

Floyd County Board of Education Regular Meeting

January 25, 2021 6:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM:

Present Board Members:

Ms. Linda Gearheart

Mr. William "Jr." Newsome

Dr. Chandra Varia

Mr. Steve Slone

Mr. Keith Smallwood

Mr. Danny Adkins, Secretary and Board Attorney was also in attendance.

1. Chair's Welcome/Call to Order

1.A. Roll Call/Welcome

1.B. Review Focus Areas- Safety and Health of Students and Staff; Transition Ready; Remain Fiscally Solvent; ACT 19.5; Student Growth; Student Participation

1.C. Reminder for a Request to Speak

1.D. Pledge of Allegiance

1.E. Moment of Individual Silent Reflection: "Why are we here?"

1.F. The Adoption of Agenda

Order #19758 - Motion Passed: Motion to adopt the agenda adding item 6-L; Consider/Approve BG 4 for the Betsy Layne High School Renovation and Addition/BG 16-143 Phase I (Early Site Package) passed with a motion by Mr. William "Jr." Newsome and a second by Mr. Keith Smallwood.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William "Jr." Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

2. Spotlight on Student/Staff/Community Achievements, Report on Student Work By May Valley Elementary School Principal and SBDM Council

Discussion:

Recognize Stephanie Lawson National Board Certification.

3. Community Comments to the Board of Education

3.A. Students

3.B. Parents, PTA/PTO

3.C. SBDM Councils

3.D. Classified Employees

Discussion:

Gary Gearheart - KSBITA to represent the bus drivers. Since November we have members in the transportation that has lost half of their income. Some of lost everything by the pay cut. We are not asking for nothing but our pay. hurting drivers, we depend on the trips to subiment our income. We wanted to bring our concerns to the board.

3.E. Certified Employees/FCEA

3.F. Principals' Association

3.G. Members of the Board of Education

3.H. Public Comment

4. Action or Special Reports - Student Learning

4.A. Receive Attendance & Plans/Enrollment and Health Aide Service Report

Order #19759 - Motion Passed: Receive Attendance & Plans/Enrollment and Health Aide Service Report passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William "Jr." Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William "Jr." Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

5. Action or Special Reports - Student Support

5.A. Receive Report of Superintendent

Order #19760 - Motion Passed: Receive Report of Superintendent passed with a motion by Mr. William "Jr." Newsome and a second by Mr. Keith Smallwood.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William "Jr." Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

5.B. Receive Utility Report for May Valley Elementary School

Order #19761 - Motion Passed: Receive Utility Report for May Valley Elementary School passed with a motion by Ms. Linda Gearheart and a second by Mr. William "Jr." Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William "Jr." Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

5.C. Consider/Approve Nutrition and Physical Activity Report

Order #19762 - Motion Passed: Approval of Nutrition and Physical Activity Report passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William "Jr." Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

5.D. Consider/Approve acknowledging receipt and review of the 2022 Draft Budget

Order #19763 - Motion Passed: Approval of acknowledging receipt and review of the 2022 Draft Budget passed with a motion by Mr. William "Jr." Newsome and a second by Mr. Keith Smallwood.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William "Jr." Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

6. Action by Consent

6.A. Consider Approval of Minutes

Order #19764 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William "Jr." Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

6.B. *Consider Payment of Bills and Claims

Order #19765 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William "Jr." Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William "Jr." Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

6.C. Superintendent's Report on Personnel

Order #19766 - Motion Passed: passed with a motion by Mr. William "Jr." Newsome and a second by Mr. Keith Smallwood.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William "Jr." Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

6.C.1. Actions Taken

6.C.2. Consider Requests for Leaves of Absences

6.D. Consider/Approve Lease Agreement with American Business Systems for and HP Color LaserJet Copier

Order #19767 - Motion Passed: Approval of Lease Agreement with American Business Systems for and HP Color LaserJet Copier passed with a motion by Mr. William "Jr." Newsome and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William "Jr." Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

6.E. Consider/Approve board members travel for FY 2021

Order #19768 - Motion Passed: Approval of board members travel for FY 2021 passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William "Jr." Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

6.F. *Consider/Approve Instructional Office request to hire a certified teacher as an interventionist to provide student interventions and conduct professional development at Duff-Allen Central Elementary

Order #19769 - Motion Passed: Approval of Instructional Office request to hire a certified teacher as an interventionist to provide student interventions and conduct

professional development at Duff-Allen Central Elementary passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. William "Jr." Newsome.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William "Jr." Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

Discussion:

The Board Recessed the meeting from 7:38 to 7:45 to receive additional information concerning the Non-Resident Contracts

6.G. Consider/Approve 2021-2022 Non-Resident Contracts

Order #19770 - Motion Passed: Approval of 2021-2022 Non-Resident Contracts to keep as is passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William "Jr." Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

Discussion:

6.H. Consider/Approve District Calendar Committee to review, develop, and recommend school calendar options for 2021-2022

Order #19771 - Motion Passed: Approval of District Calendar Committee to review, develop, and recommend school calendar options for 2021-2022 passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William "Jr." Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes

Mr. Keith Smallwood

Yes

Order #19772 - Motion Passed: Approval of District Calendar Committee to review, develop, and recommend school calendar options for 2021-2022 3 options and let staff to vote on it then go to the board for final approval passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart

Yes

Mr. William "Jr." Newsome

Yes

Dr. Chandra Varia

Yes

Mr. Steve Slone

Yes

Mr. Keith Smallwood

Yes

6.I. *Consider/Approve a board requested pay increase for staff

Order #19773 - Motion Passed: table the requested pay increase for staff until additional information is receive. passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart

Yes

Mr. William "Jr." Newsome

Yes

Dr. Chandra Varia

Yes

Mr. Steve Slone

Yes

Mr. Keith Smallwood

Yes

6.J. *Consider/Approve returning to in-person leaning through a hybrid-model beginning February 1, 2021

Order #19774 - Motion Passed: To continue virtual instruction at this time. They will reevaluate this plan at the next board meeting on February 22 passed with a motion by Mr. Keith Smallwood and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart

Yes

Mr. William "Jr." Newsome

Yes

Dr. Chandra Varia

Yes

Mr. Steve Slone

Yes

Mr. Keith Smallwood

Yes

Order #19775 - Motion Passed: There was a motion to suspend all elementary and middle school athletic events and practices, This will be reevaluated at the next board meeting on February 22. passed with a motion by Mr. Steve Slone and a second by Mr. Keith Smallwood.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William "Jr." Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

Discussion:

The Board went to Item 6-L (which Agenda Item no. 6-L is switching Agenda Item no. to 6-K) after Board Order no. 19775. Consider/Approve BG 4 for the Betsy Layne High School Renovation and Addition/BG 16-143 Phase I (Early Site Package.)

6.K. *Consider/Approve BG 4 for the Betsy Layne High School Renovation and Addition/BG 16-143 Phase I (Early Site Package)

Order #19776 - Motion Passed: Approval of BG for the Betsy Layne High School Renovation and Addition/BG 16-143 Phase I (Early Site Package) passed with a motion by Mr. William "Jr." Newsome and a second by Ms. Linda Gearheart.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William "Jr." Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

6.L. *Consider/Approve the certified staffing allocation formula to be used spring 2021 for 2021-2022 planning

Order #19777 - Motion Passed: Approval of the certified staffing allocation formula to be used spring 2021 for 2021-2022 planning passed with a motion by Mr. William "Jr." Newsome and a second by Mr. Keith Smallwood.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William "Jr." Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

7. Executive Session

8. Adjournment

Order #19778 - Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn passed with a motion by Dr. Chandra Varia and a second by Mr. Steve Slone.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Ms. Linda Gearheart	Yes
Mr. William "Jr." Newsome	Yes
Dr. Chandra Varia	Yes
Mr. Steve Slone	Yes
Mr. Keith Smallwood	Yes

CHAIR

SECRETARY