# RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS (MINUTES)

Regular Meeting October 23, 2023

The Fayette County Board of Education met in Room 150 of the John D. Price Administration Building located at 450 Park Place Lexington, KY 40511 at 6 p.m. on October 23, 2023, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at 6:04 p.m.

# **Present Board Members:**

Ms. Marilyn Clark

Ms. Amanda Ferguson

Ms. Amy Green

Mr. Tyler Murphy

# **Absent Board Members:**

Mr. Tom Jones

#### **Administration Present**

Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent Houston Barber, Deputy Superintendent Myron Thompson, Chief Operating Officer

A. CALL TO ORDER
A.1. Roll Call

#### **B. EXTEND WELCOME TO GUESTS**

Mr. Tyler Murphy extended a welcome to all guests.

# C. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. Tyler Murphy invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic deaths of 17-year-old Hailey Cole, who was a senior at Frederick Douglass High School, Debbie Stokes, who supported students as a team member in the cafeteria at Tates Creek Elementary School, and Amy Kerns, who was a regular sub and beloved member of the Mary Todd

Elementary School family. Our hearts remain with their families, friends, and all those touched by their passing.

#### D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Tyler Murphy led the pledge of allegiance.

#### E. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Tyler Murphy read the mission statement.

#### F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion:** A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of action items to formally accept the resignation letter of Fayette County Board of Education member Tom Jones pursuant to board policy and to declare a board vacancy passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Marilyn Clark.

Ms. Marilyn Clark Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson Yes
Ms. Amy Green Yes
Mr. Tom Jones Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy Yes

#### F.1. Addendum

# F.1.a. Acceptance of Resignation Letter

**Motion:** A motion to accept the resignation of Fayette County Board of Education member Mr. Tom Jones passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Ms. Amanda Ferguson.

Ms. Marilyn Clark Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson Yes
Ms. Amy Green Yes
Mr. Tom Jones Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy Yes

#### F.1.b. Declaration of Vacancy

**Motion:** A motion to declare a board vacancy for District 3 passed with a motion by Amy Green and a second by Ms. Amanda Ferguson.

Ms. Marilyn Clark Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson Yes
Ms. Amy Green Yes
Mr. Tom Jones Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy Yes

#### **G. STUDENT PERFORMANCE:**

#### **G.1. Student Performance**

#### G.1.a. Student Showcase: Brenda Cowan - 1st Grade General Music Class

Each regular meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education features a student performance in an effort to spotlight our talented students and high-quality arts instruction. The October board meeting included a video of first graders from Brenda Cowan Elementary School singing the Japanese song "Se Se Se" during their general music class.

### H. REPORTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS:

# H.1. Superintendent's Report

# H.1.a. Community Partnership Update

**Discussion:** Fayette County Public Schools Superintendent Demetrus Liggins introduced YMCA President & CEO Paula Anderson and Jessica Berry, YMCA Vice President of Mission Advancement, to share information about the work being done collaboratively with the district.

# H.1.b. Cassidy Elementary Blue Ribbon Recognition

**Discussion:** Chief of Elementary Schools Tiffany Marshall introduced students and staff from Cassidy Elementary School to celebrate the selection of Cassidy Elementary School as a National Blue Ribbon School.

#### H.1.c. Academic Services - CDIP Overview

**Discussion:** Assessment Director Brooke Stinson provided an update on the process of developing the Comprehensive District Improvement Plan.

#### H.1.d. Construction Progress Report

**Discussion:** Chief Operating Officer Myron Thompson provided an update on the construction of the new middle school and combined Career and Technical Education Center.

#### H.1.e. Unity, Belonging, and Student Efficacy

**Discussion:** Chief Unity, Belonging, and Student Efficacy Officer Soraya Matthews provided a report on recent districtwide efforts and initiatives.

#### H.2. Remarks by Citizens (persons who have signed up to speak)

# H.2.a. There are two opportunities for the public to address the Board

**Discussion:** No individuals signed up to speak.

#### I. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS

# I.1. Minutes from the October 9, 2023, Planning Board Meeting

**Motion:** A motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023, Planning Work Session of the Fayette County Board of Education passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Marilyn Clark.

Ms. Marilyn Clark Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson Yes
Ms. Amy Green Yes
Mr. Tom Jones Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy Yes

#### J. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

**Motion Passed:** A motion to approve the items on the consent calendar including any items added by addendum passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Amanda Ferguson.

Ms. Marilyn Clark Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson Yes
Ms. Amy Green Yes
Mr. Tom Jones Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy Yes

- J.1. Award of Bids/Proposals
- J.2. Post Approval Report
- J.3. Request for Extended Field Trips
- J.4. School-wide Fundraising Projects
- J.5. Professional Leave District Personnel
- J.6. Special and Other Leave of Absence
- J.7. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Four) to the Contract for the Construction of the New Mary E. Britton Middle School on Polo Club Boulevard BG# 21-176
- J.8. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. Three) to the Contract for Phase 2 (Softball Field House and Dugouts) of the Athletic Facilities at Lafayette High School BG #21-342
- J.9. Approval of a BG-5 Project Closeout Form for the Purchase of 2160 Versailles Road BG# 22-373
- J.10. Approval to Cancel Contract with General Contractor for the Construction of the Softball Field House at Henry Clay High School BG #23-080
- J.11. Approval of Design Development and Construction Documents and Approval to Advertise for the Addition of Three Preschool Classrooms and HVAC Replacement t Harrison Elementary School BG #23-124

- J.12. Approval of a Waiver Request of 702 KAR 4:180 Related to Requirement for Separate Access from Preschool Classrooms to Playground for the Addition of Three Preschool Classrooms and HVAC Replacement at Harrison Elementary School BG #23-124
- J.13. Capital Funds Request Leestown
- J.14. KISTA Resolution to Finance Buses
- J.15. Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government memorandum of understanding
- J.16. Capital Funds Request 701 E. Main Annex
- J.17. Combined CTE Naming Recommendation
- J.18. Legal Counsel Agreement

#### K. APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

# K.1. Monthly Financial Report

**Motion Passed:** A motion to accept the Monthly Treasurer's Report of Revenue/Expense reports as presented to the Board passed with a motion by Ms. Marilyn Clark and a second by Ms. Amy Green.

Ms. Marilyn Clark Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson Yes
Ms. Amy Green Yes
Mr. Tom Jones Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy Yes

# L. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- L.1. Position Control Document
- L.2. Personnel Changes
- L.3. School Activity Funds Report

#### M. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

#### M.1. Public

**Discussion:** During the portion of the meeting for remarks by citizens, the following individual addressed the board: Natasha Sanford.

M.2. B	oard Request Summary
M.2.a.	
M.3. O	ther Business
M.3.a.	<b>Board Discussion of Board Work</b>
M.3.b.	Staff

# N. MOTION MAKING AGENDA PART OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES

**Motion Passed:** A motion to make the agenda dated October 23, 2023, on which action has been taken at this meeting, a part of the minutes as if copied in the minutes verbatim, passed with a motion by Ms. Amanda Ferguson and a second by Ms. Marilyn Clark.

Ms. Marilyn Clark	Yes
Ms. Amanda Ferguson	Yes
Ms. Amy Green	Yes
Mr. Tom Jones	Absent
Mr. Tyler Murphy	Yes

# O. CLOSED SESSION

O.1. Reconvene in Open Session

# P. ADJOURNMENT:

**Motion Passed:** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Amy Green and a second by Ms. Amanda Ferguson.

Yes
Yes
Yes
Absent
Yes

Tyler Murphy, Board Chair
Demetrus Liggins, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board