

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)
Regular Board Meeting
January 26, 2009**

The Fayette County Board of Education met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, KY at 6:00 p.m. on the 26th day of January 2009, with the following members present: (1) Becky Sagan, (2) John Price (3) Melissa Bacon, (4) Amanda Ferguson, and (5) Kirk Tinsley

Staff Members Present for Regular Meeting

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

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

Becky Sagan, John Price, Melissa Bacon, Amanda Ferguson, Kirk Tinsley

C. Extended Welcome to Guests

Becky Sagan, Chair, welcomed the guests and attendees to the meeting.

D. Moment of Silence

E. Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement

Amanda Ferguson 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. Introductions

Becky Sagan introduced the teacher and student representatives for the January 26, 2009 meeting.

- a. **Student Representative:** Ashley Jackson, Southside Technical Center
- b. **Teacher Representative:** Catherine Carter, Crawford Middle School (not in attendance)

3. Recognitions

a. Lafayette High Schools: First Place, WinterJam Cheerleading Competition

Cheerleaders from three Fayette County Public Schools received first-place trophies during the Jamfest Winter Jam competition December 13th at the Lexington Center. Lafayette High School took first in the Large Varsity Cheer group.

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b. National Board Certified Teachers

National Board Certification is the most prestigious credential a teacher can earn in the United States. The program is voluntary. The following are new National Board Certified teachers:

- Lavonna Lamb Baumgardner – William Wells Brown Elementary
- Stephanie Byrns – Tates Creek Elementary
- Cindy Caton – Edyth J. Hayes Middle School
- Melinda Caudill – Liberty Elementary
- Jill Craig – Southern Middle School
- Ali Crowley – Lafayette High School
- Shelley Dickson – Liberty Elementary
- Janice Duncan – Stonewall Elementary
- Patrick Goff – Beaumont Middle School
- Diana Hendrix – IAKSS
- Jenny Jacobs – Breckinridge Elementary School
- Julie Jones – Russell Cave Elementary School
- Blanche Kelley – Southern Elementary School
- Kellie Little – Athens-Chilesburg Elementary School
- Matthew Logsdon – Henry Clay High School
- Alyssa McSpadden – Clays Mill Elementary
- Melisa Meiners – Liberty Elementary
- Jessica Mullannix – Veterans Park Elementary
- Vincent Tinker – Lafayette High School
- Cari Wlosinski – Jessie Clark Middle School

Betty Rhodes was honored as one of the first teachers in Kentucky to earn her National Board Certification.

c. IAKSS Communications Office: Oasis Award Winners

Fayette County Public Schools received several statewide awards from the Kentucky School Public Relations Association for their publications, public relations campaigns and special events as part of the “Outstanding Achievement in School Information Services” competition. Honors for the communications team consisting of Connie Back, Nema Brewer-Candy, Mary Jo Davis, Lisa Deffendall, Ramona Kidder, Tammy Lane and Heidi Reihing were:

First Place -

- The 2007-2009 “It’s About Kids” Calendar
- The 2008 CATS Celebration in the category of academic achievement promotions
- The 2008 Kindergarten Screening promotional materials
- The 2008 Kindergarten crayon registration brochure
- The 2007-2009 HR Image Brochure
- The 2008 Ninth Grade Improvement Awards Invitation
- The 2008 Calendar Art Note Cards
- The 2008 Community Engagement Efforts on the Nickel Facilities Tax

Second Place –

- The Calendar Art Book Collection: Celebrating Student Artists
- The 2008 Retirement Celebration in the category of special events
- The 2008 Retirement Program in the category of printed materials

Individual honors included:

- Superintendent Stu Silberman and his dog Sam, the Communications Office and John Bryant of the Web Tea , received first place for “Stu’s News”
- Nema Brewer-Candy received 1st Place in photography for “Pennies for Peru” and 2nd Place in photography for “It’s Magic”
- Lisa Deffendall received 1st place for publication writing for the “It’s About Kids” district calendar and “The Achievement Gazette”.
- Lisa Deffendall and Stu Silberman also were awarded first place in commentary writing for their letter to families about the proposed facilities nickel
- Tammy Lane received two first place awards in web writing for “Dani’s Connection” and “Deep Springs Challenge”

d. Observance of School Board Member Recognition Month

Board members were honored and the following individuals offered remarks regarding the work that the board members do for the students of FCPS:

- Stu Silberman, Superintendent
- Marianne Blodgett, Administrative Aide to Mayor Jim Newberry. Marianne read a proclamation from Jim Newberry.
- Betty Rhodes, President of the Fayette County Education Association
- Tina Moorhead, President of the 16th District PTA
- Woodford Webb, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Commerce Lexington Inc.

H. Reports, Communications, Resolutions

A. Superintendent’s Reports

- a. **Support Services Position Control Document** – No discussion
- b. **Monthly Construction Report** – No discussion

2. Remarks by Citizens – None

3. Resolution

a. Regarding the Death of Dominique R. Johnson

John Price read a resolution regarding the death of Dominique R. Johnson a student at Beaumont Middle School

A motion was made by John Price and seconded by Amanda Ferguson to adopt the resolution regarding the death of Dominique R. Johnson. The motion carried 5 to 0.

I. Approval of Routine Matters

1. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2008
2. Approval of the Agenda Planning Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2008
3. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2008
4. Approval of the Meeting Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2008

A motion was made by Kirk Tinsley and seconded by Melissa Bacon, to approve the minutes. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

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J. Approval of Consent Items

- a. *A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by Kirk Tinsley, 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** - No discussion
 3. **Special and Other Leave of Absences** - No discussion
 4. **Requests from Principals for Extended Trips** - No discussion
 5. **Professional Leave by District Personnel** - No discussion
 6. **Minority Recruitment and Retention Action Plan** – No discussion
 7. **2009-2010 Schedule of Regular Board Meetings** – No discussion

K. Approval of Action Items

8. Senate Bill 168 (KRS 158.649) 2010 Targets

Senate Bill 168 was reviewed at the January Agenda Planning meeting.

Vince Mattox showed a PowerPoint presentation giving an overview of Senate Bill 168 (hard copy included with permanent minutes).

A motion was made by John Price and seconded by Kirk Tinsley, to adopt the district's Senate Bill 168 targets. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

9. Approval of the Construction Documents and Advertisement for Bids for the Construction Phase of the Renovation of Arlington Elementary School BG 08-207

Mary Wright – Next phase allowing the project to move forward.

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by Amanda Ferguson, to approve the construction documents and advertisement for bids for the construction phase of the renovation and addition at Arlington Elementary, 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.

10. Approval of the Bid and Proposed Contract for Demolition Related to the Renovation of Arlington Elementary School BG 08-207

Mary Wright – First phase of the demolition project.

A motion was made by John Price and seconded by Melissa Bacon, to accept the low bid for this demolition package submitted by Superior Demolition, Inc. and approve the proposed contract in the amount of \$88,243.00 for work related to the renovation of Arlington Elementary 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.

11. Approval of Design Consultant and the BG-1 Project application for the Adaptive Re-Use of 780 Miles Point Way Bus Transportation Facility

Mary Wright – Current transportation facility needs to be moved in order to construct the new Lafayette High School stadium.

Stu Silberman – The transportation project and the Lafayette stadium project are both cash projects and are not bonded.

A motion was made by Amanda Ferguson and seconded by Kirk Tinsley, to approve a BG-1 Project Application for the adaptive re-use and modifications at 780 Miles Point Way in the amount of \$5,828,440, and Lucas/Schwering Architects as the design consultant, 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.

12. Monthly Financial Report

Rodney Jackson:

- Net revenue over expenses of \$96,412,332.11. Currently at approximately 66% revenue received.
- Total year to date expenses are approximately 36% year to date.
- Interest Revenue continues to be down from the previous year.
- Utility taxes are up by 4% from last year.
- Property tax revenue remains very steady

A motion was made by John Price and seconded by Kirk Tinsley, 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.

L. Informational Items

1. Personnel Changes – No discussion

M. Oral Communications

1. **Public Comments** – Casey Hinds spoke regarding the renovation of Cassidy Elementary.
2. **Board Requests** – None

3. Other Business

a. Board

b. Staff

N. Motion Making Agenda Part of the Official Board Minutes

A motion was made by John Price seconded by Melissa Bacon, to make the agenda dated January 26, 2009, 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 Kirk Tinsley and seconded by Melissa Bacon, to go into closed session at 7:01 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 7:55 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

CHAIR

SECRETARY