

FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Regular School Board Meeting

December 08, 2011 - 6:00 p.m. - Willie Speed School Board Room -85 School Road, Eastpoint

The Regular School Board Meeting was held on the above date with the following members present: Jimmy Gander, David Hinton, Carlton Whaley and George Thompson. Also present were Nina Marks, Superintendent and Barbara Sanders, Board Attorney. Ms. Teresa Martin was not in attendance.

1 CALL TO ORDER/APPROVE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jimmy Gander.

Mr. Hinton moved to approve the agenda and addenda, second by Mr. Whaley. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Martin was not present due to representing the FCSB by her attendance at the FCS Elementary Christmas play.

2 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Jimmy Gander gave the invocation, followed by the pledge to the flag.

3 REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Nina Marks, Superintendent
 - 1. Construction Updates
- B. Barbara Sanders, FCSB Attorney
- C. Board Members

Superintendent Marks presented Ms. Lucretia Bloodworth a plaque in appreciation of her years of service to the District, upon the occasion of her retirement.

Mr. Aaron Boyette, PSBI, reported that the progress of the Multipurpose Building was going well and still on budget. The projected completion date had been set back to January 20 due to delay in the air-conditioning installation.

Mr. Boyette further reported on the progress of plans for the Bayside Environmental Lab.

Mr. Gander discussed with Mr. Roy Carroll expenditures for a bus barn invoiced by Johnson Peterson Architects.

Attorney Sanders advised the Board that Mr. Jay Pearlman had filed an appeal. She stated that Attorney Bob Harris would be representing the Board for the appeal process.

Mr. Thompson discussed a Code of Conduct violation on page 40 referring to "public display of affection, physical contact" He would like the policy changed to reflect more strict limitations.

Mr. Al London, Middle School Dean, gave his opinion that regardless of what is put on paper the behavior would not change. He further reported that placement of the SRO and other personnel had seemed to successfully lessen the code violations. Repeated infractions seemed to be by the same students.

There was discussion about a Franklin County Learning Center student riding in a private vehicle to FCS campus to catch bus to FCLC. The policy should be changed to read "must ride bus to FCS campus, transfer to bus to FCLC and ride bus back to FCS and transfer to bus home.

The alternative education transportation rule and the public display of affection rule would be advertised for 28 days and be placed on the February FCSB meeting.

A recording of the entire preceding is available, upon request, for a fee.

Mr. Whaley reported a power outage at the FCS campus. Progress Energy was responsible for the initial outage, but there seemed to be a problem with a breaker when power was restored.

There was further discussion about the condition of the breaker. Superintendent Marks was advised to get Mr. Hicks, Mr. Miller and Aaron's Electric, who are all qualified electricians, to look at the breaker problem and make a recommendation for the solution.

Mr. Hinton had nothing to report.

Chairman Gander requested information on how the new hire for Brenda Wilson's Director Position would transition from a monetary standpoint.

Mr. Gander also requested that, if possible, FCSB regular meeting dates be placed on the school calendar for the next year.

4 ENTERTAIN BUSINESS OR PRESENTATIONS FROM VISITORS

No one addressed the Board.

5 ITEMS ON THE TABLE

- A. FCSB Policies - (Hinton/Whaley)
- B. Franklin County School District Organization Plan 2011-2012)

Attorney Sanders requested that the Board remove #5A Policies from the table.

Ms. Sanders to explained her request by reporting she, Superintendent Marks and Jeanette Malone had met in Ms. Marks office and had discussed, for the future, to get a regularly scheduled policy adoption cycle. Her example was; to advertise in May, have a workshop in June and adopt policies in July, advertise in November, have a workshop in December and adopt in January.

She defined this particular package of policies as having been sent by the Panhandle Area Education Consortium and they are required due to statutory changes. She further explained that the policies need to be removed from the table, advertized and adopted.

Chairman Gander clarified that the policies were being removed from the table in order to be advertised.

Superintendent Marks advised the Board that these policies had already been advertised.

Attorney Sanders explained that for clarity these policies would begin the process again of being advertised.

Mr. Hinton moved to remove from the table, second by Mr. Whaley.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Gander discussed implementing a form for student out-of-state travel.

Attorney Sanders would draw up the form.

Item #5B remained on the table.

6 Minutes Approval

- A. ***11/10/11 FCSB Regular Meeting
- B. ***11/10/11 FCSB Special Meeting

Mr. Whaley moved to adopt the minutes, second by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

7 Travel Requests

- A. Kris Bray, Priscilla Tucker, Harolyn Walker - Ron Clark Academy Teacher Training (G. Oehlert)
- B. Roderick Robinson, Kris Bray - AP Leadership Colloquium (G. Oehlert)
- C. Jamie Duhart, Barbara Lee, Stephanie Howze, Heidi Montgomery - Florida AP One Day Workshop (G. Oehlert)
- D. Brenda Wilson /Frances Folson - ESE Parent Liaison and Ed Prep Institute
- E. Roderick Robinson/Wanda Teat - FOCUS Training (G. Oehlert)
- F. Charlotte Smith/ Jeanette Malone - Secretarial Leadership Conference
- G. Lisa Sweat/Sally Wheeler, Tim Wheeler - FACA Softball Conference (G. Oehlert)
- H. ***David Meyer, Cathy Carroll, Roderick Robinson, Marie Green - Focus User Conference & Training (D. Meyer)

Mr. Thompson moved to approve, second by Mr. Whaley.

Discussion followed about Ms. Wilson attending a conference.

The motion carried unanimously.

8 Agreements

- A. Georgia-Florida Alarm and Franklin County School Board (R. Carroll)
- B. Threshold Inspection Services - Document G802 - 2007
 - 1. Nova Engineering
 - 2. JRA Architects Administration

Mr. Whaley moved to approve #8A, second by Mr. Hinton.

Mr. Whaley discussed that Mr. London would get all alarms up and running then he would like to have all alarms under one contract, district wide.

The agreement on the agenda was only a monitoring agreement for repair to the current system. The work had been done and the invoice needed to be paid.

Mr. London requested to research what is proprietary equipment in the District Office.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Whaley moved to approve #8B 1, 2, second by Mr. Thompson.

The motion carried unanimously.

9 Plans

- A. Franklin School District English Language Learner (ELL) Plan (B. Wilson)
- B. ***Health Insurance (R. Carroll) (Document to Follow)
- C. ***Franklin County School Board to Establish Referendum Election Date

Mr. Whaley moved to approve #9A, second by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Carroll, Finance Director, under #9B, reported a meeting of the insurance committee. They agreed to keep current plan.

The coverage and rates would be the same. The Board would only fund the regular deductible of \$1250.

Mr. Scott Fenstermaker discussed the history of the insurance used today. He reported the rates are remaining the same as 2011 and the claims are continuing to go down.

The goal is to have a cost sharing arrangement in the future.

Mr. Whaley moved to approve, second by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Sanders advised, under #9C, that the Supervisor of Elections had recommended March 6 as the date for the Referendum election.

Mr. Thompson moved to set March 6 as the date, second by Mr. Whaley.. The motion carried.

Attorney Sanders stated she would work with Mr. Carroll and the Supervisor of Elections.

10 Reports

- A. ***Safety Inspection Report (R. Carroll)

11 Substitutes

- A. December 2011 List

12 Positions

- A. Louise Chipman - Transfer
 - 1. Resignation - The Nest Learning Center Site Director
 - 2. Position - The Nest - Enrichment Leader
- B. Rosa Tolliver - Retirement

13 Monthly Bills (Mailed to Board)

- A. 110211 - \$ 234,991.40
- B. 110911 - \$ 69,091.36
- C. 111711 - \$ 404,826.82

Mr. Whaley moved to accept/approve items #10, #11, #12 and #13, second by Mr. Thompson.

In reference to #10, Mr. Whaley suggested that one person inspect weekly.

Superintendent Marks suggested the Board set a date for this report to come back before the Board.

The motion carried unanimously.

14 Requests for Proposals

- A. Technology Support and Consulting - E-Rate Program (R. Carroll)

Mr. Whaley moved to approve #14, second by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

15 Monthly Financial Report

A. ***Financial Report (R. Carroll)

16 Purchase Orders (Over \$10,000.00)

Mr. Thompson moved to approve #15 & #16, second by Mr. Whaley.

Mr. Carroll gave a brief overview of the Superintendent's Monthly Financial Report.

The motion carried unanimously.

17 Other

A. Form - Request for Family Medical Leave FYI

B. *** Information Security Incident Response Plan FYI

C. ***2010-11 PAEC Annual Report FYI

There was no action on #17.

18 Adjournment

Chairman Gander adjourned the meeting.



Jimmy Gander, Chairman



Nina Marks, Superintendent