

BOARD MEETING BUZZ

Fayette County Board of Education Meeting

Oct. 23, 2017



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



At the start of the meeting, the board welcomed this month's honorary board members: classified employee representative Mari Burgess of Dixie Magnet Elementary (left) and teacher representative Hollie Chaney of Northern Elementary. The student representative, Daevin Edelen of Bryan Station High School, was unable to attend the action meeting.

KUDOS & RECOGNITIONS



October's student performance featured the SCAPA Strings, a middle school orchestra under the direction of Nancy Campbell. The group performed Danny Elfman's "This is Halloween" from "The Nightmare before Christmas" and Antonio Vivaldi's "Tempest" from The Four Seasons' "Summer."

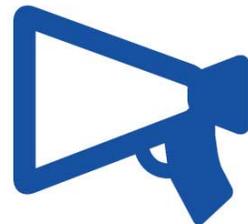
The school board then recognized the following students and staff for recent accomplishments:

- Three dozen seniors chosen as [National Merit semifinalists](#); and
- FCPS administrator [Michael Dailey](#), for statewide recognition from the Kentucky World Language Association for his contributions to the profession.

PROCLAMATIONS

The board presented these proclamations for November:

- [American Education Week](#)
- [School Psychology Awareness Week](#)
- [Education Support Professionals Day](#)
- [National Parental Involvement Day](#)
- [Substitute Educators Day](#)



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Chief Academic Officer Kate McAnelly summarized the latest state assessment results and talked about next steps for the district. First, McAnelly noted the upticks in ACT scores, college/career readiness benchmarks, and high school graduation rates, saying, "That's positive news for our senior class." She also shared several bullet points of data, highlighting schools that reduced their novice learners and increased their proficient and distinguished totals. She particularly commended Mary Todd, Cardinal Valley, Squires, Ashland, and Cassidy elementaries as well as Jessie Clark and Leestown middle schools.

In addition, McAnelly talked about the comprehensive improvement planning system changing formats, which will result in a streamlined process with four distinct phases for diagnostics, goals and strategies, and monitoring progress in individual schools and in the district overall.



In a separate report, Superintendent Manny Caulk shared highlights of the recent school board retreat and reiterated what FCPS needs to become a world-class system: (1) strong families; (2) a supportive community; (3) policymakers who address equity and invest in children's futures; and (4) great schools. "What you need are people who believe the mission is possible," he said.

Caulk also reviewed recent data including AP exam results, noting the district is steadily gaining ground according to five-year trends. "How do we get farther faster? How do we get better faster? We won't get there alone," he said. "Excellence rules, but we're still not there yet."

EQUITY OFFICE



Acting Equity Office Darryl Thompson welcomed Jessica Hiler, president of the Fayette County Education Association; and Cameo Kendrick, ethnic minority representative at the Kentucky Education Association. Kendrick touted the upcoming Minority Leadership Conference, set for Nov. 4 at Frederick Douglass High School, as one of the latest efforts to increase the presence of minorities and males in the classroom. "We know now is a really scary time to be going into this profession, so we want to support them as much as possible," Hiler added.

OPERATIONS & SUPPORT

FCPS won't have any construction updates until we break ground on the new elementary school off Athens-Boonesboro Road in mid-spring.



AGENDA ITEMS



Among the action items, the board members:

- Authorized the acquisition of 20 school buses for \$2.1 million as part of the district's routine 14-year replacement cycle, which maintains the desired fleet of 280 buses;
- Signed off on using Hilliard Lyons as the financial adviser for bond sales in 2017-18;
- Approved the [September treasurer's report](#), as presented by Financial Services Director Rodney

Jackson and Chief Financial Officer John White.

The official minutes from Oct. 23 will be posted within the agenda of the Nov. 20 board meeting.

SEE FOR YOURSELF

School board meetings are televised live on Spectrum cable channel 197 and [streamed live](#) with an IE browser. The meetings are also replayed the same week at 2 p.m. Tuesday, 8 p.m. Wednesday, and 2 p.m. Saturday. In addition, the broadcasts, board agendas, and official minutes are [available online](#) along with these "Board Meeting Buzz" highlights.