

January 14, 2017
Nashville, Tennessee

The Franklin Special School District Board of Education met on Saturday, January 14, 2017 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
Alicia Barker
Robert Blair
Robin Newman
Kevin Townsel

Not present:

Allena Bell

Others present were: Dr. David Snowden, Dr. Catherine Stephens, John McAdams and school administration.

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 Charles Sargent, Representative Glen Casada, Representative Sam Whitson were present to give updates on education-related bills coming up in the 2017 legislative session. Discussion time was given for questions and comments from our Board and administration.
2. **2017-2018 School Calendar** –Dr. Catherine Stephens gave a review of the steps that have been taken in the calendar process, which included input from our Director of Schools, the Teaching & Learning staff, the “Lunch & Learn” participant group, and district team, of which resulted in two drafts, Options A and B (both on file). Dr. Stephens requested feedback from the Board before inclusion in the agenda at the February meeting for Board approval.
3. **Strategic Plan Review** – As an overview, a discussion and review of the FSSD Five Year Strategic Plan for February 2013 - May 2018 included each subject area in the plan (on file). Updates and revisions were noted during the discussion of the Strategic Plan and will be presented for the Board’s approval during the January Board meeting.
4. **Ideas for 2016-2017 Budget Discussion** – In preparation of upcoming budget meetings, the Board discussed items to be researched or considered.
5. **Update on State’s ESSA Draft Plan/Accountability** – Dr. Kay Boan gave a presentation on the focus of Tennessee Succeeds.

6. **Discussion of State testing** – Required state-required testing through Questar was discussed in relation to the value-added scores.
7. **Strategic Plan Update and Logistics for New Iteration** – Updates were noted and discussed with the Board as needed. At the January Board meeting, there will be a vote for adoption of the updated Strategic Plan. Committees will convene to refresh the plan will begin in Fall 2017 with completion prior to the end of the year.
8. **Update on World Language Program** – Curriculum & Professional Learning Supervisor Mary Decker and MAC Supervisor Amanda Parks presented an update on the process so far with hiring and collaboration to get the World Language Program, currently at MES for Spanish K-4 after school classes. An evaluation will be sent out after this first session ends. The Board requests that demographic information be provided to them, as well as including in the survey if there would be interest in another language besides Spanish. World language could include other foreign language, but also sign language and coding as options for the future.
9. **Discussion of Policies:**
 - i) **Attendance of Non-Residence Students (6.204)** - related to the question of whether to consider allowing students from neighboring counties to attend FSSD schools as tuition students – considerations discussed included the financial impact, capacity, and student enrollment history.
 - ii) **Gifts and Bequests (2.401)** - related to the methods of recognizing donors – Communications Specialist Susannah Gentry presented her findings on what other districts did to recognize monetary gifts. The Board discussed standardization using an online portal at the district and possibly the school level, also recognition from Good News Awards and corporate giving. The Board requested recommended language to update Policy 2.401 at a future meeting.
10. **Status of Fairground Street Property** – Maintenance and Landscaping Supervisor Chip Sternberg updated the Board that rezoning for this property was not complete; several signatures from the City still need to be collected.
11. **Construction Updates** – Mr. McAdams provided an update for the Board for the many updates that are happening throughout the district. Mr. Stillings noted that naming rights for a building or portion of a building must be presented to the Board for approval.

Mr. Blair was not present for the remainder of the work session.

12. **Community Partnerships** – Brian Carlson, President of the Tennessee Soccer Club and FSSD parent, was in attendance and outlined an idea for partnering with the district to provide artificial turf for the football field located at FIS. He outlined the benefits to the district and community as well as the needs of the league, which is a growing organization which now participates in many levels of competition, including elite travel. The Club would want to rent the fields for a significant portion of the time, outside of school use, which would remain first priority. Lighting, concessions and clean-up was also discussed. There will be ongoing discussion for this concept.

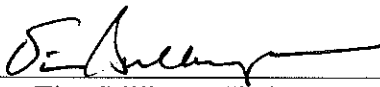
13. Child Nutrition Department – Mr. John McAdams reported that at this point in time, with an increase in revenues in the department up \$25,000 and decrease in expenses of around \$16,000, the department is over \$40,000 better off than at this time last year.

Mr. Stillings was not present for the remainder of the work session.

14. eMeeting Discussion and Questions – There was not discussion or questions related to this item.

15. Security update at LES – The system is scheduled to be demonstrated for final testing by the end of next week; it should be functional for visitors to use within 2-3 weeks.

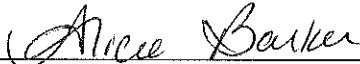
The Retreat adjourned at 2:45 p.m. with *no action taken by the Board.*



Tim Stillings, Chair

1.23.17
Date

ATTEST:



Alicia Barker, Secretary

1-23-17
Date