FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM REGULAR BOARD MEETING JUNE 1, 2020

Present:

Jeff Whitmore, Chairman
Tom Holland, Vice-Chairman
Mark Clark
Joyce Eady
Jennifer Murdock
Sarah Raby
Danny Bryant, Liaison
Janine Wilson, Superintendent

Also Attending:
Rujena Dotson
Eric Jones
Cindy Young
Steve Giffin
Patricia Jean
Bridgette Jones
Adam McCormick
Patricia Jean

Absent: Ron Perrin, Supervisor Christine Tuten, Supervisor

Chairman Whitmore called the meeting to order. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve the agenda; second by Mrs. Eady. All board members voted aye. Chairman Whitmore asked for a moment of silence for healing of our country.

Chairman Whitmore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Eady made a motion to approve minutes from the May 5, 2020 regularly scheduled board meeting; second by Mrs. Raby. All board members voted aye.

Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve minutes from the May 21, 2020 special called board meeting; second by Mr. Clark. All board members voted aye.

Mrs. Raby made a motion to approve May disbursements; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye.

Reports:

Facilities and Transportation – Mr. Jones said a conservative estimate for replacing the bleachers at FHS is \$110,000 to \$120,000 installed. Mr. Jones reported on the TEMA Grant – FHS received notice the application received approval at FEMA offices in Washington, D.C. The application will be forwarded to FEMA office in Atlanta for feasibility analysis. The FHS gym floor is in, but there is more painting, sealing and sanding to be done. Blaylock is almost finished with the HVAC project. Dr. Wilson added that the city is hurrying the Second Avenue project so that it will be complete by the first of school.

Finance – Dr. Wilson presented the IT Surplus Summary for board approval. Mrs. Eady made a motion to approve the list for disposal; second by Mr. Clark. All board members voted aye.

Chairman Whitmore stated the finance committee would like to thank Mr. Hopkins for his cooperation in negotiating his contract. The contract begins July 1, 2020 and ends June 30, 2024. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve the superintendent's contract, second by Chairman Whitmore. All board members voted aye.

Chairman Whitmore said the finance committee negotiated and requests board approval of up to \$5,000 in moving expenses to help Mr. Hopkins relocate to Fayetteville. Chairman Whitmore made a motion to approve moving expenses up to but no more than \$5,000; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye.

Insurance and Policy - No Report

Supervisors' Report -

Mr. Perrin - Absent

Mr. Jones – No Report

Mrs. Dotson – reported on the GIVE Grant which includes Lincoln County and surrounding counties. One of the important components of this grant is the coding class and training. Fitzgerald Hopkins is taking the on-line training which will allow him to teach coding at FHS in addition to the existing engineering curriculum that is in place. The intention is for coding to work with the basic computer science class leading up to dual enrollment and cyber security at the Lincoln Center. On June 9 the City Board of Mayor and Aldermen will pass a resolution recognizing the basketball teams from FHS. The coaches will attend, and students will be able to see it on-line.

Mrs. Tuten – Absent

Ms. Young – requested textbook adoption approval. Ms. Young is starting a book study called "The Knowledge Gap" geared to build student's knowledge base and FHS will use Pearson. Mrs. Eady made a motion to approve Certification of Adoption by Local Board of Education presented to the board by Ms. Young; second by Mrs. Murdock. All board members voted aye. Evaluations have been closed after March 4 due to Covid so they will receive evaluations early.

Principals' Reports -

Dr. Bridgette Jones – reported that Dr. LeEllen Carter will take over as Assistant Principal in Ms. Park's place. Food distribution has ended. Other options for summer feeding were shared with families. Student materials pick up went well. The glass wall in the lobby will be installed and tiling is complete. Dr. Wilson added that the nutrition department distributed 48,854 free meals to students from March 23 – June 26. Dr. Jones thanked Hands of Mercy for the good work that they do for the students as well. Dr. Wilson added that parents can sign up for free meals for students through the school and meals are delivered to their homes.

Mr. Giffin – reported that Mrs. Tricia Jean is taking over as principal at FMS. Mr. Giffin will be transitioning to the Central Office to do attendance and other designated duties. He will be changing from Power School software to Skyward and feels this will be a positive change.

Mrs. Jean – said she was excited for the opportunity to be the new FMS principal. Pictures of the students are being taken in front of the Lincoln Co. Theatre as a farewell to the eighth grade. Mrs. Brittany Baker will be stepping into Mrs. Jean's role as Assistant Principal. The cafeteria at FMS worked very hard in distributing meals. Flyers were given out to parents giving instructions in signing up for additional meals. The gym floor should be complete in two weeks. Sports practices are ongoing – temperature is being taken along with all other TSSAA guidelines are being met.

Mr. McCormick – reported on construction projects including the gym floor, football field and front vestibule. Athletes of the Year are: Carly Andrews and Jacious Clark. End of year events were discussed in detail. Dates have been set for Prom, Senior Award and Recognition, Baccalaureate and Graduation but all of these events are pending on Covid progression and guidelines from the state. Mrs. Raby stated that she was against having the prom due to health and safety of the students along with liability problems.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Wilson recommended Dr. Claudia Styles for tenure. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve Dr. Wilson's recommendation; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye.

Dr. Wilson gave the board a letter of intent to retire at the end of December 2020. Mr. Clark made a motion to accept Dr. Wilson's letter of intent to retire; second by Chairman Whitmore. All board members voted aye.

Dr. Wilson presented FY21 Consolidated Application IDEA/EAEA for board approval in Mrs. Tuten's absence. Mr. Clark made a motion to approve; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye.

Transfers: Lee Ellen Carter Askins – Asst Principal
Brittany Baker FMS – Asst Principal

E'Sheia Hicks FMS – Teacher

Resignations/Terminations:

Lynn Caruthers FHS – Librarian
William Hay FMS – Teacher
Katherine Hobbs Cafeteria

Chelsie Roper FMS – Teacher

Jason Satterfield FMS - Teacher/Bus Driver

Madison Smith FHS – Ag Teacher
Keaton Stamps FHS – Math Teacher

New Hires:

Taylor Ferguson Special Ed Teacher
Marsha Larch FMS – Math Teacher

Lance Stephens FMS PE Teacher/Asst BB Coach
Billy Jack Netherland Spec Ed EA/Bus Driver/Maint/Coach

Christopher Coffee Educational Asst/Coach

Skylar McDonald FMS Teacher

Dr. Wilson reported that the budget has been turned in to the city. Due to revenues decreasing and no increase given to the system by the city the additional emotional/social counselor position has been taken out for 2020-21.

Dr. Wilson asked everyone to keep Mr. Ron Perrin and his family in their prayers due to the passing of his mother, Ms. Maggie Perrin.

Dr. Wilson announced that a decision has been made to cancel the Prom.

Dr. Wilson turned the meeting over to Mr. Bryant regarding the city properties at the old Central High School and Eighth District School.

Chairman's Report -

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on July 6, 2020 in the multi-purpose room

The meeting was adjourned.

Jeff Whyngry, Chairman

Thomas Holland, Jr., Vice Chairman

Minutes submitted by JoAnn Scott