

Regular School Board Meeting
Thursday, January 10, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.
Fayette-Ware High School – Library

MINUTES

1. **Call meeting to order.**
Ronnie McCarty, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order.
2. **Establishment of a quorum.**
A quorum was established with the following members present: Robert Redditt, Marandy Wilkerson, Evangeline Shaw, Wendell Wainwright, Ronnie McCarty, James Garrett, Sally Spencer, Dana Pittman and James Teague, Superintendent. Absent was David Barnes.
3. **Consider adoption of agenda.**
Mr. Wainwright motioned to adopt the Agenda.
Mr. Redditt seconds.

Items added:
 Adoption of Policy 1.802 and Suspending the Rules for 1st and 2nd Reading.
 This was added as Item #12 before Standing Committees.
Mr. Wainwright motion to approve as amended.
Mr. Redditt seconds.

8 - Yes 0 - No Mr. Barnes was absent.
Motion carries.
4. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
Mr. Wainwright led the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. **Consider approval of minutes.**
Mrs. Shaw motioned to approve the minutes with necessary corrections, if there be any.
Mr. Wainwright seconds.

Ms. Pittman stated that there were two corrections needed in the minutes.
1.) Page 4 - #13 - 5th paragraph, 2nd line - the word cue needs to be changed to queue.
2.) Page 7 - #21 - end of the first line should be contractually obligated and not professionally obligated.

8 - Yes 0 - No Mr. Barnes was absent.
Motion carries.
6. **Speaking to agenda and non-agenda items.**
(Time limit total - 15 minutes)
Hattie Williams - Spoke on Items #7, 10, 11, and 13.
Charlie Scott - Spoke on salary and benefits for bus drivers.
Candace Haynes - Spoke on safety in the schools. Wants to adopt School Resource Officers (SRO's)
7. **Director of Schools' Report.**
 - Mr. Teague announced the death of Ms. Pruitt, 3rd grade teacher at Oakland Elementary School.
 - The Board Members were asked if they still wanted to be a member of NSBA.
 - A meeting was held with some of the bus drivers and another meeting is scheduled with more drivers tomorrow. Mr. Teague stated that he is working on a plan for a fair and equitable work schedule and salary for all bus drivers. We are trying to save dollars in Transportation and using mechanics to substitute for bus drivers.
 - Dr. Harris is looking at assessments that we have done and where we need to go.
 - Have a price on the PA system, which is \$2100, which would include 10 mikes.
 - Security has been tightened at the schools. It was started before Christmas to provide the best safety that we can for our students and staff. Entrances and exits are as secure as they can be. Mr. Teague stated that he has met with representatives from the Sheriff's Department and the Chief of Police from Somerville to discuss issues to make sure we are all on the same page. Will be meeting on January 23rd with Law Enforcement Representatives from all communities, cities and towns to make sure the plans will

work. Principal's meeting on January 15th – the Sheriff's Department and the Chief of Police will be there to go over some things with the principals and supervisory staff.

Mr. Wainwright wanted to know where we are with the audit.

Mr. Teague stated that he has not heard anything.

Mayor Taylor stated that he talked to the people in Nashville and they said that they do not have the dates and are short handed. They have to have it to us by law by March 31st.

Mrs. Wilkerson asked Mr. Teague about the plan that he was sharing with Mr. Scott.

Mr. Teague stated that he didn't share any specific plan, only mentioned a 20% increase. This is the only detail we have.

8. Board Members' Report.

Mr. Redditt reflected on what Ms. Haynes and Mr. Teague stated. He spoke on the School Resource Officers. Stated that at first glance it looks like the school system will actually save money by going with the SRO's. He gave a handout with the information to the Board Members. He stated that he wants Mr. Teague to attend the meetings with the Law Enforcement Officials and add this as an Agenda Item for the next Board meeting and report back to the Board Members.

Ms. Wilkerson wanted to know what kind of mental health programs are in the system.

Mr. Teague stated that we have school counselors in each of our schools.

9. CONSENT AGENDA.

None

10. Financial Update. (Ms. Parks)

Mr. Teague stated that Ms. Parks was not present at the meeting.

He gave the report:

December books not closed out yet. Will send to the Board Members in a couple of days.

Insurance books are balanced.

Received 2 and ½ million dollars in property tax this month from the county.

11. Construction Update. (Fleming and Associates)

Scott Fleming and Ellen Wadley gave an update on the construction; floor plan and site plan for the new school.

- Will proceed with option 3A.
- Continuing to develop floor plan.
- Requested approval of the exterior elevation.

Scott Fleming went over the exterior features. He stated that the project is still in budget and on time.

- Parking lot in the back with a total of 191 parking places. Below the required amount for the City of Somerville. 68 spaces are parallel with the drive that can be accommodated as well.
- Flat roof with a little of a pitch. Structure is sloped for water to run off from front to back.

Mr. Garrett motioned to approve the designs presented tonight by the architect firm.

Ms. Pittman seconds.

Mr. Redditt wanted to amend the motion to have the Building Committee make the decision concerning changing the elevation of the front of the building.

Mr. McCarty stated that the motion is amended to approve the designs presented with the amendment made to work on the gymnasium front with the Building Committee and the Building Committee making the decision to approve on the elevation.

7 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Pass – Mrs. Wilkerson Mr. Barnes was absent.

Motion carries.

12. Adoption of Policy 1.802 and Suspending the rules for 1st and 2nd Reading.

Ms. Pittman motioned to approve.

Mrs. Spencer seconds.

8 – Yes 0 – No Mr. Barnes was absent.

Motion carries.

13. Reports of the Standing Committees

a. Policy Committee – Sally Spencer

1. Discussion and/or Approval of Board Policies

a. To delete Policy 1.305 – Budget Committee – 2nd Reading

Mrs. Spencer motions to pass the deletion of Policy 1.305 – Budget Committee - on 2nd Reading.

Ms. Pittman seconds.

7 – Yes 0 – No

1 – Pass – Mr. Garrett

Mr. Barnes was absent.

Motion carries.

The Policy Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 16th at 7:00 P.M.

b. Transportation Committee – Mrs. Wilkerson

No report.

c. Budget Committee – Ms. Pittman

The Budget Committee Meeting will be Thursday, January 24th.

14. Report from Special Committees

a. Building Committee – Mr. Barnes

1. Minutes

Mr. Barnes, Chairman of the Building Committee, was not present at the School Board Meeting.

Mr. Garrett verified that the minutes were correct.

15. Instrument for Superintendent Evaluation. (Ms. Pittman)

Ms. Pittman moves to have a workshop to put together a performance evaluation instrument for the Director of Schools and at the same time look at doing a performance evaluation for the School Board to do a self-evaluation on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.

Mr. Garrett seconds.

7 – Yes 0 – No

1 – Pass – Mr. Redditt

Mr. Barnes was absent.

Motion carries.

16. Adjournment.

Mr. Wainwright motioned to adjourn.

Mr. Redditt seconds.

8 – Yes 0 – No

Mr. Barnes was absent.

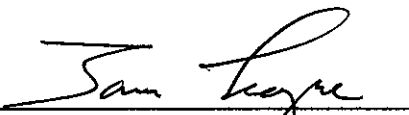
Motion carries.

Approved:

2/7/13



Ronnie McCarty, Chairman



James Teague, Superintendent

Submitted by: Toni Pollet