

January 12, 2015  
Franklin, Tennessee

The Franklin Special School District Board of Education met on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Liberty Elementary School, 600 Liberty Pike, Franklin, with the following members present:

Robert Blair  
Robin Newman  
Alicia Barker  
Allena Bell  
Kevin Townsel  
Not present was: Tim Stillings

Others present were: Director Dr. David Snowden, Associate Director for Finance & Administration Mr. John McAdams, Associate Director for Teaching & Learning Dr. Catherine Stephens, Mark Anderson, Mary Decker, Dr. Kay Boan, Dr. Roberta Hill, Amanda Parks, and other staff, principals, teachers, parents, FSSDEA and community members.

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Principal Dr. Cheryl Robey welcomed those in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. RECOGNITIONS**

**Good News Awards** - Highlighted was: Student Artist of the Month PGMS 6<sup>th</sup> grader Annie Zhang; Evelyn Hickerson, Executive Director and Founder of Gentry's Education Center for being recipient of a \$5,000 Peypack Foundation grant; Ravenwood High School Eagle Scout Kevin Smally, who with other scouts renovated the Central Office Annex courtyard; Janet Parker, Judy Foster and Dee Dee Davis who presented at the National Council for Teachers of English; the PGMS Boys Soccer Team; and the PGMS Girls Soccer Team (on file).

**IV. PUBLIC INPUT**

No one from the public chose to address the Board.

**V. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION**

1. **Proclamation in Honor of School Board Appreciation Week** – January 25-31, 2015 – A proclamation signed by Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor of the City of Franklin, was read by Dr. Snowden and presented to the Board (on file).
2. **Executive PTO** – There was not a report given this month from the Executive PTO.

3. **Teaching and Learning Spotlight - "National Board Certification"** was presented by Dr. Stephens. This information is further highlighted in the Teaching & Learning report for this month (on file).
4. **Annual Report of the Director of Schools for 2013-2014** - The Director of Schools' Annual Report was submitted to the Board prior to the meeting. This occurs each year after data from the previous school year is received. Dr. Snowden noted to the Board that we are fortunate to have many great leaders and a wonderful Board, and encouraged the Board to read the full report instead of having only certain items highlighted this year. No questions were asked by the Board at this meeting. There will be a link to the report from our website for public viewing. Dr. Snowden also thanked Finance & Administration and Teaching & Learning for their contributions in preparing this report.

#### VI. 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**.

#### VII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

The **items approved** under Consent Agenda (on file) were:

1. Minutes of Board Meeting dated December 8, 2014
2. Budget Amendments
3. Bid: Maintenance Department

#### VIII. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

**Consideration of:**

1. **Policy Revision: Use of Communication Devices and Electronic Devices (6.312) – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Recently adopted, this policy is being updated due to clarification of wording regarding student usage. The administration recommended approval of the first reading.

Allena Bell made a **motion to approve the policy revision for Use of Communication Devices and Electronic Devices (6.312) – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading as presented** (on file). Robin Newman **seconded** the motion. After discussion, the motion **carried 6-0**.

#### IX. DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Dr. Snowden presented the following report to the Board:

- **Honors Program Update** – There as an Honors parent meeting held for 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents that as 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be eligible for honors classes. Dr. Snowden thanked Dr. Stephens,

Dr. Boan, Mrs. Herrin, Mrs. Larkin and Dr. Calton (FIS), Dr. Jefferson and Mrs. Muniz (FMS), and Mrs. Clark and Dr. Orman (PGMS) for their diligence and organization.

- **Statement of Disclosure to Tennessee Ethics Commission** – Required by law to be filed by each Board member by January 31<sup>st</sup>, this disclosure can be accessed and filed online on the Tennessee Ethics Commission website. Board members may contact either Dr. Snowden or Carol Riordan if there was any difficulty accessing the reporting form.
- **Board Retreat** - The Board Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 17th beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Teacher Center at Moore Elementary, with breakfast and lunch provided. A draft agenda will be forwarded to the Board this week; additional items for discussion by the Board may be added. Tentative adjournment will be 4:00.
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** – Our district will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2014 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.
- **School Board Appreciation Week** – January 25 through 31, 2015 has been designated as School Board Appreciation Week. Each Board member 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 the Board's service, the school district will be donating the following book to each of the media centers: Bullets and Bayonets: A Battle of Franklin Primer, A Sesquicentennial Project of the Williamson County Public Library. In addition, a proclamation has been signed by Mayor Moore in honor of this special week. The Board was thanked for all the support, time and dedication devoted to our district!
- **TSBA Day on the Hill** – This is scheduled for February 17, 2014 at the Doubletree Nashville Downtown Hotel; breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m. TSBA and our district have invited our legislative representatives to join us for breakfast that morning, and as in the past, we usually have an opportunity to meet with each of our representatives in their offices that day as well, dependent upon their schedules. Following at 11:00 will be a luncheon sponsored by AIMS honoring our Board members. Dr. Snowden requested that the Board members RSVP to Carol for their availability for the luncheon if they have not had the chance.
- **NSBA Conference** – Early registration for the NSBA Conference scheduled for March 21-23, 2015 in Nashville runs through January 16th.

## X. UPDATES

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

- Summary of Teaching and Learning Activity for the January Board Meeting;
- FSSD Demographics dated December 18, 2014.

**Finance and Administration** - John McAdams, Associate Director for Finance & Administration, provided the following (on file):


- Personnel Change Report for December, 2014/January, 2015;
- Investment reports as of November 30, 2014;
- Summary Revenue Reports and Summary Expenditure Reports for December 2014.


**XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

John McAdams reported that sales tax collections were 5.5% better overall than the previous year.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Blair adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

  
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Robert Blair, Vice Chair      2-9-15  
Date

ATTEST:   
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Alicia Barker, Secretary      2-9-2015  
Date