



FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD MEETING BUZZ

Fayette County Board of Education

June 25, 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 pianist Lili-Rose Elayi, a rising freshman at Lafayette High School, for the opening performance.

KUDOS & RECOGNITIONS



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

- Cole Bishop, a rising second-grader at Veterans Park Elementary, as a winner in the [Dream Out Loud Challenge](#);
- Ben Lambert, a recent Henry Clay High School graduate, who placed first in Kentucky in Level 5 on the [National Spanish Examination](#);
- Jenny Lee, a rising sophomore at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, who was runner-up in the [Nathaniel Patch Piano Competition](#);
- Bryan Station Middle School's cheer squad, as a runner-up in the Florida Finals of the [Apex Cheer & Dance Championships](#);
- The PLD Lamplighter, [Dunbar's media program](#), for numerous awards and national recognition for excellence in journalism;
- State and national honorees in the [PTA's Reflections contest](#);
- Top athletes in the [middle school track-and-field state meet](#);
- Top teams and individuals in the [STLP State Championships](#);
- Award winners from the [TSA state conference](#);
- [Jennifer Burton](#) of Henry Clay High School, as the Kentucky Association of Family & Consumer Sciences' Teacher of the Year; and
- [Tiffany Marsh](#), a vocal music teacher at Dunbar, as Kentucky's 2019 High School Teacher of the Year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As part of his monthly report to the board, Superintendent Manny Caulk welcomed the district's athletics director, Rob Sayre, who highlighted changes in the 2018-19 athletic handbook, including the consistent requirement that middle school students who "play up" on high school athletic teams must do so at the high school of their home residence.



EQUITY UPDATES

Acting Equity Officer Darryl Thompson gave the board an update on several equity initiatives happening in partnership between the district and community agencies, including:



- The COACH (Civic Outreach, Advocacy & Cooperative Hiring) fellowship, led by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's ONE Lexington, with funding from the William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust. The goal of the COACH program is to help young males of color between the ages of 22 and 25 gain employability skills. The program intends to serve 60 individuals over three years.

- The Lexington Leadership Foundation's Fatherhood Initiative.

The district's equity office and several district employees participated in the annual Father's Day celebration at Douglass Park, distributing hundreds of books to families.

- REAL Men Read: The district has applied for additional funding from the William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust to support the district's reading and mentorship program.
- FCPS will be partnering with the University of Kentucky Federal Credit Union to support teachers with a back-to-school supply drive for classrooms across the district.

Superintendent Manny Caulk added anecdotal feedback he received last week about the expansion of the Power Scholars program happening this summer in partnership with the YMCA of Central Kentucky. Caulk said he was approached by the father of a student participating in the summer learning and more program who raved about the experiences his daughter was having.

"These additional days of learning are an important part of our district's commitment to unleash the unlimited potential of every student," Caulk said, noting that students attending the Power Scholars summer offering receive engaging, culturally responsive instruction and weekly field learning experiences.

CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATIONS

Chief Operating Officer Myron Thompson shared the [latest construction updates](#) from Fayette's newest elementary school, off Athens-Boonesboro Road.



AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Among the action items, board members voted unanimously to :



- Approve several new and updated school district policies;
- Adopt the 2018-19 athletic handbook;
- Sign an agreement between the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation and Frederick Douglass High School to implement the AdvanceKentucky Initiative;
- Extend the contract with NWEA to continue MAP testing for students in order to provide consistent monitoring of

- academic process and growth across the district;
- Update the Certified Evaluation Plan and revise the job description for dean of students;
 - Approve pay dates for the 2018-19 school year and accept the [May treasurer's report](#), as presented by Financial Services Director Rodney Jackson and Chief Financial Officer John White.

The official minutes from June 25 will be posted within the agenda of the July 23 school board meeting.

SEE FOR YOURSELF

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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.

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