

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)
Regular Board Meeting
August 25, 2008**

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 2008, with the following members present: (1) Larry Conner, (2) Becky Sagan, (3) John Price (4) Melissa Bacon, and (5) Amanda Ferguson

Staff Members Present for Regular Meeting

Mary Wright, Mike Burke, Brenda Allen, Melodee Parker, Jack Hayes, Kathy Dykes, Lisa Deffendall, Vince Mattox, Mike McKenzie, Fabio Zuluaga, Michael Ernst, Carmen Coleman, Rodney Jackson, Julie Hawkins

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

Larry Conner, Becky Sagan, John Price, Melissa Bacon, and Amanda Ferguson

C. Extended Welcome to Guests

Larry Conner, Chair, welcomed the guests and attendees to the meeting.

D. Moment of Silence

E. Pledge of Allegiance, Mission Statement

Becky Sagan led the pledge and read the Board Mission Statement.

F. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by John Price 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 5 to 0.

G. Introductions, Student Performance and Recognitions

1. Student Performance

a. Paul Laurence Dunbar Boys Choir

The choir was started in 2006 and meet after school.

2. Recognitions

a. Surya Green, Tates Creek Middle School: First Place National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship State Competition

Surya Green won first-place honors in the statewide NFTE contest with her concept in jewelry making. She is a ninth grader at Tates Creek High School. The NFTE program allows students to learn business concepts, practice skills like negotiation and pricing and complete plans for their own individual businesses.

- b. Taylor Steele, Henry Clay High School: Second Place Technology Student Association National Conference**
Taylor Steele won second place honors from the Technology Student Association's national conference for his computer-aided architectural design animation.
- c. Henry Clay High School Girls' Volleyball Team: American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award for 2007-2008 Season**
The Henry Clay High School Girls' Volleyball Team earned the American Volleyball Coaches' Association Team Academic Award for the 2007-2008 season for maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team GPA on a 4.0 scale. Team members were Haley Buchanan, Emily Duncan, Erin Grupe and Gwen Rucker who graduated last year and Annalee Abel, Megan Loeff, Rachel Loeff, Machenzie Newby, Jennifer O'Brien, Sarah Stromberg, Elizabeth Summerlin, Shelley Besten, Greta Workman, Maddie Hatcher and Mikayla Reese
- d. Brian Durham, Lexington Traditional Magnet School: Edyth May Sliffe Award for Distinguished Junior High School Mathematics Teaching**
Brian Durham is one of 53 teachers in the United States and Canada chosen for the Edyth May Sliffe Award for Distinguished Junior High School Mathematics Teaching. Only five other Kentuckians have ever earned this award and none since 2003.

H. Reports, Communications, Resolutions

A. Superintendent's Reports

a. Squires Elementary: Closing Achievement Gaps in Special Education

A presentation was given by Sabrina Adkins, Principal and the Leadership Team from Squires (Jeff Haney, Tracy Sykes, Jill Downing and Greg Howell) in regard to how all students can learn and achieve at high levels at Squires Elementary. The presentation focused on the Special Education program and the children in this program who are achieving at high levels.

b. Opening of School Report

Stu Silberman:

- Phenomenal opening – great start from day one.
- 35,289 students as of today – 602 student increase over last year compared to the same day.
- Three new schools opened.
- Two new immersion programs this year – Russell Cave Elementary and Liberty Elementary.
- Tremendous amount of positive feedback regarding the operational side of the district.
- Thanked everyone for their help in getting the new school year off to a good start.

Mary Wright:

- Recognized some of the employees in the non-instructional side of the district who worked very hard in making this the best school year opening.
Bill Wallace, Lars Finneseth, Ken Tate, Geno Pyles, Rick Woosley, Jack Merrell, Marshall Buen, David Smith, Junior Gilbert, Michelle Coker, Marty Flynn, Kelly Breeding, Grady Ford, Dewayne Pickett, Doug Townsend, Mike Burke, John Kiser, Marcus Dobbs, Kim Webb, Julio Zabala, Tracy Day, Frankie Bennett, Paulette Givens,

Roger Madison, Steve Wright, Melodee Parker, Liz Simpson, Jennifer Flynn, Rodney Jackson, Julane Mullins.

c. Support Services Position Control Document – No discussion

d. Monthly Construction Report

Mary Wright:

- No changes from last month

2. Remarks by Citizens

Tina Moorhead thanked Larry Conner for his work in the district and presented him with a plaque.

3. Resolution

a. Regarding the death of Frank R. Dean, Jr. – Former Board member

Amanda Ferguson read a resolution regarding the death of Frank R. Dean, Jr.

A motion was made by Amanda Ferguson and seconded by Melissa Bacon, to adopt the resolution regarding the death of Frank R. Dean, Jr. The motion carried 5 to 0.

b. Regarding the death of Kiah Milsom - Student

John Price read a resolution regarding the death of Kiah Milsom.

A motion was made by John Price and seconded by Becky Sagan, to adopt the resolution regarding the death of Kiah Milsom. The motion carried 5 to 0.

I. Approval of Routine Matters

1. Approval of the Agenda Planning Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2008
2. Approval of the Confidential Minutes of July 14, 2008
3. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2008
4. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2008
5. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of July 29, 2008
6. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of July 29, 2008
(Student Discipline Hearings)

A motion was made by Becky Sagan and seconded by John Price to approve the minutes. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

Approval of Consent Items

- a.** *A motion was made by Becky Sagan and seconded Amanda Ferguson, to approve the items on the consent section of the agenda including item J.2 Actions for Post Approval and Claims. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.*

- 1. Award of Bids/Proposals and Bid Contract Extensions - No discussion**
- 2. Actions for Post Approval and Claims - Placeholder - No discussion**
- 3. Special and Other Leave of Absences - No discussion**

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4. **Requests from Principals for Extended Trips** - No discussion
5. **Professional Leave by District Personnel** - No discussion
6. **Out-of-District Tuition** – No discussion
7. **Fayette county Health Department Contract 2008-2009** - No discussion

K. Approval of Action Items

8. **Approval of the Schematic Design Documents for the Renovation of Cassidy Elementary School BG 08-206**

Mary Wright - One of the first phases in the development of the plans for renovation

Bill Wallace –

- 15 % of the total architecture represented by the schematic phase
- Low level of detail – concentration on spatial relationships and deficiencies
- Required by KDE

Tony Thomas (Architect) – Regarding BSMS – Looking into further as to parts of the school that may be demolished and where additions will go around the existing building. A structural engineer will be involved.

Bill Wallace – On all 5 projects, realize that structural integrity of the building is a priority for the Board.

Larry Conner – Has anyone looked at a new building vs renovation in regard to cost?

Tony Thomas – It is feasible for the building to be renovated.

Mary Wright – Typically if it cost over 80% to renovate vs a new building – this is the threshold that KDE recommends.

Stu Silberman - When the renovation is completed, will we have a structurally sound building?

Tony Thomas – Absolutely.

A motion was made by Amanda Ferguson and seconded by John Price, to approve the Schematic Design Documents for the renovation of Cassidy Elementary School, Arlington Elementary School, Russell Cave Elementary School, Bryan Station Middle School, and Leestown Middle School, subject to the approval of the Kentucky Department of Education, Division of Facilities Management, per the provisions of 702 KAR 4:160. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

9. **Approval of the Schematic Design Documents for the Renovation of Arlington Elementary School BG 08-207**

See item #8.

10. **Approval of the Schematic Design Documents for the Renovation of Russell Cave Elementary School BG 08**

See item #8.

11. **Approval of the Schematic Design Documents for the Renovation of Bryan Station Middle BG 08-306**

See item #8.

12. **Approval of the Schematic Design Documents for the Renovation of Leestown Middle School BG 08-307**

See item #8.

13. Adoption of District Logo

Stu Silberman – Presented at the Agenda Planning Meeting. Some minor changes made since that meeting. Red, yellow and blue will be used on the logo.

A motion was made by Becky Sagan and seconded by Amanda Ferguson, to adopt the district's new logo. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

14. Monthly Financial Report (hard copy included with permanent minutes).

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by John Price, 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.

Rodney Jackson:

- Approximately \$48 million revenue over expenses.
- Financial position remains strong.
- Utility gross receipts – State now takes .50% for a fee which is approximately a \$900,000 savings to the District.
- Audit will begin September 15, 2008.

15. Resolution in Honor of Larry Conner

Becky Sagan read a resolution in honor of Larry Conner and presented him with a gift.

A motion was made by Becky Sagan and seconded by John Price, to adopt the resolution honoring Larry Conner. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

16. Designation of Chair of Fayette County Board of Education and Election of Board Vice-Chair

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by John Price, to designate Vice-Chair Becky Sagan as Chair of the Fayette County Board of Education until the first regularly scheduled meeting in January 2009. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0 with Larry Conner abstaining.

The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Fayette County Board of Education until the first regularly scheduled meeting in January 2009.

John Price was nominated as Vice-Chair by Melissa Bacon with no opposition. The Board voted 4 to 0, with Larry Conner abstaining, to have John Price assume the position of Vice-Chair.

L. Informational Items

1. Personnel Changes – No discussion

M. Oral Communications

1. Public Comments - None
2. Board Requests – None

3. Other Business

- a. Board
Discussion of Board Work

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a. Staff

N. Motion Making Agenda Part of the Official Board Minutes

A motion was made by John Price seconded by Amanda Ferguson, to make the agenda dated August 25, 2008, 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.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Becky Sagan and seconded by Melissa Bacon, to go into closed session at 7:36 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 5 to 0.

Open Session

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by John Price, to reconvene in open session. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by John Price to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

CHAIR

SECRETARY