

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
(MINUTES)  
Board Agenda Planning Meeting  
March 10, 2008**

The Fayette County Board of Education met at 701 East Main Street, Lexington, KY at 5:30 p.m. on the 10th day of March 2008, with the following members present: **(1) Larry Conner, (2) Becky Sagan (3) John Price, (4) Melissa Bacon, and (5) Amanda Ferguson**

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**Staff Members Present**

Stu Silberman, Mary Wright, Mike Burke, Jack Hayes, Kathy Dykes, Brenda Allen, Rodney Jackson, Vince Mattox, Scott Hawkins, Julie Hawkins, Michael Ernst

**A. Call to Order**

Larry Conner convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**G. Introductions and Recognitions**

1. Larry Conner introduced the teacher and student representatives for March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - a. Student Representative: Kristen Arvin, Eastside Technical Center and Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
  - b. Teacher Representative: Bianca Randall, Ashland Elementary School

**H. Reports, Communications and Resolutions**

**1. Progress Reports**

**A. Superintendent's Report**

**b. Update on Graduation Dates**

**Scott Hawkins**

- Possible graduation dates
  - June 1st (Sunday) and June 2<sup>nd</sup> (Monday)
  - June 2<sup>nd</sup> (Monday) and June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)

**Stu Silberman** – A question that we often get is why we can't set the date and keep it no matter when the school year ends. Based on Kentucky Regulations, we can not graduate a class prior to the last instructional day. This year we had to move four days to the end of the year. We missed six days due to inclement weather and two of these days were built into the calendar. People have inquired as to whether we could conduct the graduations on football fields or Applebee's Stadium, but there would be the threat of rain and if we had to move into a gym some people would be excluded from the event. Memorial Coliseum has also been suggested, but there is no air conditioning there. We won't finalize the dates until April when we are past inclement weather possibilities.

**Becky Sagan** – If we have one more day out, can we use Memorial Day instead of going into June?

**Stu Silberman** – We could, at the Board's preference, but the issue would be that it is not listed on the calendar as a potential make up day and families might already have plans. If it becomes an issue it would be brought back to the Board before any decision is made. We try to stay with just the days that are listed on the calendar as make-up days.

**John Price** – Isn't Memorial Day a paid holiday?

**Stu Silberman** – Yes, I think so. We would have to have another paid day as a holiday.

**Larry Conner** – What about Saturdays?

**Stu Silberman** – We have not talked about doing any make-up days on Saturdays. It could be an option, but experience shows that there is extremely low attendance on Saturdays. Some districts have cut spring break, but we are not doing this. Right now the last day is May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**e. District Improvement Plan Report – Written Report**

**Jack Hayes**

- Two items on the report – both from the equity component
  1. Opportunity with UK to participate in the International Institute for Education Reform
  2. Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning
- Discussing working on the measures for the equity component

**d. Support Services Position Control Document** – No discussion

**e. Monthly Construction Report** – No discussion

**J. Approval of Consent Items**

1. **Award of Bids/Proposals and Bid Contract Extensions** – placeholder
2. **Actions for Post Approval and Claims** – placeholder
3. **Special and Other Leaves of Absence** – 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. **Declaration of Surplus and Intent to Sell – Vehicles**

**Mary Wright**

- Vehicles have a lot of miles and would probably cost more to repair than worth keeping in inventory. We use them fully before putting them up for sale.
- Food service equipment items primarily came out of the old BSHS kitchen – they are vintage.
- Gym equipment was surplus coming from the schools. Don Adkins looked at the equipment to determine if any of it would be worth sending out to other schools and he concurred with us that it probably would not be worth sending to other schools.

**Larry Conner** – Will all of the surplus be put on Ebay?

**Mary Wright** – Right now we have the vehicles and food service equipment scheduled for Ebay, but may suggest that the food service equipment be by the usual sealed bid process because of the cost of shipping. The gym equipment will be by either auction, sealed bid or Ebay and probably we would be better off trying to sell it locally.

8. **Declaration of Surplus and Intent to Sell – Food Service Items**
9. **Declaration of Surplus and Intent to Sell – Exercise Items and Equipment - Placeholder**
10. **Disaster Day Request**

**Jack Hayes** – Disaster day request is routine. Requires a letter from the Superintendent requesting the disaster day and also requires Board approval.

**Stu Silberman** – This situation is when we have schools that have to close when the rest of the district is not closed. This is for the four schools that were involved when we had the power outage. Beaumont Middle could not go that day and we had to send three schools home early because they were not going to get the power back on.

**Jack Hayes** – The state counts the number of instructional hours, so these schools are short and this request will take care of that.

**Amanda Ferguson** – This means that they do not have to make up the day?

**Stu Silberman** – Correct. If we try to make up the day it gets complicated with the buses and food service. We have lots of hours above what the state requires.

**Jack Hayes** – About 289 hours above the state requirement.

**11. Approval of Fayette County Virtual Middle School – No discussion**

**12. Approval of a BG-4 Final Approval and Payment Application for the Construction of a Fitness Facility at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School BG 07-048**

**Mary Wright** – Booster project that has been finished and is being closed out. No district funds were involved.

**13. Approval of Development/Installation of Outdoor Additional Play Zones for Lansdowne Elementary**

**Mary Wright** – Funded by PTA. Plans have been reviewed.

**K. Approval of Action Items**

**14. Approval of Temporary Construction Easement at James Lane Allen Elementary School - Placeholder**

**Mary Wright** – We were notified that the Urban County Government is looking at replacing a double box culvert in this area and they would need to seek temporary access via our property and would restore the property to it's original condition. We haven't received the request yet, but should receive it before the next meeting.

**15. Approval of the BG-4 Final Approval and Payment Application for the Construction of an Addition to Edythe J. Hayes Middle School for the Central Kentucky Japanese School BG 06-117**

**Mary Wright** – Items 15, 16, and 17 – These agenda items are related to the Japanese School. The district did not have any funds expended on this project, but agreed with them that everything would be run through the Board so that we could follow the usual process of notifying KDE. These are a couple of change orders and the closeout for the project.

**16. Approval of Four Change Orders (Nos. Eight, Nine, Ten and Admin.) for the Construction of an Addition to Edythe J. Hayes Middle School for the Central Kentucky Japanese School BG 06-117**

See item #15

**17. Approval of Revision of the BG-1 Project Application Financial Page for the Construction of an Addition to Edythe J. Hayes Middle School for the Central Kentucky Japanese School BG 06-117**

See item #15

## 18. 2020 Vision 2008-2009 Positions

**Stu Silberman** – When we instituted 2020 Vision, there were lots of recommendations for positions and we did add some. At this point we bring these back to the Board each year, as they are funded through the 2020 Vision funding. Normally we wait on these, but we end up having to pink slip these employees and there is a lapse of insurance and also causing a lot of extra paper work. This is why we wanted to bring it to the Board early.

**Jack Hayes** – These are positions that we felt were pretty critical:

- World Language Content Specialist – Currently half time and the 2020 funds make it a full time position. This is the contact person for the FLAP grant.
- Early Childhood Specialist – Support positions in the Early Start office for helping to build this program. There is a .7 position and the .3 makes it a full time position. Also includes Arts and Humanities and World Language instruction in the Early Start program.
- Family Community Liaison – Contact for the various faith based groups.
- Program Support Manager – Helps with all budgeting, reporting and the RFPs.
- Staff Recruiter – Identifies the critical shortage area teachers and administrators across the country with a particular emphasis on minority, trying to build diversity in the district.

These are the ones that we felt like we needed to bring to the Board early for next year to try to avoid some insurance problems.

**Stu Silberman** – The Board set aside \$1.8 million for the RFP process and Kim has worked up the new application process and I will send it to the Board after I review it.

**Amanda Ferguson** – The World Language Content Specialist is full time, correct?

**Jack Hayes** – Yes. She was already a half time position through general fund and this makes her a full time position.

**Stu Silberman** – The other Content Specialists are through supplemental positions and are not effected.

**Melissa Bacon** – Did we need to decide whether the 2020 report would be monthly or quarterly?

**Stu Silberman** – Need feedback from the Board, we weren't sure from the last meeting as to how the Board wanted the report.

**Jack Hayes** – If we do it monthly there will just be small pieces. Reporting quarterly would report more activity. Could do either way.

**Larry Conner** – For those areas that come in that month and have activity, would like to see that monthly. If there is no activity in the month there would be no need for a report.

**Stu Silberman** – Will go ahead and set up the report monthly if there is activity in the month and no activity would mean no report until the next month.

## 19. Monthly Financial Report – Placeholder

### M. Oral Communications

#### 3. Other Business - None

##### a. Board

Discussion of Board Work

##### b. Staff

Requests from Board – None

**Closed Session**

*A motion was made by John Price and seconded by Becky Sagan, to go into closed session at 6:03 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 Becky Sagan, 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 Becky Sagan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 5 to 0.*

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CHAIR

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