

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOL  
SYSTEM REGULAR BOARD  
MEETING  
AUGUST 2, 2021**

**Present:**

Jeff Whitmore, Chairman  
Tom Holland, Vice-Chairman  
Mark Clark  
Pam Bryson  
Bridgett Hopkins  
Bill Hopkins, Superintendent

**Also Attending:**

Eric Jones  
Claudia Styles  
Rujena Dotson  
Christine Tuten  
Steve Giffin  
Tricia Jean  
Tonja Whitenack

**Absent:**

Jennifer Murdock  
Adam McCormick  
Danny Bryant

Chairman Whitmore called the meeting to order. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve the agenda; second by Ms. Bryson. All board members present voted aye.

Chairman Whitmore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve minutes from the July 12, 2021 board meeting; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members present voted aye.

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the July disbursements; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All board members present voted aye.

**Principals' Reports -**

**Mrs. Whitenack** – discussed the first phase-in day of the school year. She noted that pre-k students attended until 11 a.m., the boys in kindergarten attended until noon, and first and second graders attended all day. Out of the 202 students on roll, 29 were absent, while 19 new students enrolled on the first day. Kindergarten numbers are going up.

**Mrs. Jean** – discussed the first phase-in day, noting that fifth and sixth graders were in the building that day. There were 73 fifth graders and 83 sixth graders. Bus drop-off and dismissal were smooth. She thanked the board for allowing phase-in days, saying it makes the start of the school year much smoother.

**Mr. McCormick** – was not present as he had to cover the soccer game. Mrs. Dotson reported for him, and she noted that ninth and tenth grade students attended that day with 190 out of 213 students reporting to school. Twenty-three were missing, and four were confirmed sick. A mini-freshmen orientation was held during the day. Juniors and seniors will report the next day.

## **Supervisors' Reports -**

**Mr. Jones** – gave an update on the progress of the FEMA grant and shared a document from JBHM Architecture that outlines a preliminary schedule for the City of Fayetteville Safe Room and FHS Gymnasium projects. Final completion is anticipated for Aug. 1, 2023. In the area of transportation, Mr. Jones said it was a smooth first day.

**Mrs. Dotson** – offered to answer any questions from the board and noted she is working on the COVID re-entry plan.

**Mr. Giffin** – reported that the first day of school was smooth. He also noted that online registration has begun this year. A total of 516 parents had gone online to work on the registration packet, while another 832 have yet to begin the process. He noted the state released some TCAP scores today.

**Mrs. Tuten** – noted she had presented a full report during the last meeting and offered to answer any questions board members might have for her this month. She said that work on the CDC room continues to progress and is nearing completion.

**Dr. Styles** – reported that the admin conference was a success with several team-building activities for the admin staff. She offered to answer any questions.

**Mrs. Young** – reported that the pre-k classrooms are at 15 students each, with one classroom at 17 students. She then deferred the rest of her report to Chairman Whitmore, who recognized board member Mark Clark and presented a certificate to him as the board's nominee for TSBA's School Board Member of the Year.

## **CFO Report –**

**Lisa Williams** – shared an updated list of new personnel and said she is in the process of submitting federal financial reports. They are also in the process of closing the fiscal year.

## **Reports -**

**Facilities and Transportation** – Mr. Jones said he had no additional report, but noted that the larger CDC room at the high school was completed that day and that work continues on the smaller room.

**Finance** – Chairman Whitmore moved that the board grant approval for Mr. Hopkins to file necessary amendments and fund transfers for federal projects for the 2021-2022 school year; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members present voted aye.

**Insurance and Policy** – Ms. Bryson moved to approve a list of policies previously reviewed by the Policy Committee with no revisions; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Bryson moved to approve the revised policy, 4.206 Homebound Instruction, on first reading; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members present voted aye. Ms. Bryson moved to approve the revised policy, 1.803 Tobacco-Free Schools, on first reading; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members present voted aye. Ms. Bryson moved to approve the revised policy, 1.102 Board Members Legal Status, on first reading; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members present voted aye.

## **Superintendent's Report -**

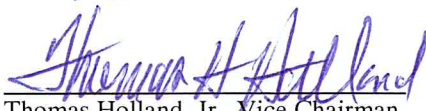
Mr. Hopkins noted that some supervisor assignments have been rearranged. A list will be presented to

the board later.

**Chairman's Report -**

Chairman Whitmore reminded board members that the Fall District Meeting is planned for Sept. 2. He noted that the next school board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 7, because of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 6.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
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Jeff Whitmore, Chairman  
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Thomas Holland, Jr., Vice Chairman

Minutes submitted by Sandy Williams