



FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## BOARD MEETING BUZZ

Fayette County Board of Education Meeting

Aug. 28, 2017



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

### **KUDOS & RECOGNITIONS**

This month's student performance featured pianist/vocalist Sarah Byrd of Lafayette High School, who is a SCAPA vocal major and a senior in the pre-engineering program. Sarah plans to attend the University of Louisville and double-major in biology and music performance.

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

- An [FPS team from Winburn Middle School](#), as a junior division champion in the Future Problem-Solving Program International competition;
- [FCCLA members from Beaumont Middle](#), for earning medals at the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America's national conference, and teacher Anna Sullinger as recipient of the Spirit of Advising Award;
- The boys' and the girls' [lacrosse teams from Henry Clay High School](#), for their state championships;
- [The Learning Center](#), selected by the Kentucky Department of Education as an Alternative Program of Distinction; and
- [Fayette County Public Schools](#), selected by the University of Kentucky's Center for Community Outreach as its 2016-17 Community Partner of the Year.

## 212 DEGREES AWARD



For August, Superintendent Manny Caulk's 212 Degrees Award "for going above and beyond" went to the group of employees who worked behind the scenes to make sure the second annual Superintendent's Leadership Institute ran smoothly.

## PROCLAMATIONS

The board approved a proclamation declaring National Arts in Education Week.

## EQUITY COUNCIL

Acting Equity Officer Darryl Thompson and David Cozart, chairman of the Equity Council, reported on "Cities United" and its recent four-day national conference in Minnesota, where they attended helpful workshops and made useful contacts. "Cities United is another example of the cohesive approach we're taking to address the needs of students," Thompson told the school board.



Cozart also spoke of the continuing overhaul of the Equity Council to make sure it's in lockstep with the superintendent's and board's goals. "We'll forge forward with you," he said. "We're committed to build the council in a way that's effective."

## OPERATIONS & SUPPORT



Myron Thompson, senior director of Operations and Support, presented the [final construction report](#) from Frederick Douglass High School, which is 99.76 percent complete with only a few punch-list items remaining. "We're very pleased with this project. ... It's another one in the books," Thompson said. "We're in a construction lull at the moment, though we're in (the design phase) for a new elementary on Athens-Boonesboro Road and hope to start construction in the spring."

Board Chairwoman Melissa Bacon commended everyone for raising the bar at Douglass. "As we move forward, we know what the standard is now," she said.

## AGENDA ITEMS

Among the consent items, the board approved design development documents for the construction of an elementary school off Athens-Boonesboro Road.

On the action agenda, the members:

- Approved the [unaudited year-end financial report](#) and the [monthly financial report from July](#);
- Adopted tax rates of 75 cents for real estate and 75 cents for personal property per \$100 assessed valuation to prepare the district's 2017-18 working budget, with rates unchanged from the previous year. The vehicle tax rate (59.2 cents per \$100) is also unchanged. The district's budget, which must be approved in September, relies in part on these revenues to provide quality education for students and address facilities needs.



The board went into closed session to discuss acquisition or sale of real property, proposed or pending litigation, or personnel matters.

*The official minutes from Aug. 28 will be posted within the agenda of the Sept. 25 board meeting.*

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these "Board Meeting Buzz" highlights.



FCPS is governed by an elected five-member board that meets on the second and fourth Monday each month in the district's offices at 701 E. Main St., Lexington, Ky. Meetings are open to the public, and community participation is welcome.

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