FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM REGULAR BOARD MEETING

JULY 11, 2022

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
Tricia Jean
Eddie Keys
Michael Bobbitt
Claudia Styles
Eric Jones
Rujena Dotson
Steve Giffin
Christine Tuten

Absent:

Danny Bryant, ex-officio Cindy Young Adam McCormick Tonja Whitenack

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

Chairman Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022 meeting; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve the June disbursements; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All board members voted ave.

Principals' Reports -

Mr. Michael Bobbitt – In Mrs. Whitenack's absence, Mr. Bobbitt presented the Ralph Askins School report. He noted open house is July 26 for kindergarten, second and fourth grade from 4 until 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, July 27, for Pre-K, first, third and fifth. He shared the phase-in schedule for the first week of school. Grade level meetings for teachers are planned for the week of July 25-29. A back-to-school potluck celebration for staff is planned for July 29.

Mrs. Jean – reported that on Monday, July 25, all teachers and staff will be in the building looking at data. The FMS Open House is Thursday, July 28, from 4 until 6 p.m. On Aug. 1, all FMS students will attend the first half-day of school. On the following day, Aug. 2, only sixth and eighth will attend. Then, on Aug. 3, seventh graders will attend. All students will attend school on Thursday, Aug. 4.

Mr. Eddie Keys – reported on behalf of Mr. McCormick for Fayetteville High School. The first round of senior portraits has been completed by Interstate Photography. A second round of pictures will be later in July. Mr. McCormick is attending a conference, Inclusion for Students Needing Highly-Modified Instruction or Specialized Services. The bell/intercom installers are in the building currently. He also bragged on the FHS custodial staff for their hard work. He then introduced Ms. Montie Dangerfield, new assistant principal at FHS.

Supervisors' Reports -

Mr. Jones – updated the board about the FEMA facility project, which began in 2019. Because of a tremendous increase in construction costs since the project was first approved three years ago, he had anticipated a shortfall in funding. In order to continue the grant project, Mr. Jones and the team involved started researching a solution. The project is under a grant that is no longer available in the state of Tennessee, so they are going to restructure and create a new grant. All of the work done thus far will stand. A new grant will be submitted, and the old grant closed out. TEMA has given the team a verbal reassurance that this is clear with them. TEMA is the organization that came up with the solution. It's going to make available millions more in funding with no additional cost for the system's match. The 25% match from the system under the old grant will be reduced to 5% under the new, meaning no additional money than anticipated will be expended by the system. It will add a few months to the overall project. Mr. Jones said he has every confidence TEMA will do everything in their power to expedite the process.

Mrs. Dotson – noted she had completed the intent to apply for the Innovative School Model Plan which is \$1.5 million, \$500,000 for FMS and \$1 million for FHS. It must be CTE centered. FCS is hosting the countywide middle school coding camp this week held in conjunction with Motlow's GIVE Grant. On July 17-20, Mrs. Dotson will go to Washington, D.C., with Mrs. Pitts to attend the GEAR UP conference. On the morning after the board meeting, the Chamber education committee will host a speaker discussing a possible junior entrepreneurship program for students. Mrs. Dotson also shared important dates about professional development. Tuesday, July 26, will be the breakfast at First Baptist Church, and a representative from Homeland Security will be the guest speaker. Then, on July 27, the luncheon will be held at FMS. July 28 will be a PD Day, and July 29 will be new teacher training. Motlow is working hard with FHS to create an anatomy & physiology course as dual enrollment.

Mr. Giffin – reported that he attended the State of Tennessee Attendance Conference and Skyward User Group conference in Gatlinburg to learn about the state's coding changes, including attendance, discipline and demographics information. He will share that information with the three schools. FCS is doing online returning student registration, and we are about at 25% thus far. At the high school this year, we will have a tardy kiosk for students who are late, which will take a load off of the secretaries. He is working with FHS to assist with scheduling.

Mrs. Tuten – reported she has been working hard to fill SPED positions. She noted that the TAS (Teaching All Students) Conference is being attended by several FCS representatives. They will learn about different diplomas and work-based learning opportunities.

Dr. Styles – reported that the admin conference was a success. She is excited about test data, but details cannot be released yet. She has looked at district plans in place and has already seen gains in goals set for this next year. She said she is very proud of our schools. She will give a presentation in the future about data once the information is not embargoed, according to Mr. Hopkins.

CFO Report -

Lisa Williams – Mrs. Williams asked for approval for FY22 Line Item Amendment # 3 General Education Fund. This line item amendment is for year-end reconciliation purposes. Chairman Clark made a motion to approve the amendment; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye. Mrs. Williams asked for approval for FY22 Line Item Amendment #3 Cafeteria Fund. This line item amendment is for final year-end reconciliation purposes. Motion was made by Chairman Clark; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Reports -

Facilities and Transportation -

Finance – Chairman Clark made a motion to approve Broaddus & Associates Invoice #9 [PDMC-PJ-04-TN-2019-03] in the amount of \$19,399 for project and program management services on the FEMA project, per Recommendation of Payment from Broaddus & Associates; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye.

Insurance and Policy -

Ms. Fulton made a motion to approve revised Policy 1.102 Board Members on first reading; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Ms. Fulton made a motion to approve revised Policy 3.202 Emergency Preparedness Plan on first reading; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Ms. Fulton made a motion to approve revised Policy 4.210 Credit Recovery on first reading; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Ms. Fulton made a motion to approve revised Policy 4.212 Virtual Education Program on first reading; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Ms. Fulton made a motion to approve revised Policy 4.406 Use of the Internet on first reading; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Ms. Fulton made a motion to approve revised Policy 4.600 Grading System on first reading; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Ms. Fulton made a motion to approve revised Policy 5.201 Separation Practices for Non-Tenured Teachers on first reading; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Ms. Fulton made a motion to approve revised Policy 6.200 Attendance on first reading; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Ms. Fulton made a motion to approve revised Policy 6.204 Attendance of Non-Resident Students on first reading; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Ms. Fulton made a motion to approve revised Policy 6.306 Interference/Disruption of School Activities; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve new Policy 4.101 Instructional Standards on first reading; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve new Policy 4.402 Reconsideration of Textbooks and Instructional Materials on first reading; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve new Policy 4.403 Library Materials on first reading; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve new Policy 5.119 Employment of Retirees on first reading; second by Ms. Fulton. All members voted aye.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Hopkins recommended approval of the technology surplus list #2. Motion was made by Mrs. Murdock to approve the list; second by Ms. Bryson. All board members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins asked for approval of the Vehicle Use Procedure. Motion made by Mrs. Murdock; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All board members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins asked for approval of the following personnel to use system-owned vehicles: Ben Beddingfield and Jeff Bryant. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve both Mr. Beddingfield and Mr. Bryant; second by Ms. Bryson. All board members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins asked for approval of the resignation of Don Adams, a tenured teacher. Chairman Clark made a motion to approve the resignation; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins asked for approval of the resignation of Sarah Parks Branch, a tenured teacher. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve the resignation; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All board members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins asked for approval of the resignation of Daniel Henderson, a tenured teacher. Ms. Bryson made a motion to approve the resignation; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All board members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins asked for approval of the resignation of Connie Hodge, a tenured teacher. Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve the resignation; second by Ms. Fulton. All board members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins asked for approval of the resignation of Amber Mefford, a tenured teacher. Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to approve the resignation; second by Ms. Fulton. All board members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins asked for approval of the resignation of Karrie Pittenger, a tenured teacher. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the resignation; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All board members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins asked for approval of the resignation of Katie Walker, a tenured teacher. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the resignation; second by Ms. Hopkins. All board members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins asked for approval of the resignation of Keela Wright, a tenured teacher. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the resignation; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All board members voted aye.

Chairman's Report -

Chairman Clark announced that the next meeting of the board will be Monday, Aug. 1, at 5 p.m.

He also reminded board members of the Summer Law Institute in Gatlinburg on July 21-22.

Chairman Clark also expressed sympathy to Dr. Earl Thomas, former superintendent for Fayetteville City Schools, on the loss of his wife, Paula Bevels Thomas, who passed away over the weekend.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mark Clark, Chairman

Thomas Holland Ir Vice Chairman