

January 17, 2015
Franklin, Tennessee

The Franklin Special School District Board of Education met on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. for a **Board Retreat and Work Session** at the Teachers Center at Moore Elementary, 1061 Lewisburg Pike, Franklin, Tennessee, with the following members present:

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

Others present were: Dr. David Snowden, Dr. Catherine Stephens, John McAdams and the Leadership Team.

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.

2014-2015 School Calendar draft, presented by Dr. Catherine Stephens (on file) - Review of the calendar creation, which included input from our Director of Schools, the Teaching & Learning staff and the “Lunch & Learn” participant group (composed of 71 teachers and paraprofessionals) resulted in two drafts, Options A and B, of which Dr. Stephens requested feedback from the Board as well before inclusion in the agenda at the February meeting for Board approval.

Changes requested to the Option B calendar as presented encompassed changing January 4, 2016 to “*School Professional Learning Day*” and January 5, 2016 to “*District Professional Learning Day*”; also adding “& teachers” to May 25, 2016 (final day of calendar) to clarify that date as being the last day for teachers as well as students. The revision is noted at the bottom of the Option 2 Proposal with a “Revised” date change from 12/3/14 to 1/17/15.

Strategic Plan Review – As an overview, a discussion and review of the FSSD Five Year Strategic Plan for February 2013 through 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 February Board meeting.

Changes to proposed revisions based on Board discussion were as follows:

Page 1 - Overarching Strategic Plan Goal: “academically” changed to “educationally”.

Educational Excellence – Goal 2: “number” has been replaced with “diversity”. Goal 3f: additional strategy has been added for clarification. Goal 6i: Strategy has been revised removing “feasibility” and adding “to be implemented for”.

Community Relations – No changes to proposed revisions.

Finance – Goal 1a Strategy 1: “PARCC” was replaced with “state assessments”.

Action items resulting from discussion were:

1. For Board members to see a master schedule and how pockets of time are used, both in K-4 and 5-8.
2. To work toward expanded choices of foreign language being offered, currently French and Spanish.
3. To have the family access registration information to Skyward grades more visible to parents. Registration instructions for family access should be sent in short form to principals for them to include in newsletters, and also available on the website.

Progress Report on Website Resign - A presentation was given by Susannah Gentry, Media Specialist, outlining the new format of our website. The Board will receive a preview before the website goes live, scheduled for one month prior to the end of the 2014-2015 school year, timed so that parents will have a comfort level before the summer break.

WC-TV Proposal – A presentation was given by Newt Danley, Production Coordinator for WC-TV for the Board’s consideration (Proposal on file). A discussion on this topic among the Board will take place at a later date.

Portable PA System for Board Meetings – The Board requested that more information is acquired for the purchase of eight portable mics, to be presented later.

PTO Membership Increase – discussion was deferred to another time.

The administration plans to include PTO registration as a part of the online registration for the 2015-2016 school year.

Participation in Legislative Update as a Partner with WCS – As the Board’s TLN representative, Allena Bell has congratulated the Williamson County Schools board on their electoral races, and has also sent Jeremy Durham congratulations upon his re-election, along with Christmas cards to our Senator and Representatives. A goal of the Board is to have our representatives visit our schools and to get to know our district. The Board will keep abreast of the legislative session and attend the upcoming TSBA Day on the Hill.

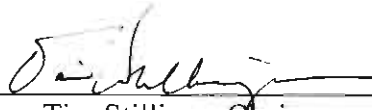
Board Notes – In the future, highlights of each Board meeting (as an educational spotlight) should be written by Susannah Gentry, Media Specialist. It will include a brief highlight one of the Board members. The overall objective will be for the Board to work through Susannah to send the Board Notes section out to schools, for inclusion in their newsletters, and also through other channels.

FSSD Legacy Recognition – The Board agreed by consensus that future FSSD Legacy Recognitions could include posthumous nominations. All faculty and staff member should have an opportunity to make a recommendation for this nomination. Also, the Board agreed that no more than two per year would be recognized. The nomination forms should be submitted to the Board and then chosen by committee.

Additional discussion:

Instead of having a before-school meet and greet with faculty and staff the next morning following regular Board meetings, the Board will send thank you notes to the hosting school.

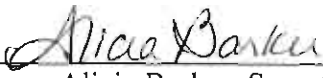
The Retreat adjourned at 1:45 p.m. with *no action taken by the Board.*



Tim Stillings, Chair

2-9-2015
Date

ATTEST:



Alicia Barker, Secretary

2-9-2015
Date