock. All board members voted aye.

The Capital Projects Budget for FY 2024 was presented for consideration. Revenues and expenditures are projected at \$3,732,920.77. The balance of the FEMA project is \$3,556,970.05. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve the Capital Projects Budget for FY 2024; second by Mrs. Murdock. All board members voted aye.

Chairman Clark made a motion to approve Broaddus & Associates Invoice #17 [PDMC-PJ-04-TN-2019-03] in the amount of \$19,335 for project and program management services on the FEMA project, per Recommendation of Payment from Broaddus & Associates; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

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

### **Superintendent's Report –**

Mr. Hopkins recommended the board approve a contract with Accelerate Education for virtual school services. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the contract; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended the board accept the resignation of Tanya Bradford, a tenured teacher. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to accept the resignation; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All board members voted aye.

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

Chairman Clark made a motion that the board accept the resignation of Bill W. Hopkins, Jr., Director of Schools, effective June 30, 2023; second by Mrs. Murdock. All board members voted aye.

Mrs. Murdock made a motion to nominate Corey Smith as TSBA Volunteer of the Year nominee; second by Ms. Fulton. All board members voted aye.

Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve Kinsley Bryan as the TSBA Student Award nominee; second by Ms. Fulton. All board members voted aye.

Chairman Clark made a motion to approve a resolution for Support Staff Appreciation Day on April 6; second by Ms. Bryson. All board members voted aye.

Chairman Clark made a motion to post a job announcement for the position of Director of Schools starting on Tuesday, April 4; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye. Chairman Clark noted that applicants will have through midnight on April 18, 2023 to apply. The chairman announced that a work session has been called for Friday, April 21, 2023 at 9 a.m. in the multipurpose room for the purpose of reviewing applications.

Chairman Clark noted the next meeting of the school board will be held Monday, May 1, 2023, at 5 p.m. He also announced that Fayetteville City Schools will host the TSBA Fall District Meeting in September.

The meeting was adjourned.



Mark Clark, Chairman



Thomas Holland, Jr., Vice Chairman

Minutes submitted by Sandy Williams