



BOARD MEETING BUZZ

Fayette County Board of Education

April 23, 2018



From left: Ray Daniels, Melissa Bacon, Doug Barnett, Stephanie Spires, and Daryl Love

Providing timely, clear, and accurate information to students, staff, families, and community members about the latest Fayette County Public Schools news is an important part of meeting our mission to create a collaborative community that ensures all students achieve at high levels and graduate prepared to excel in a global society. Only an informed community can fully participate in improving the quality of our schools, and these monthly school board meeting summaries are

one of the many ways we work to provide honest, proactive, consistent, and responsive communication to those we serve.

WELCOME & STUDENT PERFORMANCE

At the start of the meeting, Chairwoman Melissa Bacon welcomed this month's honorary board members: teacher representative Nancy Smith of Southern Elementary, student representative Shaun Anderson of Carter G. Woodson Academy, and classified staff representative Pete Koutoulas of Technology.



April's opening student performance featured the chorus from Leestown Middle School.

KUDOS & RECOGNITIONS



The school board recognized the following students and staff for recent accomplishments:

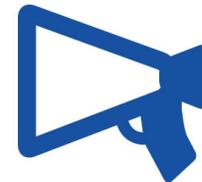
- Jennifer Lee and Megan Slusarewicz of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, national medal winners in the [2018 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition](#);
- Boys' basketball teams from Morton and Beaumont middle schools, the "A" and "B" team [city tournament champions](#), respectively;
- Several students, award winners in the Educator Rising state competition;
- Lafayette Chamber Orchestra, a runner-up, [National Orchestra Festival](#);
- Several students as awards winners at the Beta Club state conventions, [senior division](#) and [junior division](#);
- Henry Clay High School's debate team, state champions, [Kentucky High School Speech League tournament](#);

- Neomia Hagans Flores of Dunbar, [Debate Coach of the Year](#);
- Dunbar's speech team, first place, [Kentucky Educational Speech and Drama Association tournament](#);
- Angela Stark of SCAPA at Bluegrass, the [Southern district's Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year](#);
- Amie Kisling, theater teacher in Lafayette High's SCAPA program, Best Director award, [High School Theatre Festival](#);
- Bob Moore, Outstanding Leader Award, and Sam Conder, Outstanding Technical Support Award, at the [Kentucky Society for Technology in Education](#) state conference;
- Soraya Matthews, the district's director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for high schools, the [Dr. Johnnie Grissom Award](#) from the Kentucky Board of Education; and
- Superintendent Manny Caulk, recipient of a national ["Leaders to Learn From" award](#).

PROCLAMATIONS

The board approved proclamations for:

- [Better Speech & Hearing Month](#)
- [National Law Enforcement Week](#)
- [National Physical Education & Sport Week](#)
- [National School Nurse Day](#)
- [Child Nutrition Employee Week](#) and
- [Teacher Appreciation Week](#).



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Manny Caulk began by crediting the teachers, staff and board members for the success the district has seen in the past few years. Members of the "A Team," as he calls them, have helped shine the spotlight on the district's success.

Caulk provided an update on the annual survey collection process. The annual student survey launched last week in all six comprehensive high schools and all special programs and technical centers. The family survey will launch as soon as the translation process has been completed. Families will be notified about the opportunity to complete the online or paper survey via postcards and emails.



Superintendent Manny Caulk invited Schuronda Morton, interim senior director of School Leadership, to provide an update on the school reviews being conducted by Cambridge Education. Morton invited a member of the Cambridge Education team to share about the experience of the team members involved, and the work being conducted at Arlington and Booker T. Washington elementary schools.

The goal of Cambridge Education is to not only help schools improve, but to help them sustain improvement long term. They have completed assessment day one of two in classrooms at Booker T. Washington, and have already completed two days in Arlington Elementary.

The Cambridge Education team is training district champions who will continue to work to support continued growth across the district. The bulk of the work Cambridge Education will culminate by the end of May 2018. However, they will continue to work with the champions and others across the district, hand-in-hand to create materials and answer questions to ensure success.

Caulk then introduced Chief Academic Officer, Kate McAnelly, who reported on the [enVision math curriculum program for grades K-5](#). The Curriculum Steering Committee, teachers, student voice team, families and the public were invited to provide input during the selection process. Caulk commended the curriculum team for gaining input from important stakeholders across the district.

EQUITY UPDATES

Acting Equity Officer Darryl Thompson invited Wayne Stevens, FCPS Instructional Specialist, Rosalind Bryant, State Student Organizer (KEA) and Cameo Kendrick, Minority Representative/President-Elect (KEA-Student Program), to share about the Teaching and Learning Career Pathway. This



pathway is a series of four courses available to high school students who express an interest in becoming teachers. The pathway provides classroom learning alongside clinical experiences and reflection in the high school classroom, and is sometimes offered as Dual Credit.

Rising educators in Fayette County high schools can earn up to 70 field experience hours while participating in the Teaching and Learning Career Pathway. It is currently available at Bryan Station, Frederick Douglass and Lafayette High Schools, and will be offered at Henry Clay, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Bates Creek high schools and The Learning Center (TLC) beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.

Educators Rising Kentucky is the state affiliate career and technical organization, partnered with a national organization. Competitions at the state and national level provide additional opportunities for future educators to showcase their talents and excel in their field of study.

A conference held in partnership between the University of Kentucky and the FCPS Equity Office encouraged minority leaders to enter the field of education. The UK organizers worked with those in the current pathway to define content for the conference to support the future development of educators, helping recruit and retain minority teachers.

CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATIONS

Chief Operating Officer Myron Thompson announced initial details about construction of Fayette's [newest elementary school, off Athens-Boonesboro Road](#).



AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Among the action items, board members:



- Approved revisions to the school staffing policy;
- Approved a resolution related to issuance of Fayette County School District Corp. school building revenue bond series 2018A;
- Approved details for P.E. classes in summer school;
- Approved the K-5 enVision math curriculum;
- Approved the [March treasurer's report](#), as presented by Rebecca Riley, the district's associate director for tax collection, and Chief Financial Officer John White.

BUDGET UPDATE

Chief Financial Officer John White shared an update on the state budget process and provided board members with a summary of the budget adopted by the General Assembly.

A tentative budget discussion timeline for May 2018 was provided and will be finalized among board members via email. The regular action meeting on May 21 will conclude the budget discussion.



The official minutes from April 23 will be posted within the agenda of the May 21 school board meeting.

SEE FOR YOURSELF

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and fourth Monday each month in the district's offices at 701 E. Main St., Lexington, Ky.

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