

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOL  
SYSTEM REGULAR BOARD  
MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

**Present:**

Jeff Whitmore, Chairman  
Tommy Holland, Vice-Chairman  
Mark Clark  
Jennifer Murdock  
Pam Bryson  
Bridgett Hopkins  
Bill Hopkins, Director of Schools  
Cason Seals, ex-officio

**Also Attending:**

Eric Jones  
Steve Giffin  
Christine Tuten  
Cindy Young  
Rujena Dotson  
Tricia Jean  
Tonja Whitenack  
Adam McCormick

**Absent:**

Claudia Styles  
Danny Bryant

Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the agenda; second by Mr. Clark. All members voted aye.

Chairman Whitmore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve August 2, 2021 regular meeting board minutes; second by Mrs. Murdock. All members voted aye.

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

Chairman Whitmore welcomed Cason Seals, the board's first student ex-officio member.

Mr. Hopkins welcomed Mr. Eddie Wilson and presented a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the school board for Mr. Wilson's support of the school system over the years.

**Principals' Reports -**

**Mrs. Whitenack** – introduced Lucas Durham, a fourth grade Ralph Askins School student, to give the school report. He shared details about activities going on in the school, including preparation for the upcoming Grandparents Day celebration.

**Mrs. Jean** – introduced Weston Prince, a student at Fayetteville Middle School, who shared information about things he likes about FMS and activities going on in the school, including homecoming week activities and sports teams.

**Mr. McCormick** – introduced Isaac Wheeler, a student at Fayetteville High School, who shared information about the sports teams at FHS and results from the games. He listed students who were elected to office during recent Student Government elections. He noted that FHS is now offering AP Access for All and that FFA and Beta Club are beginning competition season. Current enrollment is 384.

## **Supervisors' Reports -**

**Mr. Jones** – reported that architects from JBHM and the project manager will be attending a work session of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on Thursday, Sept. 9, at 8 a.m., to give an update on the FEMA project. He gave an update of the FHS Gymnasium project and said he hoped to have a timeline soon. The CDC room project is nearing completion and should be done within the next couple of weeks. Since last month, three people have earned their CDL permits. It is hoped that the drivers will be tested and trained by the end of the semester.

**Mrs. Dotson** – offered to answer any questions from the board.

**Mr. Giffin** – reported that RAS had 68 percent of returning students register online, with FMS at 75 percent and FHS at 56 percent. It is hoped that numbers will improve next year as parents become accustomed to online registration.

**Mrs. Tuten** – noted she has received great feedback about the CDC room at FHS. She reported that the FMS CDC teacher has resigned, and it is hoped that the position will be filled soon. The system was approved for a \$70,000 ARP grant with funds being used for additional contracted services and professional development and potentially an additional bus route. About \$22,000 in ESSER 1.0 funds were carried over for this year and are being utilized for a continued contract with Doug Eaton of Eaton Tech Solutions. The Early Childhood Collaborative Classroom has been very successful, with Mrs. Tuten getting some great feedback.

**Mrs. Young** – reported that the pre-k enrollment is at 70 with only about 10 spots available. Capacity has been reached in the after-school program with 50 students attending.

## **CFO Report –**

**Lisa Williams** – reported that health insurance premiums would increase 2.5 percent starting in January. Chairman Whitmore made a motion for the school system to pick up the additional cost; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye. Mr. Hopkins noted that the funds to cover the increase had been included in this year's budget.

## **Reports -**

**Facilities and Transportation** – Mr. Jones had no additional report.

**Finance** – Chairman Whitmore said the finance committee had no report.

**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 made a motion to approve the revised policy, 4.212 Virtual Education Program, on first reading; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye. Ms. Bryson moved to approve the revised policy, 1.703 School Attendance Area, on first reading; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye. Ms. Bryson moved to approve the revised policy, 1.800 School Calendar, on first reading; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Ms. Bryson moved to approve the revised policy, 4.206 Homebound Instruction, on second reading; second

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

**Superintendent's Report -**

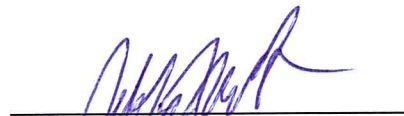
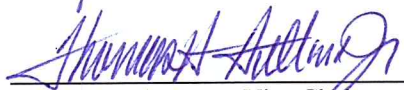
Mr. Hopkins said the staff had met to go over test data and will develop a formalized plan during another meeting on Wednesday.

**Chairman's Report -**

Chairman Whitmore recommended that the board hold its October meeting on Thursday, Oct. 14, due to fall break conflicting with the usual meeting date.

Chairman Whitmore made a motion to adopt a resolution for Bus Driver Appreciation Day to be celebrated on Sept. 16; second by Mr. Clark. All members voted aye.

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