

February 12, 2018
Franklin, Tennessee

The Franklin Special School District Board of Education met on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Freedom Middle School, 750 New Highway 96 West, 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, Robbin Cross, Mary Decker, Amanda Parks, Amy Fisher, Dr. Kay Boan, Dr. Lee Kirkpatrick, Jesse Horne, Chip Sternenberg, Josh Bracamontes, Lisa Chatman, Drew Bingham, Susannah Gentry and other staff, principals, teachers, parents, FSSDEA and community members.

There was a reception to recognize teachers attaining National Board Certification prior to the meeting.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

FMS Principal Dr. Kristi Jefferson welcomed those in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. RECOGNITIONS

- 1. National Board Certified Teachers** - Teachers achieving National Board Certification during 2017-2018 were honored. Receiving recognition for the prestigious status were: Patrick Bourn (FES, Music), Deborah Higdon (FES, SPED), Karen Hummer (FES, 1st grade), Melissa Miller (FES, 1st grade) and Drew Wilkerson (JES, 1st grade). They were pinned by current FSSD National Board Certified teachers Michelle Pieczura and Judy Gregg. A framed proclamation was also presented to each. It was noted that there were twenty new NBC teachers within Tennessee this year, and five were obtained within FSSD.
- 2. Good News Awards** (on file) - Highlighted were: FSSD Student Artist of the Month MES 1st grader Grace Kitchens; FES 1st grade teacher/district Grant Team representative Joanna Salce, who has been awarded a Tennessee Arts Commission grant enabling FES to host author Jessica Young, as well as a Target grant, which will support the entire 1st grade's admission to the Nashville Zoo; lastly, FES 4th grade teacher/grant writer Michelle Pieczura, who received a Fuel Up to Play 60 grant,

which will support two FES programs, the CNP “It’s All About Your Choices – Go Nutritious” program, and for P.E. and the “Walk This Way Walking Club”.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

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

V. REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS

1. **Teaching and Learning Spotlight - “Instructional Coaches Play a Pivotal Role in FSSD”**, presented by Dr. Catherine Stephens. Dr. Esslinger and Dr. Jefferson reported on the importance of Instructional Coaches at their schools. More information can be learned on this subject and other departmental highlights in the Teaching & Learning report for February (on file).
2. **Construction Report** – Mr. Arnold presented the monthly update on Bond Fund/Capital Projects (on file).
3. **Annual Report of the Director of Schools for 2016-2017** – The Director of Schools’ Annual Report has been submitted to the Board review. Dr. Snowden noted that every effort has been made to achieve the most comprehensive document possible. Several areas were highlighted. Dr. Snowden requested that if there were areas that needed to be discussed, to have the Board members contact him individually. Also provided as hard copy were the following: the DOS Annual Report for 2016-17, the Annual Performance Review Process overview with the Goals and Objectives also attached, and Individual Score Sheets for each Board member. Mr. Townsel requested forwarding the score sheets to the Administrative Assistant by March 2 so that the Composite Score for the Director is on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting.
4. **NSBA Equity Symposium and Advocacy Institute** – takeaways from conference were given by Mr. Stillings.

VI. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA

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

VII. 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 January 12, 2018

VIII. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

1. **Resolution for Amendment of Private Acts** – The resolution recommending adoption of an Amendment to Chapter 563 of the Private Acts of 1949, as amended, to authorize the Franklin Special School District, Williamson County, Tennessee to issue and sell school bonds and notes in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed twenty six million five hundred thousand dollars (\$26,500,000). (This amount would cover project costs of \$25,000,000 net of interest.) Should the district elect to issue the debt incrementally, it can expect to assess \$0.04 for every \$1,000,000 of debt service required per year. Jeff Oldham of Bass, Berry & Sims and Whit Moloney of Piper Jaffray were present for questions.

Tim Stillings made a **motion** to approve the **Resolution for Amendment of Private Acts** as presented (on file). Kevin Townsel **seconded** the motion. After discussion, the motion **passed unanimously 6-0**.

2. **Policy Revision: Code of Student Conduct (6.313) – 2nd 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 second reading.

Robert Blair made a **motion** to approve the revisions for Policy 4.700 Testing Programs – 2nd Reading as presented. Alicia Barker **seconded** the motion, which **passed 6-0**.

3. **Policy Revision: Bids and Quotations (2.806) – 1st Reading** - This revision is in accordance with changes to Tennessee Code Annotated 12-3-1203 (formerly 12-3-1004) and TCA 12-3-1205 (formerly 12-3-1009). These statutes authorize LEAs to

purchase equipment under the same terms of a legal bid initiated by another LEA in Tennessee, and makes provisions for cooperative purchasing agreements outside Tennessee. Updates are also made to legal references. The administration recommended approval of the first reading.

Tim Stillings made a **motion to approve** the revisions for Policy 2.806 Bids and Quotations for **the first reading as presented and waive the second reading**. Allena Bell **seconded** the motion, which **passed 6-0**.

IX. DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Dr. Snowden presented the following report to the Board:

- **Appraisal for Fairground Street Property** – an appraisal of the property was not available by meeting time; however, when it is received it will be sent to the Board by email.
- **Presidents Day** – The district will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents Day.
- **TSBA “Day on the Hill” February 13** – We look forward to the opportunity to speak with our legislative representatives about local and national issues on Tuesday, as well as attending scheduled committee meetings. Some of our Board members will also be attending a luncheon that follows the legislative office visits on the 13th, which will be hosted by Association of Independent and Municipal Schools (AIMS). Thank you for your representation on our behalf.
- **African-American History Month event and other cultural events** - February is African-American History Month, and our schools will be recognizing the contributions of many outstanding African-American men and women at varying times during the month. The annual awards ceremony honoring recipients of the Monroe and Mary Booker Awards for Leadership and Service is scheduled for Friday, February 23rd at 1:00 p.m. in the Freedom Middle School’s gymnasium. In addition to this, on February 16th at 8:30 Liberty is having a Unity Day, and at 11:45 PGMS is having an Hispanic Heritage program. Moore is having a Festival of Nations on February 23 beginning at 8:30. We hope your schedule will allow you to attend some of these events.
- **Pre-K Registration FY 2018-19** – The Voluntary Pre-K application process is underway. Interested parents should call any school office, our central office or annex and ask to be added to the application mailing list. Applications will be mailed no later than Friday, February 23rd. Approximately 110-115 student seats will be open to families who meet income qualifications. Flyers are posted in our schools and will soon be delivered throughout our community, as well as on our website.
- **Teachers of the Year** – Building Teachers of the Year as well as District-Level Teachers of the Year have been selected, and will be honored at the March Board

meeting with a reception preceding the meeting. Congratulations to each of these teachers – they are great representatives of our profession and we are very proud of each one.

- **AdvancEd Re-accreditation** – Dr. Stephens, her team, the entire district, as well as the Board, have been working very hard in preparation of our re-accreditation visit from AdvancEd. You will be hearing more about details as we get nearer to the visit.
- **NSBA Conference** – Planning continues for travel to this conference scheduled for April 7-9 in San Antonio.

X. UPDATES

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

- Demographic report dated 2/1/2018

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

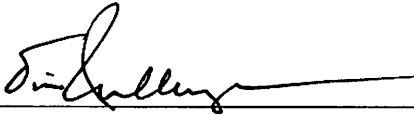
- Personnel Change Report January 2018/February 2018
- Investment Report dated December 31, 2017
- Revenue and Expenditure Reports dated February 6, 2018
- Tax Comparison Report

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

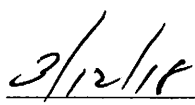
- The FES roof bid opening will occur the week of March 19; a Special Called Meeting is requested from the Board for Thursday March 22 in order for the roofing to begin as soon as possible. Board members are requested to contact Carol with the best time to meet.
- Mr. Stillings has brought back listings for NSBA legislative priorities going forward this year, and also several publications to share with other members.
- Mr. Stillings announced that Jamba Juice has provided LES with \$1,500 for P.E. equipment for being a contest winner. He thanked them for their partnership with LES and our district and requested they be invited to a future Board meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stillings adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

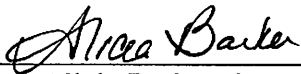


Tim Stillings, Chair

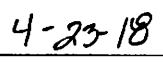


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ATTEST:



Alicia Barker, Secretary



Date