

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

Present:

Jeff Whitmore, Chairman
Tom Holland, Vice-Chairman
Mark Clark
Jennifer Murdock
Pam Bryson
Bridgett Hopkins
Danny Bryant
Bill Hopkins, Superintendent

Also Attending:

Eric Jones
Claudia Styles
Rujena Dotson
Cindy Young
Steve Giffin
Adam McCormick
Brittany Barnett
Tonja Whitenack
LeEllen Carter

Absent:

Tricia Jean
Christine Tuten

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

Chairman Whitmore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve minutes from the May 4, 2021 board meeting; second by Ms. Bryson. All board members voted aye.

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

Principals' Reports -

Dr. LeEllen Carter – reporting on behalf of Mrs. Whitenack, Dr. Carter shared information on the summer learning camp at Ralph Askins School and showed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting camp activities.

Mrs. Brittany Barnett – reporting on behalf of Mrs. Jean, Mrs. Barnett shared information on the summer learning camp at Fayetteville Middle School, passing out a flyer with photos and details about camp activities. FMS has had an average of 60 students attend each day.

Mr. McCormick – reported numbers from the FHS summer credit recovery. A total of 19 students are attending to participate in credit recovery. Already, eight credits have been made up of the 30 needed. Credit recovery is from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m., four days per week. Coach Morson also gave an update on the investment in the football field and presented a football signed by the state championship team.

Supervisors' Reports -

Ms. Young – gave an overview of the summer camps, noting that an average of 200 students are attending at the three schools. An average of 80 to 90 students are being transported each day via two buses. In the middle school program, requirements are six hours of instruction – two for reading, two for

math, one hour for physical activity and one hour for intervention. At RAS, a total of seven hours is required – two for reading, two for math, one hour of physical activity, one hour of intervention and one hour of STREAM activities. All meals are being prepared by the cafeteria staff and transported to the schools. A pre-test was taken on day one; a post-test will be taken on the final day of the program. Camps continue until June 17. Also in her report, Mrs. Young said that a Foundational Literacy Skills Plan will be posted on the system website. Professional Development is set for July 29.

Mrs. Dotson – gave an update on the ESSER 3.0 plan, passing out copies of the plan to the school board members. Mr. Hopkins recommended that the board approve the plan. Motion by Chairman Whitmore; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Mr. Giffin – reported that online registration for returning students is underway. At present, 27 FHS students, 32 FMS and 55 RAS students have registered. Testing has wrapped up, and the state is getting raw scores together right now. The state will then set cut scores. It could be October before the system receives that data. Employment applications are also on line now.

Mrs. Tuten – in Mrs. Tuten's absence, Dr. Styles requested that the Consolidated Funding Application be approved. Motion by Chairman Whitmore; second by Mrs. Murdock. All members voted aye. She also noted that surveys have been sent out in conjunction with the Blue Ribbon Schools, and a needs assessment will be developed from the results of those surveys.

CFO Report –

Lisa Williams – requested approval for Line Item Amendment #3 – General Education Fund for year-end purposes. Motion by Chairman Whitmore; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye. She also requested approval of Budget Amendment #5 – General Education Fund to record awarded Summer Learning Grants from the State of Tennessee. Motion by Chairman Whitmore; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Reports -

Facilities and Transportation – Mr. Jones reported that he will begin copying members of the Facilities Committee on pertinent emails related to construction projects so that the members will have current information. He shared information about the CDC project at FHS which is ongoing this summer, as well as the transformation of the computer lab at RAS to a special education area. Meetings regarding the new baseball/sports facility continue, and the system is committed to moving forward on the project.

Motion made by Chairman Whitmore to approve the contract with Cope Associates for the back of the existing FHS gymnasium project; second by Mr. Clark. All members voted aye.

Motion made by Chairman Whitmore to approve the contract with Volkert, Inc., for construction management services; second by Mr. Clark. All members voted aye. Kevin Gunnison with Volkert was also on hand to answer questions from the board.

Finance – Chairman Whitmore made a motion, based on Mr. Hopkins' successful evaluation, to extend the contract of the director of schools by one year, making it a four-year contract; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Insurance and Policy – Ms. Bryson recommended approval of the following revised policies on second reading:

6.206 – Transfers Within the System. Motion by Ms. Bryson; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members

voted aye.

6.305 – Student Concerns, Complains, and Grievances. Motion by Ms. Bryson; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

6.310 – Dress Code. Motion by Ms. Bryson; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

6.504 – Migrant Students. Motion by Ms. Bryson; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Superintendent's Report -

Mr. Hopkins recommended approval of a contract with Blackboard, Inc., for website and app hosting. Motion by Chairman Whitmore; second by Mrs. Murdock. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins shared with the board a list of personnel changes for their information.

Mr. Hopkins recommended tenure for Faye Hill. Motion by Chairman Whitmore; second by Mr. Clark. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended the board accept the resignation of Susan Nix Christen, a tenured teacher. Motion by Chairman Whitmore; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins recommended the board accept the resignation of Louis Steakley, a tenured teacher. Motion by Chairman Whitmore; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

The director also shared a list of supplements for the upcoming school year for the board's information.

Mr. Hopkins requested that the school board's July meeting be moved from its regular date due to the Fourth of July holiday being observed on Monday and the central office being closed on July 5. Chairman Whitmore suggested changing the date to Monday, July 12. Members agreed upon that date.


Chairman's Report -

Chairman Whitmore recognized Mr. Clark who shared the TSBA Legislative Wrap-Up, a summary of legislation from the past session of the Tennessee Legislature.

The meeting was adjourned.



Jeff Whitmore, Chairman



Thomas Holland, Jr., Vice Chairman

Minutes submitted by Sandy Williams