

April 18, 2016
Franklin, Tennessee

The Franklin Special School District Board of Education met on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Liberty Elementary School, 600 Liberty Pike, Franklin, Tennessee. The following members were present:

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

Others present were: Dr. David Snowden, John McAdams, Dr. Catherine Stephens, Dr. Kay Boan, Beth Herren, Mark Anderson, Chip Sternenberg, Lee Kirkpatrick, Amy Fisher, Marilyn Ryan and other staff, principals, teachers, parents, FSSDEA and community members.

There was a reception recognizing our "FSSD Top 40" volunteers beginning at 6:00 p.m.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Principal Dr. Cheryl Robey welcomed those in attendance. Cub Scout Pack 188 members Aiden Brown, Will Hinton and Wyatt Hartley presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. RECOGNITIONS

FSSD Top 40 Volunteers were recognized by Dr. Snowden. "You make a difference: you make an active choice in whether you volunteer, and your volunteer service enhances our schools each day". Each received an acrylic award in recognition of their service: from FES Nicole Clark, Lori Jones, Cheryl Kidd, Shannon McWaters, Meg Manning; from JES Molly Brewer, Terri Coffman, Reea Little, Stephanie Poteete, Vicky Stiles; from LES Catie Fein, Mark Gary, Melissa Hampton, Debra Myrick, and couple Chris and Brooks Reid; from MES Ashlee Anderson, Keleah Anderson, Julianne Caldwell, Devon Mencke, Carrie Turner; from PGES Delores Beathard, Sara Holt, Andrea Laycock, Jennifer Morrison, Christy Pauley; from FIS Jennifer Alvey-Soto, Jennifer Jones, Liz McClain, Cindy Scarce, Kim Stinson; from FMS Shalamarr Aderogba, Mary Brown, Tammy Crouch, Sarah Holihan, Amie Tindall; from PGMS Missy Bradley, Kristen Brown, Helen DeBuse, Linda Keur, Carissa Zelnik.

Williamson County Education Foundation - Stacy Watson and WCEF Board members Allena Bell and Janine Moore presented a gift from the Foundation for the purchase of a promethean board.

Good News Awards (on file) - Highlighted: FSSD Student Artist of the Month, FIS 6th grader Adrian Brown; the FMS district champion basketball team: Coach Bernard Jones, Asst. Coach Roger Parker, Trevor Anderson, Trey Carlton, Johnny Crouch, Isaiah Poore (all named to the WMAA All Tournament Team), Deondre Anderson, Alec Beaman, Brian Branch, Chancellor Bright, Ben Brown, Cameron Cilurizo, Patrick Garrett, Caleb Hensley, Solathus Johnson, Clayton Neal, Grant Sargent, Hayes Smith and Carter Speedy; and Marie White, selected as a member of the Tennessee EdVoice Fellowship inaugural cohort.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

Kim Stinson, 1164 Glenbrook Drive, Franklin - reported to the Board that on Saturday, April 16, volunteers met at FIS to rework an area near Highway 96 West that FIS students use for recess. A drainage area needed improvement so that the students would have a better use of space for play. In preparation, Barbara Orr (FIS teacher), worked with City of Franklin's Principal Planner Andrew Orr of the Planning & Sustainability Dept. and Stormwater Coordinator Jeff Willoughby of the Engineering Dept. focusing on the play area, along with the FIS Playground Committee members Barbara Orr, Cindy Searce, Jennifer Alvey, Marie White and Principal Louse Larkin. The City of Franklin donated work, materials and plants at a cost around \$5,000. On April 16, a team of more than 20 volunteers: the FHS Rugby team, members of the PTO, students, teachers, school board member Allena Bell and the Franklin Fire Dept. contributed their time and effort to work on the area. The FFD sprayed the ground to soften the packed soil. The Playground Committee is working with local businesses to get concrete poured for a 4-square area/teatherball space; also native grasses will be planted on the grassy area near Highway 96. There will be space designated as a football play area; also rock scramble of rounded boulders will be placed on the hillside next to the parking lot. The PTO will also be forming a beautification committee next year that will help care for the beautification around the FIS campus.

V. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION

My Friend's House - Tim Tranberg, Director gave a presentation on this community partner. The resource and residential facility serves at-risk 12-18 year old boys where they are provided physical, social, emotional, spiritual and educational needs in a safe and secure environment. Mr. Tranberg requested tutors, clothing, and ideas for community service projects, which each resident participates in twice a month. Mr. Tranberg noted that our Board members Robert Blair and Kevin Townsel are also My Friend's House Board members, also that Board member Alicia Barker has raised almost \$30,000 for My Friend's House in connection with the Mardi Gras Ball fundraiser.

Executive PTO – there was not a report this month from the PTO. The Executive PTO will meet on Tuesday, April 19.

Teaching and Learning Spotlight - “2016-2017 Registration Process” - Information presented is also highlighted in the Teaching & Learning report (on file). Dr. Stephens recognized Mark Anderson, Drew Bingham, Helen Castillo, Susannah Gentry, attendance secretaries, parent liaisons and school administration. Registration progress to date was relayed to the Board.

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

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

Approved under Consent Agenda (on file) were:

1. Minutes of Board Meeting dated March 14, 2016
2. Minutes of Work Session dated March 31, 2016
3. Overnight Field Trip Request - Moore Elementary

VIII. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Consideration of:

1. **Bond Resolution** - The resolution to be approved authorizes the issuance of Limited Tax School Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2016 of the FSSD in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$22,500,000; making provision for the issuance, sale and payment of said bonds; establishing the terms thereof and the disposition of proceeds therefrom; and providing for the security and payment of the bonds. Whit Maloney of Piper Jaffray was present to answer questions. The administration recommended approval of the Bond Resolution as presented.

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

2. **Director of Schools Performance Goals FY 2016-2017** – Board member Kevin Townsel presented the goals to be approved, also included in the Board packet for prior review.

Kevin Townsel made a **motion to approve the Director of Schools Performance Goals FY 2016-2017 with changes**. Allena Bell **seconded** the motion. After

discussion, minor changes were made and will be incorporated into the goals and re- sent to Mr. Townsel for final review. The motion **carried 6-0**.

- 3. FSSD Volunteer of the Year submission to TSBA** - As in past years, due to time constraints, a non-school based committee impartially chooses the FSSD Volunteer of the Year based on principal recommendation through pre-determined criteria outlined by TSBA. This volunteer will represent our district first for the TSBA Mid-Cumberland Volunteer of the Year, and ultimately for the TSBA Tennessee Volunteer of the Year Award. The administration requests that the Board approve this committee to act on its behalf in submitting the volunteer that is to represent FSSD. The FSSD Volunteer of the Year will then be announced at the May meeting. Please note that in the past three years, FSSD volunteers have received the honor of TSBA Mid-Cumberland District Volunteer of the Year twice. The administration recommended approval of the committee for selection.

Allena Bell made a **motion to approve a committee to select the FSSD Volunteer of the Year for submission to TSBA**. Kevin Townsel **seconded** the motion, which **carried 6-0**.

- 4. New Policy: Charter Schools (1.704) - 2nd Reading** - After reviewing current district policies, TSBA has encouraged districts to review and at a minimum adopt the TSBA base policy regarding charter schools to ensure that there is the mechanism in place to accept, evaluate, and act on a charter school application. During the first reading, the following changes were requested to be made to the proposed policy: Page 2 line 10 to read: "The sponsor shall pay a non-refundable application fee of \$1,500.00." After conducting further research of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-108 (Approval, denial of application), Number (5) states "LEAs may charge applicants an application fee in an amount approved by the local Board of Education. The application fee shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) per application." "Non-refundable" has been added to Page 2 line 10 for the second reading. There were no other changes requested by the Board during the first reading. The administration recommended approval of the second reading for this new policy.

Robin Newman made a **motion to approve the 2nd reading of the new policy Charter Schools (1.704) as presented**. Alicia Barker **seconded** the motion, which **carried 6-0**.

- 5. Policy Revision: Testing Programs (4.700) - 2nd Reading** - The State Board of Education recently approved a change to State Board Policy 3.400, High School Examinations. Please note that this will pertain to Algebra I and Geometry courses in our district. This change allows a district to exclude end-of-course examination scores from a student's grade if they are not received at least five instructional days before the scheduled end of the course. This change is similar to the new law that allows TCAP scores to be excluded if they are not received at least five instructional days before the end of the school year. The change recommended by TSBA adds a

provision that gives the director of schools the authority to exclude these scores if the requirements of the policy are not met. The board can also choose to retain this authority if it wishes. Please note that the end-of-course policy is slightly different than the TCAP exclusion language contained in State law. The provision allowing the exclusion of TCAP scores is based on the end of the school year while the provision allowing the exclusion of end-of-course scores is based on the end of the course. Legal references are also updated in this revision. There were no changes requested by the Board upon first reading. The administration recommended approval of the second reading.

Alicia Barker made a **motion to approve the second reading of the policy revision for Testing Programs (4.700) as presented**. Robin Newman **seconded** the motion, which **carried 6-0** after discussion.

- 6. Policy Revision: Orientation and Probation (5.107) - 2nd Reading** - This requested revision clarifies the topics contained in the policy and removes procedure. There were no changes requested by the Board upon first reading. The administration recommended approval of the second reading.

Robert Blair made a **motion to approve the second reading of the policy revision for Orientation and Probation (5.107) as presented**. Kevin Townsel **seconded** the motion, which **carried 6-0**.

- 7. Policy Revision: Teacher Effect Data (5.1141) - 2nd Reading** - This revision adds Tennessee Code to the language and updates the legal references. Upon Board request, the reference to “Board and school board members” on Line 3 was researched in TCA 49-1-606(b) and confirmed that is the language in the code. There were no changes requested by the Board upon first reading. The administration recommended approval of the second reading.

Alicia Barker made a **motion to approve the second reading of the policy revision for Teacher Effect Data (5.1141) as presented**. Robin Newman **seconded** the motion, which **carried 6-0**.

IX. DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

- **Calendar adjustment** – Recently Williamson County School Board voted to end their school year earlier than the original calendar. After discussion with our administrators, we believe that it is in the best interest of the FSSD that we keep the calendar as it stands. For the FSSD, the reasons to remain for the full calendar year far outweigh benefits of ending the year early. The administration will not be making a recommendation to change the calendar.
- **Education Commissioner McQueen to visit FSSD** – On May 6th, Commissioner McQueen will visit PGES. If you (Board members) are going to join the

commissioner, please be at the school by 10:00. She will also be speaking at the Reading Foundation kickoff at the Mid Cumberland Reading Foundation Kick-Off at the Professional Learning Center on W. Main in Franklin. An invitation has previously been extended for this event.

- **Budget Process for the 2016-2017 School Year** - April 25 will begin our budget work sessions. As in past years, Operations Budgets for both Finance & Administration and Teaching & Learning are combined in this first work session. On May 16 there will be an overview of Revenue and Personnel, and on June 20 there will be a review and opportunity for discussion of the cumulative impact, facilitating the possible completion of the budget process. There may also be the need for another budget work session.
- **District Retirement Reception** - This year's retirement reception will be held on Thursday, **April 28** beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Freedom Intermediate School. We hope that your schedule will allow you to attend.
- **TCAP Testing** - This year's testing window for TCAP is May 2-6 and will cover only Science during this test.
- **Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week** - Also during the week of May 2-6, our district will be honoring our faculty and staff in various ways. A basket of healthy snacks will be sent to the schools and other departments on behalf of the Board as in past years to let them know they are appreciated.

X. UPDATES

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

- FSSD Demographics dated 4/8/2016;
- Summary of Teaching and Learning Activity for the February Board Meeting.

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

- Personnel Change Report for March, 2016/April, 2016;
- Investment Report dated February 29, 2016;
- Revenue and Expenditure Reports dated 3/2016.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Stillings encouraged Human Resources to find the very best replacements for the retirees that we will be losing.

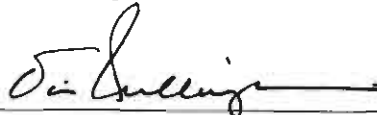
Chair Stillings complimented the Nutrition Department and Marilyn Ryan, Supervisor for the food provided at the reception prior to the meeting.

Mr. McAdams reported that December 2015 tax receipts were 8.1% better for the previous year, up \$43,000; however January 2016 was 1% less than the previous January (-\$3,000).

The FSSD Board just got back from the NSBA Conference in Boston. The district is appreciated for letting the Board continue to sharpen their skills and professional learning. A short discussion of the conference was given.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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



Tim Stillings, Chairman 5-8-16
Date

ATTEST: 

Alicia Barker, Secretary 5-9-2016
Date