

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)
Regular Board Meeting
April 25, 2005**

The Fayette County Board of Education met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, KY at 6:00 p.m. on the 25th day of April 2005, with the following members present: **(1) Kathy Lousignont, (2) Steve Hyndman, (3) John Price and (4) Becky Sagan.**

Staff Members Present

Stu Silberman, Virginia Gregg, Mary Browning, Paul Rhorer, Doug Gibson, Jack Hayes, Bob McLaughlin, Peggy Blanton, Lisa Deffendall, Fabio Zuluaga, Vince Mattox, Robyn Oatley, Greg Drake, Mark Sellers, Tom Mowery, and Peggy Petrelli.

A. Call to Order

Mrs. Lousignont called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Mrs. Lousignont, Mr. Price, Dr. Hyndman, and Mrs. Sagan.

C. Extended Welcome to Guests

Mrs. Lousignont welcomed the guests and attendees to the meeting.

D. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed.

E. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Lousignont led the pledge.

F. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Hyndman and seconded by Mr. Price, to approve the agenda, with the addition of addendums, J.3. Actions for Post Approval and Claims and J.5 Requests from Principals for Extended Trips. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.

G. Recognitions, Introductions and Proclamations

1. Introductions

Mrs. Lousignont introduced the school representatives for the month of April.

- a. She introduced Robin Reid, Lafayette High School, as teacher representative.
- b. She introduced Sharelle Garr, Henry Clay High School, as the student representative.

2. Recognitions

- a. Susan Prout – School Psychologist of the Year, National Association of School Psychologists – Diann Shuffett presented Susan Prout with flowers and recognized her accomplishments in providing resources for our students.
- b. Bryan Station Middle School Dance Team – 1st Place One Big Blue Battle State-Wide Competition. The dance team performed an outstanding dance number.
- c. SCAPA Bluegrass Speech Team – State Middle School Speech Contest – 8th Consecutive State Championship – Several teammates gave portions of their award winning performances and speeches.
- d. Fayette County Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) – Paula Whitmer explained that this is an integrated technology program. Becky Marefat highlighted what James Lane Allen

Elementary School students are doing in the STLP. Paul Laurence Dunbar High School students highlighted their projects and have been helping elementary school students get a jump start on technology. Displayed also was digital art from Millcreek Elementary School. Maxwell Elementary School displayed their silk screening art. Yates Elementary School has raised \$1,903.81 for Tsunami Relief and displayed a very large check printed by their STLP students. District Platinum Award – Various awards were presented to students from the following schools: Beaumont Middle School, Eastside Technical Center, Henry Clay High School James Lane Allen Elementary School, Lafayette High School, Mary Todd Elementary School, Maxwell Elementary School, Millcreek Elementary School, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School and Yates Elementary School.

3. Proclamations

- a. National Occupational Therapy Month
Mr. Price read the proclamation.
- b. National School Psychologists Month
Dr. Hyndman read the proclamation.

H. Reports, Communications and Resolutions

1. Progress Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

a. Student Based Achievement Strategies – Beaumont Middle School

Mr. Rhorer introduced Dr. Tom Mowery, Beaumont Middle School principal, Mr. John Kutzlo, associate principal, Mr. Terry Gordon, instructional coach, and Lucy Stone, a member of Stu's Crew. Dr. Mowery explained the impact that the book, "Whale Done" has had on Beaumont Middle School to change the culture of the school. One of the main factors in the book is to accentuate the positives with people and much less on the negative behaviors, etc. Mr. Gordon stated that there needed to be a trust factor implemented in the building, and after the staff read the book, it brought on an entire new face at the school with the staff and students. Dr. Mowery purchased a great number of onyx whales and started the practice of awarding whales for a 'whale done' job by staff and students. John Kutzlo noted that relationships are built with the individual students by focusing on one student at a time. Lucy Stone, student, explained the positive impact the whales are having on Beaumont and how the teachers are taking on a more positive demeanor and smiling a lot more. Dr. Mowery stated that more attention is being given to the positive behavior student, and teachers are being much more patient. Dr. Hyndman requested a copy of the disciplinary data and suspension data from Beaumont. Superintendent Silberman invited the Beaumont Middle School back to the Equity Council to share their data.

b. PEP Grant Overview – Lafayette High School

The PEP Grant overview will be scheduled for another date.

c. Technology Initiative

Doug Gibson and Mike Burke reported on the positive impact the new proposed technology initiative will have on the District. The initiative will improve the Internet, increase and fully install a fiber based gigabit. With a fiber connection, the District will improve the quality of technology experiences for staff and students. Superintendent Silberman explained that during the early morning hours, there are few problems with the speed of the system, but as the day progresses and more users are on the system, it becomes very slow. With the implementation of a full fiber network in the District, it will greatly enhance the speed and reliability. Mr. Gibson explained that currently the wide area network costs \$335,770 per year with T 1 servers. The proposal would cost the District \$708,000 per year, with a difference of \$372,230 more for funding comparing the present cost to the proposed cost. Mr. Gibson explained that the funds the District has been spending to upgrade in the

schools can be shifted to the proposal. In July 2004, the Tates Creek campus was piloted for fiber connections through Insight and has proved to be very reliable, and Mr. Burke stated that it is 100 time faster. Until the Kentucky Department of Education upgrades their connections, there will be problems accessing the Internet as an instructional resource, but they are scheduled to update by January 2006. Mr. Gibson noted that this will be an 18 month implementation process, with the project being divided up into nine pods, allowing two months for each pod. The goal is to have no servers in the schools and have approximately 50-60 servers in the IAKSS building. The cost will be locked in for a probable five-year contract, but Mr. Burke stated that they would like to negotiate a three-year contract with options to tap in on a less expensive update if it becomes available. Superintendent Silberman said that the Technology Department is recommending that the District move forward with a fiber network, which will work with STI issues, opening up of files more rapidly and email. As far as the installation of the fiber networking, Mr. Burke stated that the schools technology would be down for just a few minutes.

Mr. Burke stated that the cost would be approximately \$218,000 for the servers and hardware. In response to a question from Dr. Hyndman regarding telephone technology going into the buildings, Mr. Burke stated that eventually there would be a recommendation to buy hardware to internalize the phone system. Dr. Hyndman requested a benchmark for the \$1,100 per month per campus, and Superintendent Silberman stated that staff would compare to other districts.

d. Support Services Position Control Document Monthly Report – Written Report

e. One Community/One Voice – Staff is working on putting together other assessments in terms of measuring student achievement.

f. Monthly Construction Report – Written Report

2. Remarks by Citizens

3. Resolutions

a. Regarding the Death of Demetria Nicole Twyman

Dr. Hyndman read the resolution. *A motion was made by Dr. Hyndman and seconded by Mrs. Sagan to adopt the resolution regarding the death of Demetria Nicole Twyman. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.*

b. Regarding the Death of Cody Speer

Mrs. Sagan read the resolution. *A motion was made by Mrs. Sagan and seconded by Mr. Price, to adopt the resolution regarding the death of Cody Speer. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.*

I. Approval of Routine Matters

1. *Approval of Board Agenda Planning Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2005*
2. *Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2005*
3. *Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2005*
4. *Approval of Confidential Minutes Special Board Meeting of March 28, 2005*
5. *Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2005*
6. *Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2005*

J. Approval of Consent Items

a. *A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Dr. Hyndman, to approve the minutes, to receive the information items and approve the action items in the consent section of the agenda. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.*

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1. Award of Bids/Proposals and Bid Contract Extensions

2. Monthly Financial Report for the Month of March 2005
3. Actions for Post Approval and Claims
4. Special and Other Leave of Absences
5. Requests from Principals for Extended Trips
6. Professional Leave by District Personnel
7. Approval of Design Consultant for the Henry Clay High School Connector Project
8. Approval of Bid, Revision to the BG-1 Financial Page and Proposed Contract for the Roof Replacement at Southern Middle School BG # 04-392, BID 15-05
9. Approval of a Proposed Change Order (No. One) to the Construction Contract for the Henry Clay High School Stadium Replacement Project BG 04-189 Bid 57-04

K. Approval of Action Items

10. Fiscal Year Audit Contract

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mrs. Sagan, to approve the contract extension with Carpenter, Mountjoy & Bressler for fiscal year 2005, not to exceed \$55,620 plus \$1,500 for occasional consultation. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.

11. 2005-2006 Martin Luther King (Credit Recovery-Evening Program) Instructional Calendar

A motion was made by Mrs. Sagan and seconded by Dr. Hyndman, to approve the alternative MLK Credit Recovery instructional calendar for the 2005-06 school year. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.

12. Amended Instructional Calendar 2005-2006

A motion was made by Dr. Hyndman, and seconded by Mr. Price, to approve the amended school instructional calendar for the 2005-06 school year. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.

13. Board Requests

A message was given by Mrs. Lousignont that Mr. Conner noted that one of the workshops he had attended at NSBA, along with Mr. Price, included some facts about the advantage of hiring a permanent substitute teacher in each school, as it made a positive impact on student achievement. Superintendent Silberman stated that this is something that was being looked into by our District.

Mrs. Sagan encouraged parents to run for office in order to be a member and make decisions when on the SBDM council.

L. Informational Items

1. Personnel Changes

M. Oral Communications

1. **Public** – No public comment was received.

N. Motion Making Agenda Part of the Official Board Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Hyndman and seconded by Mr. Price, to make the agenda dated April 25, 2005, 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Price and seconded by Mrs. Sagan, to go into closed session at 8:47 p.m. to discuss acquisition or sale of real property pursuant to KRS 61.810(a)(b), discuss proposed or pending litigation pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c), and provided for under KRS 61.810(1)(f) concerning disciplinary hearings. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.

O. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. with a vote of 4 to 0.

CHAIR

SECRETARY