

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2020**

Present:

Jeff Whitmore, Chairman
Tom Holland, Vice-Chairman
Mark Clark
Joyce Eady
Jennifer Murdock
Danny Bryant, Liaison
Janine Wilson
Billy W. Hopkins, Jr., Superintendent

Also Attending:

Christine Tuten
Eric Jones
Rujena Dotson
Cindy Young
Steve Giffin
Adam McCormick
Tricia Jean
Claudia Styles

Absent: Sarah Raby

Chairman Whitmore called the meeting to order. He asked to amend the agenda to have principals and supervisors report first. Mr. Clark made a motion to amend the agenda; second by Mrs. Eady. All board members voted aye.

Chairman Whitmore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve minutes from the July 6, 2020 regularly scheduled board meeting; second by Mr. Clark. All board members voted aye.

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

Principals' Reports –

Dr. Claudia Styles – reported the first day of school went smoothly and students were glad to be back. There were 59 present and 29 absences. There will be 116 students going virtual, 26 are kindergarten students, 29 are first grade, 23 are second grade and 38 are in the third and fourth grade. A few more teachers will need to teach virtually. Students are wearing masks and have assigned seats on buses. Temperatures are being taken of all students before entering schools. Pre-k enrollment is 55.

Mrs. Jean – reported fifth grade students were in the building today with 62 in attendance for conventional school and 31 have signed up for virtual learning. There are 37 sixth grade, 31 seventh grade and 38 eighth grade students going virtual. The students and teachers were excited to be back in school today. Temperature checks, questioning the students about exposure and social distancing went well. Hallways are marked, lockers are spaced and labeled in preparation for a good school year. Calls will be made to find students who were not in school today.

Mr. McCormick – reported out of approximately 369 enrollees 90 will be virtual. Channel 31 News interviewed a couple of the students. Staggering bringing students into the schools has been good for students and teachers as well. Temperature checks and other plans are in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

TSSAA is heavily advocating wearing masks. They are giving concession stand guidance to create more space, eliminating long lines and by using pre-packaged food. There are no stadium limits on crowds set at this time.

Supervisor's Reports:

Mr. Jones - reported transportation and bus routes went well. There were very few students on buses the first day of school. School construction projects are almost complete except the new doors at school entrances which have been postponed for the fourth time. There was a deadline so contractors continue to be in penalty phase at \$500 per day. Plumbing and HVAC equipment is working well at FMS. Fields are complete. Lincoln Paving is to start blacktopping the track soon.

Mrs. Dotson – anticipates virtual classes will increase. Chromebooks will be available to be picked up at Askins on Tuesday. Most students anticipate returning to school in January. Mrs. Dotson said this looks like “a Covid decision to keep students at home”. Jack Daniels Distillery donated approximately \$12,000 in hand sanitizers to Fayetteville City Schools. The teachers appreciated the on-line professional development, and it was very successful.

Mr. Giffin – has been working with different groups transferring students to Skyward. There has been training with all teachers at all three schools, cafeteria staff and nurses getting them up to date on the new system. He has worked to make sure all third party software is linked with the different textbooks and virtual learning which all ties into the new student information system. Mr. Giffin complimented principals and staff on how organized the schools were today.

Mrs. Tuten – reported that special populations is complicated right now. She has attended a virtual law conference making sure all bases are covered. There is a special populations plan in place to include students with disabilities, special learners, student experiences like homelessness and foster care. In person care and virtual learning is available for these students. Mrs. Tuten is trying to set up occupational therapy, speech therapy, OT and PT depending on schedules. Every child will have a contingency plan, and the school will give parents resource options in case classes become virtual. There will be a consent and agreement form to be signed by parents if classes do become all virtual.

Ms. Young – reported around one-half of the pre-k students registered were at school today. Cleaning stations have been set up. Teachers are meeting students at the parents vehicle to enable parents to stay out of the classrooms. Safety precautions are in place to keep all students as safe as possible. Teachers have had two days of training by Doug Eaton on technology to help teach virtual learning. Ms. Young thanked Mr. Giffin for his hard work on training teachers on the new student information system.

Facilities & Transportation – There has been no news on the TEMA/FEMA Grant. Mr. Hopkins has talked with Encore about working with the school system and having a trainer on staff.

Finance – No Report

Insurance & Policy – Chairman Whitmore presented the following policies to be approved on first reading and to waive second reading:

5.3051 FFCRA Leave – Mrs. Eady made a motion to approve Policy 5.3051 FFCRA Leave on first reading and waive second reading; second by Mrs. Murdock. All board members voted aye.

5.1151 Telework During Emergencies – Mrs. Eady made a motion to approve Policy 5.1151 Telework During Emergencies on first reading and waive second reading; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye.

1.8011 Emergency Closings – Mrs. Eady made a motion to approve 1.8011 Emergency Closings on first reading and waive second reading; second by Mr. Clark. All board members voted aye.

Superintendent's Report – Recommendations for tenure were as follows: Melissa Good, Katie Thompson, Don Adams, Betsy Davis, Sarah Parks Branch, Ashley Blake Smith, Keith Van Hooser, Cindy Young, Melanie Pitcock, Daniel Henderson

Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve Mrs. Melissa Good for tenure; second by Mr. Clark. All board members voted aye.

Mrs. Eady made a motion to approve Ms. Katie Thompson for tenure; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye.

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve Mr. Don Adams for tenure; second by Mrs. Murdock. All board members voted aye.

Mrs. Eady made a motion to approve Mrs. Betsy Davis for tenure; second by Mrs. Murdock. All board members voted aye.

Mrs. Eady made a motion to approve Ms. Sarah Parks Branch for tenure; second by Mrs. Murdock. All board members voted aye.

Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve Ms. Ashley Blake Smith for tenure; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye.

Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve Mr. Keith Van Hooser for tenure; second by Mrs. Murdock. All board members voted aye.

Mrs. Eady made a motion to approve Ms. Cindy Young for tenure; second by Mrs. Murdock. All board members voted aye.

Mrs. Eady made a motion to approve Mrs. Melanie Pitcock for tenure; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye.

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve Mr. Daniel Henderson for tenure; second by Mrs. Murdock. All board members voted aye.

The following were recommended for the 2020-2021 Disciplinary Hearing Authority: Eric Jones, Chairman, Chris Murdock, Heather Bradley, Rhonda Harris, Windy Butler, Kate Killebrew

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the recommended 2020-2021 Disciplinary Hearing Authority; second by Mrs. Eady. All board members voted aye.


Scott Posey, a tenured teacher, submitted his resignation. Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve Mr. Posey's resignation; second by Mrs. Eady. All board members voted aye.

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| Resignations: | E'Sheia Hicks Craig Carmichael | FAST FMS Teacher |
| New Hires: | John Honea Elisabeth Kee Kristin Wheeler Jason Bertram Julie Ezell Dee Curry | FHS Secondary Math/Geometry FMS Teacher Askins – Special Ed Teacher FMS Teacher – PE FHS – Spec Ed Teacher FMS – 7 th Grade ELA |

Chairman's Report –

Due to September 7 being a holiday, the next board meeting will be on September 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Askins Elementary School library.

The meeting was adjourned.



Jeff Whitmore, Chairman



Thomas Holland, Jr., Vice Chairman

Minutes submitted by JoAnn Scott