

January 6, 2018
Nashville, Tennessee

The Franklin Special School District Board of Education met on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. for a **Board Retreat and Work Session** at the Teacher Center at Moore Elementary, 1061 Lewisburg Pike, Franklin.

Present:

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

Others present were: Dr. David Snowden, Dr. Catherine Stephens, Chuck Arnold, Carol Riordan, Susannah Gentry, media and parent Debra Myrick.

Please note that this Retreat was a non-voting meeting and topics were for Board discussion only.

Tim Stillings, Board Chair, gave a Welcome and Retreat Overview.


- 1. Legislative Delegation Update** – Representative Glen Casada, Representative Sam Whitson and Senator Jack Johnson were present to give updates on 2018 scheduling and education-related items in the 2018 legislative session. Discussion time was given for questions and comments from our Board and administration. Dr. Snowden and the Board requested consideration in the following areas: accountability – expanding the planning for assigning grades A-F for schools to consider separate grading for 1) value added, 2) achievement, 3) attendance/chronic absenteeism and 4) sub-group gap, instead of having each school receive one grade; reciprocity of teacher licensure for out of state teachers moving to Tennessee; support for Rtl being a larger portion of BEP, also an increase of the school/nurse ratio funding in BEP; movement to local control of the % of how much TNReady scores will count for grading in grades 3-8; also consideration of full evaluation of the effectiveness of SPED vouchers before planning on the expansion of other publicly funded vouchers; finally support for quicker turnaround of TNReady scores. Mrs. Bell extended invitation to legislators to visit in our schools; also requested School Board member representation on the State Board of Education. Discussion was held regarding the face of local representation pending Rep. Sargent's retirement and his role as Chairman of Finance; future redistricting after April 2020 population surveys are complete; as well as our legislators requesting that our Board (continue) to watch the legislative calendars to view the bills that will be coming up – published the week before the committees meet, and to communicate with our local legislators who will then go to their colleagues on our behalf.
- 2. Architect's Preliminary Plans for PGS** – Steve Griffin and Audra Herriges of HFR Design presented plans for a new gymnasium at PGS and concept plans for a district-use Performing Arts Center also to be built on the PGS campus. Discussion of funding was included in the Capital Needs section of the retreat.

3. **2018-2019 School Calendar** – Dr. Catherine Stephens gave a review of the steps that have been taken in the calendar process, of which resulted in two drafts, Version 1 and 2 (both on file). The calendar choices will be added to the January meeting agenda.
4. **Fairground Street Property** – This property has been rezoned by the City of Franklin (map on file). The Board requested that an updated appraisal be made and presented.
5. **Transportation Cost Factors - All District Routes vs Efficiency of Dual Routes** – A report was prepared by Mr. Arnold and Mr. Horne (on file) to outline what is in place now as far as equipment and personnel and what would be needed to have one bell time throughout the district. The discussion included Mr. Jesse Horne, Transportation Supervisor. One concern was the earliest pick up times necessary for the current bell schedule. It was a consensus that early pick up times would be monitored and a revisit of adjusting bell times would be necessary if early pick up times get worse in the future.
6. **Williamson County Local Option Sales Tax Referendum** – A discussion on this topic, which was presented at the December Board meeting (on file), resulted in the request that a Resolution from the Board be presented at the January meeting in support of the Local Option Sales Tax increase.
7. **2018-2019 Budget Priorities** – Ideas for possible consideration in the upcoming budget work sessions were requested. The Board was asked to send them to Mr. Arnold if there were other ideas after the retreat. Some considerations requested were: analysis of the current pay schedule compared to the needs of our district; discussion of instructional coaches; request for translating head phones for each school, such as those currently used at PGS.
8. **Future Capital Needs** – Mr. Arnold presented current obligations with outstanding bonds and a 5-year proposed plan for new capital improvements currently scheduled, as well as level and wrapped aggregated debt service, which included future possibilities for the PGS gym and consideration of the Performing Arts Center (all of file). The Board requested that a draft Resolution be drawn up to be proposed for vote at the next meeting.
9. **COF / FSSD Master Concept Plan** – Tied back to the presentation of the architects earlier in the retreat, there was no other discussion on this topic.
10. **Update of Strategic Plan and Continuance of Long-Range Plan** – Discussed was the continuance through the rest of this year with updates to the current plan. After AdvancEd feedback, development of a new Strategic Plan process would begin with the Leadership team during their retreat in June 2018, with a focus and goals set in 3 areas. A work session with the Board would be scheduled for July to review and solicit feedback and input. The Fall schedule was outlined with presentation of the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan at the Board retreat in January 2019 for feedback and finalization with planned approval in February 2019 (schedule on file).
11. **Advanc-Ed Re-accreditation** – The re-accreditation process was outlined for the Board,

followed by review of the Board's portion regarding System Quality Factors as review was needed.

- 12. **N.O.O.K. Update** – Dr. Barker updated the Board on the progress that this program has made and current action steps.

The Retreat adjourned at 2:55 p.m. with *no action taken by the Board.*

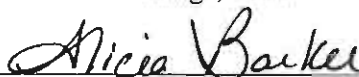


Tim Stillings, Chair

1/22/18

Date

ATTEST:



Alicia Barker, Secretary

1/22/18

Date