

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)
Regular Board Meeting
February 23, 2009**

The Fayette County Board of Education met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, KY at 6:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of February 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

John Price 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 February 23, 2009 meeting.

- a. **Student Representative:** Mya Price, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
- b. **Teacher Representative:** David Morris, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School

2. Student Performance:

Bryan Station Middle School Step Team: The Step Team consists of 20 students who perform at the boys' and girls' basketball games. The Step Team performed some of their routines.

Gabrielle Barker, Lafayette High School: Gabrielle, a junior at Lafayette High School, sang a portion of her award-winning performance from the William E. Schmidt Youth Vocal competition.

3. Recognitions

- a. **Trina Thomas, Beaumont Middle School: Second Place, 400 Meter Run at Wildcat Classic**
Trina Thomas, an eighth grader from Beaumont Middle School, was runner up in the girls' 400 meter race. Trina is the Vice President of the Student Council at Beaumont Middle.
- b. **Ben Mason, Lafayette High School: First Place, 200 and 400 Meter Run at Wildcat Classic**
Ben Mason, a senior at Lafayette High School, finished first in the men's 200 and 400 meter races. Ben plans on running track when he attends college.
- c. **Grant Roberts, Tates Creek High School: Most Improved Tennis Player in Kentucky by the United States Tennis Association**
Grant Roberts, a junior at Tates Creek High School has been named Most Improved Tennis Player in Kentucky. Since the age of 15 he has been consistently ranked one of the top players in the South in his age group. Grant holds a 3.5 grade point average and is a member of the Beta Club.
- d. **Gabrielle Barker, Lafayette High School: Second Place, William E. Schmidt Youth Vocal Competition**
Gabrielle Barker, a junior at Lafayette High School, won second place at the William E. Schmidt Youth Vocal Competition and also won the Audience Favorite Award. Gabrielle plans to attend college and major in vocal music with an emphasis on opera.
- e. **Lexington Traditional Magnet School: First Place, Kentucky Colonels Sixth Grade Showcase**
The one-day academic event provides a competitive opportunity for the state's sixth graders in five areas: language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and arts and humanities.
Language Arts: Alice Li, 1st place Lexington Traditional Middle School; Christopher Browning, 2nd place Winburn Middle School.
Mathematics: Angela Tseng, tie for 1st place, Winburn Middle School; Elaine Lin, tie for 1st place, Beaumont Middle School.
Science: Elliott Beach, 1st place, Lexington Traditional Middle School.
Social Studies: Eric Ziong, 1st place, Lexington Traditional Middle School.
Arts and Humanities: Angela Maske, 1st place, Lexington Traditional Middle School; Meghana Kudrimooti, 2nd place, Winburn Middle School.

Other members of the **LTMS** team include: Sarah Ewen, Max Hirshowitz, Saba Khandani, Sara Khandani, Shivam Katri, Cody Leslie, Nima Mahmoudi, Tapas Parikh, Kush Rathod, Kylie Russ, Elsa Samantaray, Tony Sun, Will Walters

Other members of the **Winburn** team include: Ann Marie Coriale, Daniel Ma, Brianna Mayo, Max Morris, Alaap Patel, Sumana Shashidhar, Chelsea Southworth, Andrew Tapia, Lucy Wan

- f. **Lexington Traditional Magnet School: AMC 8 Competition**
The American Mathematics Competition 8 is an exam for middle school students designed to promote the development and enhancement of problem solving skills. The following Lexington Traditional Magnet School students earned national recognition for their outstanding performance.

Jessie Li (8th grade) – Scored in the top one percent of students nationally and tied for the top score in Kentucky.

Will Walters (6th grade) – Top scoring sixth grader in Kentucky.

Hank Russell (7th grade) – Top scoring seventh grader in Kentucky.

- g. Edythe J. Hayes Middle School Cheerleaders: First Place Knowledge Master Open**
The Co-Ed squad from Edythe J. Hayes took home first place in division four at the 10th Annual Middle School State Cheer and Dance Classic. They also placed second in the Pom Dance division and the funk Dance division.
- h. Henry Clay High School Academic Team: First Place Knowledge Master Open**
The academic team at Henry Clay High School competed online in the Knowledge Master Open. The Henry Clay students scored 1,707 of 2,000 possible points to place first in Kentucky and fifth overall in the field of 695 high schools in their division. The Henry Clay team consists of the following members: Naveed Bakh, Grant Boggess, Matt Bojanoskwi, David Fraebel, Stephen Fritz, William Fritz, Jared Gibson, Preston Goulson, Bo Hur, Ben Luckey, Dan Richey, Sam Yu.
- i. Paul Laurence Dunbar High School: Runner-up State High School Marching Band Competition**
The Paul Laurence Dunbar High School Marching Band won second place in class 5A at the Kentucky Music Educators Association State Marching Band Championships. A video of Dunbar’s performance was shown to the Board.
- j. Debbie Stegner, Glendover Elementary: Kentucky Music Educators Association State Music Teacher of the Year**
Debbie Stegner was named the state’s Elementary Music Teacher of the Year. This award was voted on by Debbie’s peers. Debbie has been teaching music at Glendover for 11 years.
- k. Mary Ann Chamberlain, Tates Creek Elementary: Kentucky Association for Gifted Education, Michael Caudill Educator Award**
The Kentucky Association for Gifted Education has presented the Michael Caudill Educator Award to Dr. Mary Ann Chamberlain for her exceptional leadership, service and advocacy in support of the state’s gifted and talented children. Mary Ann is a gifted and talented resource teacher at Tates Creek Elementary School and a curriculum and instruction coach for the 10 elementary QUEST Accelerated Cluster teachers. She has been a teacher in Fayette County for 25 years.

H. Reports, Communications, Resolutions

A. Superintendent’s Reports

a. Student-based Achievement Strategy Presentation: Middle College Plan

Discussed at the February Planning Meeting.

Mike McKenzie and Janie Cottrell presented information on the Middle College Plan.

- Transition program targeting students who may not have thought about going to college.
- Classes will be held on the Bluegrass Community Technical College campus.

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- Students will be able to take high school classes and college classes.
- If student enters as a junior and attends 2 years, they will receive a high school diploma and could have earned up to an Associates Degree.
- Students will be able to go to some state colleges at the BCTC rate.
- Funding through the Smaller Learning Communities Grant.
- Laptops will be provided through the grant and will remain with the program.
- Interested students should contact their counselor.
- Students would be at the Leestown BCTC campus all day and would still be able to be involved in the high school activities.

b. Support Services Position Control Document – No discussion

c. Monthly Construction Report – No discussion

2. **Remarks by Citizens** – Casey Hinds spoke regarding the renovation of Cassidy Elementary.

I. Approval of Routine Matters

1. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2009
2. Approval of the Agenda Planning Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2009
3. Approval of the Meeting Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2009

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

J. Approval of Consent Items

a. *A motion was made by Kirk Tinsley and seconded by John Price, to approve the items on the consent section of the agenda with the addition of an addendum, 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. **School-wide Fund-raising Projects** - No discussion
7. **Request for Shortened School Days** - No discussion
8. **Acceptance of Trust Funds** - No discussion
9. **Approval of Development/Installation of PTA Sponsored Campus-wide Outdoor Classroom for Athens-Chilesburg Elementary School** - No discussion
10. **Staffing Allocation Timeline – One-time Waiver** - No discussion
11. **Revised 2009-2010 Schedule of Regular Board Meetings** - No discussion

K. Approval of Action Items

12. 2010-2011 Instructional Calendar

Discussed at the February Planning Meeting

Becky Sagan – August 11th is early to start, but is the best recommendation that the staff could provide.

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by Amanda Ferguson, to approve the instructional calendar for the 2010-2011 school year. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

13. Approval of the Construction Documents and Advertisement for Bids for the Renovation of Leestown Middle School BG 08-307

Mary Wright – These documents have already been approved for the other four projects.

A motion was made by John Price and seconded by Kirk Tinsley, to approve the construction documents and advertisement for bids for the renovation and addition at 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.

14. Approval of Bid, Interim and Proposed Contracts, and a Revision to the BG-1 Project Application for the Renovation of Cassidy Elementary School BG 08-206

Discussed at the February Planning meeting.

Mary Wright – Good competition on the bids.

Stu Silberman – Bid came in approximately \$2.5 million under projected costs.

Becky Sagan – Have safety issues been addressed?

Mary Wright – We constantly monitor safety and have the safety of students and staff at the utmost.

Stu Silberman – Requests for additional parent meeting have been passed on to Rhonda Fister.

A motion was made by Amanda Ferguson and seconded by Kirk Tinsley to accept the base bid with Alternates 2 and 3 as submitted by D.W. Wilburn, Inc., approve the interim contract in the amount of \$2,000,000, the proposed contract in the amount of \$9,061,000 and approve a revision to the BG-1 Project Application for a total of \$11,067,360, for the renovation of Cassidy 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.

15. Approval of Bid, Interim and Proposed Contracts, and a Revision to the BG-1 Project Application for the Renovation of Russell Cave Elementary School BG 09-050

Mary Wright: Very active participation from contractors – 12 companies submitted bids. The bid came in at 11.2% of the last cost projection.

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon and seconded by John Price, to accept the base bid with Alternates 3 and 4 as submitted by Congleton & Hacker Co., approve the interim contract in the amount of \$1,500,000, the proposed contract in the amount of \$5,001,150, and approve a revision to the BG-1 Project application for a total of \$6,103,400, for the renovation of Russell Cave 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.

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12. Monthly Financial Report

Rodney Jackson:

- Net revenue over expenses of approximately \$93,802,593.46
- Approximately 73% revenue received – 72% last year at this time
- Total expenses are approximately 43% which is approximately 2% higher than last year.
- Budgeted expenses and all line items appear to be in comparison with previous years
- Interest revenue continues to be down as well as motor vehicle taxes
- No other unexplained variances

A motion was made by Kirk Tinsley 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.

L. Informational Items

1. Personnel Changes – No discussion

M. Oral Communications

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

3. Other Business

a. Board

John Price:

- Some of the Board members had the opportunity to attend the American Association of School Administrators conference where the National Superintendent of the Year was named. We are very honored that Stu was among the final four and in our hearts we know that he is the number one superintendent in the nation. This is evident by the progress that has been made in Fayette County during his tenure and the great changes that have taken place. We can see why he was recognized at the state and national level.
- **Becky Sagan** – Board members were able to attend professional develop training and earn Board credit hours. It was a good national conference.

b. Staff

N. Motion Making Agenda Part of the Official Board Minutes

A motion was made by Melissa Bacon seconded by Amanda Ferguson, to make the agenda dated February 23, 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 John Price and seconded by Kirk Tinsley, to go into closed session at 7:23 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 John Price and seconded by Kirk Tinsley, to reconvene in open session. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

Adjournment

A motion was made by John Price and seconded by Kirk Tinsley to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.

CHAIR

SECRETARY