

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)
Regular Board Meeting
September 23, 2013**

The Fayette County Board of Education met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, KY at 6:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of September 2013, with the following members present: (1) John Price, (2) Melissa Bacon, (3) Amanda Ferguson, and (4) Doug Barnett

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. 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

B. Welcome to Guests

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

C. Moment of Silence

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Melissa Bacon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Mission Statement

Melissa Bacon read the Board Mission Statement.

F. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Doug Barnett and seconded by Melissa Bacon, 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 4 to 0.

G. Introductions, Student Performance and Recognitions

1. Introductions

John Price, Chair, introduced the teacher and student representatives for the September 23, 2013 meeting.

a. **Student Representative:** Maggie Puckett, The Learning Center

b. **Teacher Representative:** Ebony Hutchinson, Garden Springs

2. Student Performance

a. Glee Club, Dixie Elementary

The Dixie Elementary Glee Club has more than sixty members from the third, fourth and fifth grades, which perform throughout the year. The Glee Club sang several selections.

2. Recognitions

a. Connor Langley, Henry Clay High School and Ryan Draper, Athena Kern, Jessie Li, John Luan, Nelson Ng, Valerie Sarge, Rebecca Williams, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School: Perfect Score ACT

Connor Langley, Henry Clay High School and Ryan Draper, Athena Kern, Jessie Li, John Luan, Nelson Ng, Valerie Sarge, Rebecca Williams, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, all scored a perfect thirty-six on the ACT college entrance exam within the past year.

b. Governor's Scholars Program

The Governor's Scholars Program is a challenging, five-week residential summer program for outstanding Kentucky students completing their junior year in high school. The following students participated in the Governor's Scholars Program:

Bryan Station High School: Tristan Bell, Emma Guilfoil, Peyton Thomas

Henry Clay High School: Stanislava Gantcheva, Mary Gilbert, Joseph Kamer Jr., Adam Kiser, Alyssa Liew, Luiza Lukova, Abigail May, Urvi Patwardhan, Jared Shely, Sophia Whitman-Sandmeyer

Lafayette High School: Marie Armbruster, Edward Freeman, Katherine Jones, George Mason, Lauren Mehanna, Austin Messner, Smruti Patil, Coleman Stivers, Robert Wendroth

Paul Laurence Dunbar High School: Andrew Brennen, Kirby Fitzpatrick, Youn Seon Han, Ashley Hardee, Nelson Ng, Bhavik Patel, Monisha Rekhraj, Chloe Robertson, Chase Siegel, Roger Wright, Lillian Xie

Tates Creek High School: Shaimaa Abdel Jaber, Hiatt Allen, Emma Andersdon, Katherine Bennington, Curtis Bethel, Eric Biragane, Adam Childress, Benjamin Childress, Cameron Childress, Stephen Ensor, Cesar Garcia, Ian Hafley, McKenzie Hall, Claire Head, Andrew Hey, Austin Magsig, Carine Malekera, Tyler May, Sarah Milburn, Christa Newman, Chris Owens, Nolan Phillips, Alexander Polus, Morgan Shadeh, Lydia Shields, Veronica Van Gessel, Ashley Whaley

c. Governor's School for the Arts

The Governor's School for the Arts is an intensive, three week workshop, where student artisans sharpen their skills in their particular craft. This past summer, thirty-two students from Fayette County Public Schools participated.

Bryan Station High School: Sara Arthur-Paratley – Visual Art

Henry Clay High School: Zachary Byrd-instrumental music, James Piper-instrumental music

Lafayette High School: Dorothy Berryman – visual art, Laura Briggs – dance, Adam Brown – vocal music, Aaron Burns – instrumental music, Katherine Cornett – vocal music, Clark Davis – vocal music, Taylor Eggers – instrumental music, Alex Francke – drama, Emily Lake – dance, Stella Lee – dance, William Lovan- instrumental music, Sarah McDonald – instrumental music, Brianna Mayo – drama, Anna Marie Miller – musical theatre, Caroline Pellegrino – musical theatre, Jonah Robinson – drama, Claire Rose – dance, Rowan Schaefer – vocal music, Julie Wilson – drama, William Wood – architecture

Paul Laurence Dunbar High School: Craig Blair Jr. – creative writing, Philip Ewing – instrumental music, Courtney Hausman – musical theater, Allison Laski – new media, Alice Li – instrumental music, Morgan Quick – instrumental music, Dylan Rowe – instrumental music, Mika Tuzon – creative writing

Tates Creek High School: Terrence Dankwa - architecture

d. National Merit Semifinalists

Forty three seniors in Fayette County Public Schools are semifinalists in the annual National Merit Scholarship Program and will compete for about thirty five million dollars in college scholarships.

Bryan Station High School: Sara Arthur-Paratley, Jacob Margolies

Henry Clay High School: Annie Bradford, Leo de Castro, Carson Dooley, Benjamin Evers, Adam Kiser, Connor Langley, Elizabeth Minor, Connor Onan, Henry Russell, Abigail Ryan, Michael Sommer, Ben Swanson, Amaris Wade, Clayton Whiteheart

Lafayette High School: Alyson Ackerman, Marie Armbruster, Amelia Collins

Paul Laurence Dunbar High School: Stuart Blood, Christine Brandewie, Chloe Cao, Philip Ewing, Jerry Guo, Haani Husain, Sharif Jamaldin, Athena Kern, Alice Liu, John Luan, Alex Lucas, Nelson Ng, Walker Reeves, Dylan Rowe, Valerie Sarge, Joseph Schneider, Jonathan Stokes, Robin Swoveland, Sydney Toth, Meghan Waters, Matthew Wu, Lillian Xie, Iven Yang

Tates Creek High School: Ian Hafley

e. Beaumont Middle School: 2013 World Fit Champion

World Fit was created by the U.S. Olympic Alumni Association to target childhood obesity. The concept is simple: Get kids outdoors and moving. Micki King, 1972 Olympic champion was in attendance to present Beaumont Middle School the National World Fit Championship Award.

f. Fayette County Public Schools: Graduate Kentucky Recognition

The Graduate Kentucky is a statewide initiative that aims to raise the high school graduation rate in the Commonwealth. Fayette County Public Schools was recognized for adopting the Graduate Kentucky Program.

3. Acknowledgements

The following acknowledgements were made by Melissa Bacon.

- October is National Physical Therapy Month
- October 1st through 5th is International Customer Service Week
- October 2nd is National Custodial Worker Day
- October 15th through 19th is National School Lunch Week
- October 21st through 27th is America Safe Schools Week
- October 22nd is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

H. Reports, Communications, Resolutions

1. Progress Reports

a. Superintendent's Reports

1. ACT Report

Lu Young reviewed the ACT report which compares Kentucky and Fayette County for the years 2009 - 2013. A hard copy of the report is included with the permanent minutes.

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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.

2. Remarks by Citizens: None

3. Resolutions

a. Regarding the death of Robert Everette Glass – Bus driver

Doug Barnett read a resolution regarding the death of Robert Everette Glass.

A motion was made by Doug Barnett and seconded by Melissa Bacon, to adopt the resolution regarding the death of Robert Everette Glass. The motion carried 4 to 0.

I. Approval of Routine Matters

1. *Approval of the August 12, 2013 Planning Meeting*
2. *Approval of the August 12, 2013 Special Meeting*
3. *Approval of the August 26, 2013 Regular Meeting*

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by Doug Barnett, to approve the minutes. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.

J. Approval of Consent Items

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by Doug Barnett, to approve the items on the consent section. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.

1. **Award of Bids/Proposals and Bid Contract Extensions**
2. **Actions for Post Approval and Claims**
3. **Special and Other Leaves of Absence**
4. **Requests from Principals for Extended Trips**
5. **Professional Leave by District Personnel**
6. **Indirect Cost Rate Approval and Adoption**
7. **Race to the Top District Grant Application**
8. **Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. One) to the Contract for the Renovation at Jessie Clark Middle School BG 13-023**
9. **Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Four) to the Contract for the Renovation at Deep Springs Elementary School BG 11-251**
10. **Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Five) to the Contract for the Renovation at Tates Creek Elementary School BG 11-251**
11. **Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Six) to the Contract for the Renovation at Meadowthorpe Elementary School BG 11-250**
12. **Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Twelve) to the Contract for the Renovation at Breckinridge Elementary School BG 10-262**
13. **Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Thirteen) to the Contract for the Renovation at Stonewall Elementary School BG 11-249**
14. **Approval of a Reduction in Retainage on the Construction Contract for the Renovation at Stonewall Elementary School BG 11-249**

15. Approval of a Reduction in Retainage on the Construction Contract for the Repair of the Tates Creek High School Synthetic Turf Athletic Field BG 13-184

K. Approval of Action Items

1. Approval to Enter into an Exclusive Easement and Right of Way with Columbia Gas at Yates Elementary

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by Amanda Ferguson to approve a 20' x 90' utility easement for Columbia Gas on property located at 695 E. New Circle Road for the purpose of installing, maintaining and removing utility lines that bisect the property. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.

2. Working Budget

Mary Wright stated that there were very few changes from the Tentative Budget.

Julane Mullins gave an overview of the Working Budget.

- Budget is preliminary pending completion of annual audit
- Net beginning cash balance - \$36.5 million
- Working closely with PVA, sheriff's office and revenue cabinet - ensures using the latest data available
- Beginning teacher salary for 2013-2014 school year - \$41,209
- Increased enrollment of approximately 800 students over last school year – enrollment growth over 500 students in past 9 years
- Budget reflects 5% contingency - \$21,950,000, 1% salary increase, 1.5% step-up for both certified and classified employees
- Beginning cash balance obligations: \$5,552,130 encumbered purchase orders carry forward from 2012-2013; \$1,050,000 approved school allocated Section 6 carry forward from 2012-2013 school year
- No cost recommendation: create grade 15 Administrative Specialist position within the department of Financial Services using current budgeted overtime to pay for position – position will allow preparation and support for the anticipated Affordable Health Care Act requirements
- Not anticipating additional revenue above what was projected in tentative budget presented to Board in May
- 2013-2014 Working Budget reflects an unaudited beginning balance – subject to change
- Total Fund 1 (General Fund) budget - \$346,878,675
- Also seeking approval for Fund 2 (Special Revenues, i.e., grants), Food Service and Restricted Funds (Capital Outlay and Building fund) budgets
- Total district budget - \$433,114,407
- Seeking approval to move funds currently in Committed Fund Balance to Unassigned Fund Balance for the purpose of anticipated purchase of property for implementation of Facility Plan - \$3.4 million

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by Doug Barnett to approve the Fayette County Public Schools Final Working Budget and release of escrows for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion carried with a vote of 3 to 1 with Amanda Ferguson voting no.

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

- Year to date period ending July 31, 2013 - Net revenue over expenses of \$37,973,039.10

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- Total year to date expenses approximately 9.2%
- Budgeted expenses and all line item variances explained in comparison with previous years
- Financial position remains sound in relation to assets versus liabilities

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by Doug Barnett to accept the Monthly Treasurer's Report of Revenue/Expense reports as presented to the Board. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.

M. Informational Items

1. Personnel Changes – No discussion

N. Oral Communications

1. **Public Comments**

Casey Hinds spoke on student wellness.

2. **Board Requests – None**

3. **Other Business**

- a. **Board**

Discussion of Board Work

- b. **Staff**

O. Motion Making Agenda Part of the Official Board Minutes

A motion was made by Amanda Ferguson and seconded by Doug Barnett to make the agenda dated September 23, 2013 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 4 to 0.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by Amanda Ferguson, to go into closed session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss acquisition or sale of real property pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(b) and to discuss proposed or pending litigation pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(c). The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.

Open Session

A motion was made by Amanda Ferguson and seconded by Melissa Bacon, to reconvene in open session. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Amanda Ferguson and seconded by Doug Barnett to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.

John Price, Chair

Tom Shelton, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board