

January 22, 2018
Franklin, Tennessee

The Franklin Special School District Board of Education met on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Moore Elementary School, 1061 Lewisburg Pike, Franklin, with the following members present:

Tim Stillings, Chair
Alicia Barker
Allena Bell
Robert Blair
Robin Newman
Kevin Townsel

Others present were: Dr. David Snowden, Dr. Catherine Stephens, Chuck Arnold, Dr. Kay Boan, Mark Anderson, Robbin Cross, Dr. Lee Kirkpatrick, Jesse Horne, Chip Sternberg, Mary Decker, Amanda Parks, Amy Fisher, Josh Bracamontes, Lisa Chatman, and other staff, principals, teachers, parents, FSSDEA and community members.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Stillings called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MES Principal Mrs. Lisa Burgin welcomed those in attendance. Cub Scout Pack 188 members Patrick Michaud, Liam Maxwell and Jack Ives under the direction of Pack Leader Ian Maxwell presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. RECOGNITIONS

Good News Awards (on file) - Highlighted were: FSSD Student Artist of the Month PGMS 7th grader Jadyn Scheer; District Instructional Technology Specialist Cindy Cook, who was presented with the Tennessee Educational Technology Association's Outstanding Chief Technology Officer Award at the state conference; and FIS 6th grade teacher Angie Tisdale, who served on Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam's Teacher Cabinet.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

No one addressed the Board during this portion of the meeting.

VI. REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS

1. Proclamation in Honor of School Board Appreciation Week - Mayor Ken Moore presented a proclamation honoring our Board for the week of January 21-27, 2018 (on file). Dr. Snowden presented Mayor Moore a FSSD framed print in honor of his distinguished service as our mayor.

2. **Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation Presentation** – Jay Sanders, Community Relations Coordinator, presented information on the no cost educational youth programs offered by MTEMC.
3. **Teaching and Learning Spotlight** - “January 3rd Professional Learning Day”- presented by Dr. Catherine Stephens. Mary Decker was thanked for her diligent work in organizing and coordinating registration of 60 sessions, 22 of which were led by district personnel. Teachers and para-pros could attend two of the sessions of their choice during this day. More information can be learned on this subject and other departmental highlights in the Teaching & Learning report for January (on file).
4. **Construction Report** – Mr. Arnold presented the monthly update on Bond Fund/Capital Projects (on file).

VII. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA

Allena Bell made a **motion** to approve the board agenda as presented. Alicia Barker **seconded** the motion, which **carried 6-0**.

VIII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Robert Blair made a **motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented. Robin Newman **seconded** the motion, which **carried 6-0**.

Approved under Consent Agenda (on file) were:

1. Minutes of Board Meeting dated December 11, 2017
2. Minutes of Board Retreat dated January 6, 2018

IX. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

1. **Approval of Strategic Plan Update** - Based on the review of the strategic plan at the Board Retreat on January 6th, the Strategic Plan was presented for approval. The approved plan will be extended for one year as the administration proceeds with the development of a new Strategic Plan process with AdvancED feedback and Leadership Team planning, then further follow the update proposal discussed at the 2019 retreat. The administration recommended approval of the Strategic Plan Update as presented.

Allena Bell made a **motion** to accept the Strategic Plan Update as presented. Robin Newman **seconded** the motion, which **passed unanimously 6-0**.

2. **2018-2019 Calendar** - Two versions of our draft calendar were presented and discussed at the Board Retreat. Following feedback received at the Principal’s Meeting on January 9th, revisions to August 6th and 7th were made to add *Meet & Greet* (not scheduled on the previous calendar) from 3:30 – 6:30 on August 6th and making it an Administrative Day, and August 7th a Site-Based Professional Learning Day (these days were switched from the reviewed calendar). Having the day after *Meet & Greet* (which would be August 7th) enables principals, front office team members and/or teachers to make necessary adjustments and/or preparations for the

students on the 1st day, August 8th. The administration recommended approval of **Version 2** of the proposed 2018-2019 calendar.

Alicia Barker made a **motion** to accept **Version 2** of the proposed 2018-2019 Calendar as presented. Kevin Townsel **seconded** the motion. Questions from the Board were to review whether the calendar committee considered Version 2 preferable; whether the end date of the school year coincided with Williamson County Schools' end date; and the number of days difference the FSSD and WCS calendars were in comparison (both versions were 6 days difference). After discussion, the motion **passed unanimously 6-0**.

- 3. Resolution in Support of Williamson County Local Option Sales Tax Referendum** – Dr. Snowden presented a resolution for adoption by the Board, which Dr. Barker read to the audience.

Kevin Townsel made a **motion** to approve the Resolution in Support of Williamson County Local Option Sales Tax Referendum as presented. Allena Bell **seconded** the motion. After discussion for approval of wording within the resolution, the motion **passed 6-0**. Board members signed the document of support of the resolution following the meeting. Mr Stillings communicated that it was incumbent to collectively and collaboratively vote for this referendum.

- 4. Policy Revision: Code of Student Conduct (6.313) – 1st Reading** – This policy is being updated to be in compliance with Tennessee Code Annotated Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 40 as well as the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, 20 USC § 7114. Additions include "use, possession, sale, and/or distribution of tobacco, drugs, and/or alcohol" as an offense - including all of these offenses within one policy makes it clear that the district is in compliance with the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act listed above. It also includes a Tennessee Code requirement to adopt a discipline code that prohibits students from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent manner that disrupts the learning environment during the school day. The largest change in the update break offenses into a four categories instead of the prior three. The policy is now divided into the following categories for seriousness: 1) Minor misbehavior on the part of the student which impedes orderly classroom, school, playground, or hall procedures or interferes with the orderly operation of the school, which can usually be handled by an individual staff member; 2) Misbehavior that is *frequent* or *serious enough* to disrupt the learning climate of the school. Included in this level are misbehaviors which do not represent a direct threat to the health and safety of others but whose educational consequences are serious enough to require corrective action on the part of administrative personnel; 3) Acts directly against persons or property but whose consequences do not seriously endanger the health or safety of others in the school; and 4) Acts which result in violence to another's person or property or which pose a threat to the safety of others in the school. These acts are so serious that they usually require administrative actions which result in the immediate removal of the student from the school. Legal references have also been updated. The administration recommended approval of the first reading.

Tim Stillings made a **motion** to approve the revisions for Policy 4.700 Testing Programs - 1st Reading as presented. Robert Blair **seconded** the motion, which **passed 6-0**.

X. DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Dr. Snowden presented the following report to the Board:

- **Governor Haslam to visit Freedom Intermediate January 23rd** – FIS science teacher Angie Tisdale has been serving on Governor Haslam’s Teacher Cabinet (meeting quarterly to provide feedback on a number of areas, such as real-time information from the classroom, policy considerations, including educator support and preparation, assessment, teacher evaluation, RTI implementation and the state standards review process). FIS has prepared to make the most of the Governor’s time - Dr. Hoag shared some of the plans with the Board and audience. We are appreciative of the Governor’s visit and look forward to spending this time with him.
- **Board Retreat** –Thanks for a productive work session on Saturday the 6th. The legislative session with Representatives Casada and Whitson, and Senator Jack Johnson was informative and there were great topics explored. As always, the administration appreciates the Board’s input related to all items discussed.
- **School Board Appreciation Week** – Governor Bill Haslam has declared January 21-27, 2018 School Board Appreciation Week in the state of Tennessee. Board members will be receiving an invitation to an individual school to be honored and recognized for service to the students and employees of our district. In recognition of their service, the school district will be donating a book to each of the media centers: We’re All Wonders, by R.J. Palacio for the K-4 schools, and Wonder by R.J. Palacio for 5-8 grades. Dr. Snowden thanked the Board members for all the support, time and dedication each devotes to our district!
- **NSBA Equity Symposium and Advocacy Institute** – Mr. Stillings will be attending this conference to be held in Washington, D.C. February 3-6. We look forward to sharing this experience at the February meeting.
- **FSSD Art Show at the Frist Center for the Visual Arts** - FSSD students from each school will participate in the Franklin Special School District Art Show at the Frist Center for the Visual Arts. The artwork from two students at each grade level and school will be on display from January 27-February 11. On Saturday, January 27th, a reception will be held to recognize our student artists and our amazing art teachers. The event will be held from 2:00-4:00 that afternoon with a brief presentation scheduled for 3:00 in the auditorium. We appreciate this partnership with The Frist Center for the Visual Arts and the additional work of the art teachers as they prepare student work to be displayed.
- **TSBA Day on the Hill** – Board members that are able to attend are registered for this event, coming up on February 12-13. Following a breakfast on the 13th, TSBA encourages Board members to attend committee hearings and visit the offices of

their senators and representatives. The Association of Independent and Municipal Schools (AIMS) sponsors their annual luncheon 11:30.

- **NSBA Annual Conference** – We have registered for the NSBA Conference scheduled for April 7-9 in San Antonio. We will check with you individually to schedule transportation and confirm travel dates. Please remember that the AdvancEd summary meeting will occur the afternoon of April 5th.
- **Statement of Disclosure of Interests to Tennessee Ethics Commission** – If you have not submitted an annual statement to the Ethics Commission, please access the online filing at <https://apps.tn.gov/conflict/>. This statement is required by law to be filed by January 31st.

XI. UPDATES

Teaching & Learning - Dr. Catherine Stephens, Associate Director for Teaching & Learning, provided the following (on file):

- Demographic report dated 1/19/2018

Finance & Administration – Chuck Arnold, Associate Director for Finance & Administration, provided the following (on file):


- Personnel Change Report December, 2017/January 2018
- Investment Report dated November 30, 2017
- Revenue and Expenditure Reports dated 1/11/18
- Tax Comparison Report

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Executive PTO was thanked for providing the Board members a beautiful basket of items for School Board Appreciation Month. Hospitality Chair Kim Stinson related how much the Board was appreciated for their service.
- LES is involved in a contest at Jamba Juice with a WC elementary to receive \$1,500 in P.E. equipment, please support them if you are able, the contest is on the final day.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

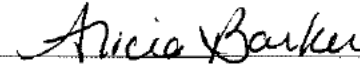
Chair Stillings adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.



Tim Stillings, Chair

2/12/2018

Date

ATTEST: 

Alicia Barker, Secretary

2/12/2018

Date