

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 5, 2020**

Present:

Jeff Whitmore, Chairman
Tom Holland, Vice-Chairman
Mark Clark
Joyce Eady
Jennifer Murdock
Sarah Raby
Dr. Janine Wilson, Superintendent

Also Attending:

Christine Tuten
Eric Jones
Rujena Dotson
Cindy Young
Steve Giffin
Bridgette Jones
Adam McCormick
Patricia Jean
John Cheney, Cope & Associates

Absent: Danny Bryant, Liaison
Ron Perrin

Chairman Whitmore called the meeting to order under Executive Order No. 16 by Governor Bill Lee which suspends the requirements of the Tennessee Open Meetings Act "TOMA" to the extent necessary to allow any governing body subject to the requirements of TOMA to meet and conduct essential business by electronic means if the body determines meeting electronically is necessary to protect the health, safety, and the welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Wilson added a request for permission to retire Bus #99 to the agenda. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to add this item and approve the agenda; second by Mrs. Eady. All board members voted aye.

Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve minutes from the March 10, 2020 regularly scheduled board meeting; second by Mrs. Eady. All board members voted aye.

Mrs. Eady made a motion to approve minutes from the April 27, 2020 regularly scheduled board meeting; second by Mrs. Murdock. All board members voted aye.

Mrs. Raby made a motion to approve April disbursements; second by Mrs. Murdock. All board members voted aye.

Dr. Wilson made reported a reduction in legal fees for the TSSAA hearing in the amount of \$2,000. She expressed her thanks to Mr. Johnny Hill, Attorney, for the reduction.

Reports:

Facilities and Transportation – Dr. Wilson reported Lee Adcock Construction was low bidder on entrances at Askins and FHS in the amount of \$177,375 plus two alternate bids: Alternate 1 - \$1,704 and Alternate 2 - \$5,080 totaling \$184,159. Chairman Whitmore made a motion to accept the bid by Lee Adcock Construction; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye. Dr. Wilson thanked Mr. John Cheney for attending the bid opening. Mr. Cheney will provide notice to proceed to the contractor.

Dr. Wilson reported Mr. Scott Collins, City Administrator, assured her that bridge project on Second Avenue will be complete before August 1.

Dr. Wilson reported Bus #99 needs to be sold or scrapped. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to try to sell Bus #99; second by Mrs. Eady. All board members voted aye.

Dr. Wilson reported the FHS gym floor has been taken out. The basketball players would like to sell portions of the parquet floor as a fundraiser. Mr. Clark made a motion to sell portions of the gym floor for fundraising; second by Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye.

Dr. Wilson said existing seats on the FHS bleachers need to be replaced. Dr. Wilson will get a firm bid on replacement seats and report at the June board meeting.

Dr. Wilson told the board the City of Fayetteville is interested in proceeding with exchanging Central High School property with Stone Bridge Academy property. The board pushed this matter forward to be discussed at the June board meeting.

Finance – Chairman Whitmore made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Capital Outlay budget; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye.

Chairman Whitmore made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Cafeteria budget; second by Mr. Clark. All board members voted aye.

Chairman Whitmore made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 General Education budget; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye.

Insurance and Policy – No Report

Supervisors' Report –

Mr. Perrin – Absent

Mr. Jones – reported Coach Keys touched base with their FEMA Grant contact. Due to COVID-19 the process has been slowed somewhat but they expect to hear if additional information is needed or if our application has been accepted by August. Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Cheney for attending the bid opening and meeting.

Mrs. Dotson – Dr. Wilson congratulated Mrs. Dotson that her Gear Up Grant was the only one Tennessee to result in no findings. Mrs. Dotson stated that “under acts of God” the system is allowed to transfer funds into a line item to purchase calculators needed by FHS.

Mrs. Tuten – IDEA and ESSA monitoring is complete. There were a couple of concerns but they are working on fixing the issues found. Dr. Wilson said she received many compliments on Mrs. Tuten and her team.

Ms. Young – will present textbook adoption information at the next board meeting. She requested professional development relating to the upcoming textbook adoption. Ms. Young reported on virtual training with Doug Eaton and that it was well received by teachers.

Principals' Reports --

Dr. Bridgette Jones – reported on meal distributions. The week of Memorial Day, meals will be distributed on Tuesday. Askins and FMS have been coordinating distribution of materials to students by posting combined documents so parents know where to pick up packets.

Mr. Giffin – reported work has been done on the FMS gym and fifth grade classrooms. He looks forward to seeing teachers next week in the school.

Mr. McCormick – reported the slab underneath the gym floor is in good shape. Materials are being delivered and contractors plan to finish by mid-June. Mr. McCormick said through donations each senior was honored with a banner in front of FHS. Mr. McCormick thanked Mrs. Lisa Moyers and Mrs. Rujena Dotson for coordinating this effort. Mr. McCormick, along with the other principals, are making Teacher Appreciation Week special by having a marquee at Lincoln Theatre. Mr. Whitmore thanked the principals and staff for all work that has been done during these uncertain times. Mrs. Murdock recognized Mrs. Patricia Jean for attending tonight's meeting.

Superintendent's Report --

Dr. Wilson sends Ms. Sissy Parks her sincere condolences in the recent passing of her husband, Glen Parks. Dr. Wilson presented to the board the retirement resignation of Ms. Parks after forty-five years of service. Chairman Whitmore made a motion to approve Ms. Parks' resignation; second by Mrs. Raby. All board members voted aye. Ms. Parks will be greatly missed.

Dr. Wilson reported Mr. Steve Giffin will be transferred to the central office to be Supervisor of Attendance with other duties. Mr. Giffin has taken care of attendance as well as FMS principal for the last few years. Due to the importance of both jobs she has hired Mrs. Tricia Jean to take over as FMS principal. Mrs. Jean and Mr. Giffin have both worked very hard and she is proud to make these changes effective immediately. A ten month position will be posted as Assistant Principal at FMS.

Dr. Wilson was proud of the audits of the Gear Up Grant as well as Federal Monitoring for Mrs. Tuten's program. She was proud of the TSBA article written by Matthew Giffin. This was a special and outstanding article. The banners on the hill have been a grand gesture for the seniors and she was proud that every senior was represented. We have made it this far with the Covid experience and she prays everyone stays safe and school will start again soon.

Resignations:	Sissy Parks	Askins – Assistant Principal
	Max Truesdale	FMS Educational Assistant

Mrs. Joyce Eady requested that the board revisit activities for the end of school due to a rise in cases of the Covid 19. Dr. Wilson said there would be no activities that could possibly endanger any student or adult. All scheduled activities are subject to change.

Chairman's Report –

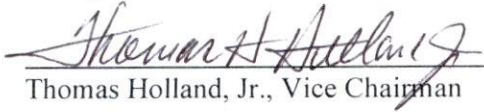
Chairman Whitmore stated that due to Dr. Wilson's intent to retire the annual evaluation was waived but due to doing an excellent job in the past year he made a motion to give her a \$2,000 bonus; second by Mrs. Raby. All board members voted aye. Dr. Wilson thanked the board for their support.

Chairman Whitmore reminded the board of the scheduled interviews for the next two days. The next board meeting will be held on June 1, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned.



Jeff Whitmore, Chairman



Thomas Holland, Jr., Vice Chairman

Minutes submitted by JoAnn Scott