

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)
Regular Board Meeting
August 25, 2014**

The Fayette County Board of Education met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, KY at 6:00 p.m. on the 25th day of August 2014, with the following members present: (1) John Price, (2) Melissa Bacon, (3) Amanda Ferguson, (4) Doug Barnett, and (5) Daryl Love

Staff Members Present for Regular Meeting

Tom Shelton, Superintendent
Shelley Chatfield, Chief Administration Officer/Staff Attorney
Vince Mattox, Chief Officer of School, Community, & Gov. Support
Mary Wright, Chief Operating Officer
Lu Young, Chief Academic Officer

A Tax Hearing was held at 5:00 pm in Conference Room C.

A. Call to Order

John Price, Chair, called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

John Price, Melissa Bacon, Amanda Ferguson, Doug Barnett, and Daryl Love

B. Welcome to Guests

John Price, Chair, welcomed the guests and attendees to the meeting.

C. Moment of Silence

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Doug Barnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Mission Statement

Doug Barnett read the Board Mission Statement.

F. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by Daryl Love, to approve the agenda with any changes voiced including the lifting of items from the consent section for discussion. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

G. Introductions, Student Performance and Recognitions

1. Student Performance

a. Steel Drums, STEAM Academy

Students from the STEAM Academy have performed for several events at the University of Kentucky and for the First Lady Jane Beshear. They are under the direction of Gary Fisher.

2. Recognitions

a. **Wellington Elementary: 2014 National Green Ribbon School**

Wellington Elementary was named one of the 2014 National Green Ribbon Schools. The award is based on very high levels of student achievement and significant progress to help close gaps in achievement, especially among disadvantaged and minority students. Greg Dunbar, from KDE presented a plaque to Principal Julie Strange to congratulate Wellington for this extraordinary achievement.

b. **Paul Laurence Dunbar High School: Suspension Reduction Recognition**

Last fall, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School enacted a plan to reduce the number of out-of-school suspensions. The new strategy has shown astonishing results and eliminated suspensions completely. In 2012-2013 Dunbar had 926 disruptive behavior reports, 746 tardies, fourteen fights and eight alcohol possessions. Last year, the school reduced those numbers to 167 disruptive behavior reports, 106 tardies, eight fights and one alcohol possession.

3. Acknowledgements

The following acknowledgement was read by Amanda Ferguson.

- **September 7th through 13th is National Arts in Education Week**

H. Reports, Communications, Resolutions

1. Progress Reports

a. Superintendent's Reports

1. **Equity Council Report**

Tom Shelton stated that the Equity Council has been working diligently to complete the equity scorecard. This will show the district how we should move forward to improve equity throughout the schools.

2. **Construction Progress Report**

Mary Wright gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the construction and renovation projects in progress in the district. A hard copy of the presentation is included with the permanent minutes.

Doug Barnett asked if the renovations at Jessie Clark were progressing as planned and that it seemed to be taking longer than usual.

Mary Wright stated that the start of the project was a little delayed due to the fact that the district was waiting on the city government to make a decision on the widening of Clays Mill Rd but that the project is moving along as planned.

3. **ACT Testing Results**

Lu Young shared ACT Test results from last year's required ACT Junior Class. In March 2008 the state declared that juniors need to take the ACT at the state's expense. Last May 2,372 students took the ACT. These scores are still preliminary at this time. The district beat the state benchmarks. This info includes all students that took the ACT, not necessarily all the students that will attend college. MLK had eleven students tested with a composite score of 14.6. Opportunity Middle College had thirty-six students with a composite of 20.6.

The Learning Center, thirty-six students tested with a composite of 16.2. The data from 2013 includes students who were granted extended time to take the ACT. Lu Young passed out information highlighting the preliminary scores that will be included with the permanent minutes.

Melissa Bacon stated that we have made improvements in every single area.

Daryl Love asked if there are certain groups that we need to start concentrating on

Lu Young stated that all the schools are looking at their achievement gap issues and that we are still waiting on all of the senior results

Daryl asked if this would be reflected in the Equity Council report

Lu Young answered, yes.

John Price stated how important more rigorous classrooms are to student achievement and how counselors need to make sure they are offering up these options to our students.

Daryl Love stated that we need to make sure students are receiving the support that they need to make sure that they follow through and finish these courses.

Lu Young stated that we have to support students through the rigorous curriculum and that our Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) will help us accomplish that. MTSS helps us provide just-in-time support to our students to make sure they succeed.

2. Remarks by Citizens:

1) Jessica Hiler and Frankie Langdon from FCEA: Spoke in support of the increased tax rate.

3. Resolutions: None

I. Approval of Routine Matters

1. *Approval of the July 14, 2014 Planning Meeting*
2. *Approval of the July 28, 2014 Regular Meeting*

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by Daryl Love, to approve the minutes. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

J. Approval of Consent Items

A motion was made by Daryl Love and seconded by Doug Barnett, to approve the items on the consent section. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

1. **Awards of Bids/Proposals**
2. **Actions of Post Approvals and Claims - Placeholder**
3. **Special and Other Leaves of Absence**
4. **Requests from Principals for Extended Trips**
5. **Professional Leave by District Personnel**
6. **Approval of Appointment of FCPS Member to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**
7. **Central Kentucky Riding for Hope Contract 2014-2015**
8. **Declaration of Surplus and Intent to Sell**

Mary Wright stated there are equipment and vehicles that have exceeded their life cycle that we need to dispose of and sell.

9. Approval of the Design Consultant and the BG-1 Project Application for the Renovation of the Tates Creek High School Shot Put and High Jump areas

Mary Wright stated that these renovations need to be made to comply with the KHSAA requirements and the rules of the sport. This will include a built-in storm water drainage and ADA-accessibility. Concrete pads will be provided to suit the Shot put and high jump activities and concrete walkways are provided for spectator viewing.

10. Approval of the Design Development Documents for the Construction of the New High School on Winchester Road (1970 Winchester Road) BG 14-159

Mary Wright stated that these were posted and presented to the board so we could get KDE's approval for the new design.

11. Approval of the Design Development Documents for the Construction of the New elementary at Intersection of Georgetown and Spurr Roads (2550 Georgetown Road)

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12. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (no. Nine) to the Contract for the Renovation at Jessie Clark Middle School BG 13-023

To resolve unforeseen conflict: Provide Labor, materials and equipment to install temporary flared asphalt connection between project entry drive and existing location of the road

13. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (no. Thirteen) to the Contract for the Renovation at Deep Springs Elementary School BG 12-182

To resolve unforeseen conflict: Provide labor materials and equipment to repair existing structural Bulb T's supporting roof deck

To improve original plans and specs: Credit for removing, storing and reinstalling 30 existing Smart Boards

14. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (no. Twenty-three) to the Contract for the Renovation at Stonewall Elementary School BG 11-249

To resolve unforeseen conflict: Provide labor, materials and equipment to remove failed section of pavement at bus loop and remediate unsuitable soils

K. Approval of Action Items

1. 2014-2015 Flexible Focus Funds Allocations

Lu Young shared that in 2008 the general assembly agreed that districts can flex funds for extended school services, preschool, professional development , Safe Schools and Instructional Resources/Text Books. The district will receive a total of \$6,481,415. This is an increase of \$1,982,092 over the prior year. The funds in every category have increased. A chart detailing the 2014-2015 Flexible Focus Fund Allocation Recommendations are included in the Agenda. Lu recommends that we move \$352,234 to our Operating Fund.

A motion was made by Amanda Ferguson and seconded by Daryl Love, to approve the 2014-2015 Flexible Focus Fund allocations for the 2014-2015 school year. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

2. Kentucky School Boards Insurance Trust (KSBIT) Assessment

Myron Thompson shared the district's plan on how we could close out our funds that are due to KSBIT. Myron stated that the judge made a determination and then rescinded his determination. Our first year payment will be a couple hundred thousand more than anticipated. We can pay this back over time with no interest cost. Our first payment will be 40% up front, so our first payment will be the largest.

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by Daryl Love to set aside funds and make required installment payments for assessments related to the Kentucky School Boards Insurance Trust member assessment. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0. John Price recused himself.

3. Update #37 Board Policy Revisions

Tom Shelton stated that the district's Policy Revisions would come before the board for a vote during the regular August meeting. Tom updated the board of the status of an ethics policy. KSBA did not recommend that we put it on Policy. KSBA feels like that this is covered sufficiently in the statutes; they can develop one if we request that of them but they stated that UPSLOPE's ethics policy in our Student Code of Conduct would be more than sufficient

A motion was made by Daryl Love and seconded by Melissa Bacon to approve the changes as recommended by KSBA and staff. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0. Doug Barnett abstained from voting.

4. Adoption and Levy of Tax Rates for School Purposes

Tom Shelton stated that there was a public tax hearing held before the Regular Board meeting with no one in attendance to speak.

Rodney Jackson:

- Real Estate and personal property tax levy recommendation – 71.9 cents for both, per \$100.00 assessed value
- Motor Vehicle – 59.2 cents

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by Daryl Love that the Board of Education for 2014-2015 levies a total tax rate of 71.9 cents (real estate) and 71.9 cents (personal property) per \$100 assessed valuation and a total motor vehicles property rate of 59.2 cents per \$100 assessed valuation in preparation of the Working Budget for School Year 2014-2015. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 1 with Amanda Ferguson voting no.

5. Unaudited Year End Financial Report – Rodney Jackson, Director of Finance reporting

- Year to date period ending June 30, 2014 - Net revenue over expenses of \$16,891,949.01
- Approximately 98 % revenue received
- Total year to date expenses approximately 93.1%
- Report reveals no unexplained variances
- Financial position remains very sound in relation to assets versus liabilities

A motion was made by Daryl Love and seconded by Melissa Bacon to accept the Monthly Treasurer's Report of Revenue/Expense reports as presented to the Board. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

6. Monthly Financial Report – Rodney Jackson, Director of Finance reporting

- Year to date period ending July 31, 2014 - Net revenue over expenses of \$23,329,970.19
- Total year to date expenses approximately 3.9%
- Budgeted expenses and all line item variances explained in comparison with previous years
- Financial position remains very sound in relation to assets versus liabilities

A motion was made by Daryl Love and seconded by Melissa Bacon to accept the Monthly Treasurer's Report of Revenue/Expense reports as presented to the Board. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

7. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding and Temporary Construction Easement to Ball Homes, Inc. on the Athens-Chilesburg Elementary School Property

A memorandum of understanding has been prepared with Ball Homes to include provisions to a steep slope on Athens-Chilesburg Elementary Property in the construction of apartments on the vacant land just south of the school. Ball homes will pay for, repair and replace any and all school property damaged by this work.

A motion was made by Doug Barnett, and seconded by Daryl Love, the Board authorizes the Superintendent to execute a Memorandum of Understanding and 20' x 355' temporary construction easement with Ball Homes, Inc. on the Athens-Chilesburg Elementary School site as described above. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

M. Informational Items

1. Personnel Changes – No discussion
2. Administrative Procedures Revisions – No discussion
3. Safety Update

Chris Townsend shared a report that showed our district timeline of Safety and Security Measures that the district has completed since January 2013. It also included upcoming trainings and initiatives for the 2014-2015 school year. A hard copy of that report is included in the permanent minutes.

Daryl Love wanted to thank all of our officers for all their hard work.

John Price thanked the community for all of their collaborations.

N. Oral Communications

1. Public Comments

- a) Sharon Mofield-Boswell -Spoke regarding STEAM Academy parents and shared an excerpt from an email that states things that the science lab needs.

2. Board Requests – None

3. Other Business

- a. Board-none
- b. Staff-none

O. Motion Making Agenda Part of the Official Board Minutes

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by Doug Barnett to make the agenda dated August 25, 2014 which action has been taken at this meeting, a part of the minutes as if copied in the minutes verbatim. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Doug Barnett and seconded by Daryl Love to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

John Price, Chair

Tom Shelton, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board