

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

Minutes

1. Call to order.

Ronnie McCarty, Board Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call.

Roll call was taken with all members present. They are as follows: David Barnes, James Garrett, Ronnie McCarty, Dana Pittman, Robert Redditt, Evangeline Shaw, Sally Spencer, Wendell Wainwright and Marandy Wilkerson. Also present was James Teague, Superintendent of Schools.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Wendell Wainwright led the Pledge.

4. Approval of Agenda.

Sally Spencer motioned to approve the Agenda.

Wendell Wainwright seconds.

- Dana Pittman pulled the 1st item from the Consent Agenda, Andrea Herring's travel request, and moved it under New Business as Item E.
- Added Called School Board Meeting – Monday, March 11th, under New Business, as Item F.
- Pulled Item #15 – a, Presentation of charges for dismissal of Tenured Teacher, off of the Agenda.
- Item #12 – a - Robert Redditt is the chairman.

9 – Yes 0 – No

Motion carries.

5. Approval of Minutes.

David Barnes motioned to approve the minutes.

Wendell Wainwright seconds.

Dana Pittman stated that she had a couple of corrections to the minutes. She stated that on Page 5 - #7, it should state Mrs. Shaw and not Mrs. Wilkerson. The second change she wanted to make was on Page 6 - #17, Ms. Pittman wanted the sentence "Mrs. Wilkerson stated that she was not going to participate in the Superintendent's evaluation" added to that agenda item.

Dana Pittman motioned to table the minutes until next month.

James Garrett seconds.

Dana Pittman moved that the approval of the minutes be brought back up and rescind the previous motion.

James Garrett seconds.

Motion to approve the minutes.

7 – Yes 2 – No Marandy Wilkerson and James Garrett voted No.

Motion carries.

6. Consent Agenda.

Robert Redditt motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with the amended change.

Wendell Wainwright seconds.

9 – Yes 0 – No

Motion carries

7. Public Comment (Total Time: 15 Minutes; Maximum: 3 Minutes per Speaker)

- Charlie Scott – spoke about discipline on the buses
- Scott Millaway – spoke about the bus driver shortages and having to use mechanics to drive the buses, therefore not being able to work on the buses.

- Hattie Williams – spoke about T-Cap Testing and the children and staff working hard. She spoke about FCS Higher Education. She wants the School Board to put information concerning the new school on the website.

8. Recognition /Reports - Students, Schools, Staff, Consultants
None

9. Director of Schools' Report.

- The Ladies Glee Club from Fayette-Ware High School will be here in April at the Board Meeting to perform.
- A group email will start going out on Fridays to the Board Members with information about what happened in the schools the past week and what is to be expected in the coming week.
- Will be closed the entire week of March 25th for Spring Break.
- Will discuss RFP's for technology at the Monday, March 11th Called School Board Meeting.
- Finalizing plans to move the Alternative School to Jefferson Elementary School.
- Transportation – Discipline is not good. Support for our bus drivers is not where it is suppose to be. Money and compensation is not where it needs to be. Three leased buses will be delivered in the next couple of days. Short term leases, \$1,000 per month for 3 months.

10. Comments by Board Members.

- Marandy Wilkerson asked Mr. Teague if we received a waiver for the students from the Alternative School to be on the same Campus as Jefferson, because according to TCA, students at the Alternative School are not suppose to be on the same campus as children on the regular sites.
Mr. Teague stated that this has always been the plan since they started talking about the new building.
- James Garrett thanked the Board Members for their support concerning the Boy's Soccer Team at Fayette-Ware High School. They have a coach and it is up and running.
- Dana Pittman stated that Dr. Gray's plan was to send the Alternative School to Central. She stated that she had some of the concerns Mrs. Wilkerson has so she called the Dept. of Education and spoke to the person who is in charge of the Alternative School and she said there were no restrictions. They can be on the same campus.

11. Financial Report.

Mary Parks asked the Board Members if there were any questions concerning the Financial Report for January. A copy of the report was in their packets. She stated at the end of February we got our biggest share of the property tax. We are due another \$487,000 in property tax. Looks like we would have an excess of \$140,000 in sales tax at the end of the year. She gave a handout to the Board Members that explained how we got into the situation that we are in right now. Ms. Parks went over the handout.

12. Reports of Standing Committees.

a. Planning Committee – Robert Redditt

- Robert Redditt stated that the committee met on February 28th at the Board Office where he was elected as Chairman. We would like to have our next meeting on Thursday, March 21st. He asked the Board Members to let the committee know where the Board would like to take the school system.
- James Garrett stated that he wants to vacate his chair on the Planning Committee.

b. Policy Committee – Sally Spencer

1. Minutes

The Board Members were given a copy of the Minutes. There are two policies that need to be approved tonight on 1st and 2nd Reading.

2. Policy 1.300 – Standing Committees

Sally Spencer motioned to suspend the rules to pass Policy 1.300 on 1st and 2nd Reading. David Barnes seconds.

9 – Yes 0 – No
Motion carries.

Sally Spencer motions to approve Policy 1.300 – Standing Committees – as amended from the Policy Committee on 1st and 2nd Reading.

David Barnes seconds.

8 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Pass – Mrs. Wilkerson passes.

Motion carries.

3. Policy 1.403 – Board Meeting Agendas

David Barnes motioned to suspend the rules to pass Policy 1.403 on 1st and 2nd Reading. Sally Spencer seconds.

9 – Yes 0 – No

Motion carries.

Sally Spencer motioned to accept Policy 1.403 – Board Meeting Agendas - as amended from the Policy Committee on 1st and 2nd Reading.

David Barnes seconds.

9 – Yes 0 – No

Motion carries.

c. Transportation Committee – Marandy Wilkerson

The Transportation Committee met on February 28th. Two Committee Members, Mr. McCarty and Mrs. Spencer, had concerns as to the duties and responsibilities of the Transportation Committee. Mr. Teague agreed to meet with Mr. Perry and other committee members to discuss the 2012 – 2013 Transportation Plan that he wanted to initially implement in January, 2013.

Sally Spencer does not think that committees should meet with the Superintendent and other members of his staff.

d. Budget Committee – Dana Pittman

1. Minutes

Met on February 21st.

2. Budget Amendments

Dana Pittman stated that Ms. Parks had presented 5 Budget Amendments to the Budget Committee.

- General Purpose
- Title I
- Title II
- IDEA – Pre School Sub Fund
- Capital Projects Fund

Dana Pittman motioned to adopt the amendments.

James Garrett seconds.

9 – Yes 0 – No

Motion carries.

3. Interest on Fund Balance – Update

Dana Pittman stated that from Mayor Taylor's letter, the County Commission is asking for clarification and justification for the request. Since there is a lack of anything in TCA that addresses this issue, she made the following motion.

Dana Pittman motioned to ask Mr. Minor to seek an Attorney General's opinion about the interest on the Fund Balance.

James Garrett seconds.

8 – Yes 1 – No – Marandy Wilkerson voted No.

Motion carries.

4. Contracts – Head Start and Oakland

Dana Pittman motioned to approve the Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Headstart Contract.

Wendell Wainwright seconds.

9 – Yes 0 – No

Motion carries.

Oakland Contract

Mr. Teague stated that the Contract with Oakland never mentioned Soccer Fields, but they have always been part of the deal. Oakland would like us to specifically name the soccer fields. On page 3, change the name of the Mayor. Certain things that say approval of the Board, they would like it to say Designee of the Board, which would be myself or my designee.

Dana Pittman motioned to approve the contract with Oakland with amendments recommended by Mr. Minor.
Wendell Wainwright seconds.

9 - Yes 0 - No
Motion carries.

Dana Pittman motioned that the Director of Schools maintain a file in his office of all executed contracts and an executed copy of all contracts be in the Attorney's Office.
James Garrett seconds.

Roll call vote:
Barnes - No; Garrett - Yes; Pittman - Yes; Redditt - Yes; Shaw - No; Spencer - Yes;
Wainwright - No; Wilkerson - No; McCarty - Yes
5 - Yes 4 - No
Motion carries.

5. Bonds and Insurance

Dana Pittman motioned to shop for an increase of the Bond for the Director of Schools to a \$1,000,000.
James Garrett seconds.

Dana Pittman amended her motion to say "to get quotes on increasing the Superintendent's coverage to \$1,000,000 as information to pass on to the Planning Committee for next year's budget".
James Garret seconds.

8 - Yes 1 - No Mr. Barnes voted No.
Motion carries.

13. Reports of Special Committees.

a. Building Committee - David Barnes
None - have not finalized the minutes.

14. Unfinished Business.

a. Superintendent Evaluation Results - Ronnie McCarty

Mr. McCarty told the Board Members that this was for them to take home and look at. This is for your information only.

b. Board Self-Evaluation Form - Dana Pittman

Dana Pittman motioned to adopt the Board Self-evaluation form.
Mr. McCarty seconds.

7 - Yes 0 - No Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Shaw left the meeting.
Motion carries.

Dana Pittman motioned to use this form and have a Board Self-evaluation in March and turn them in before March 28th so they can be reported at the next Board meeting in April and schedule a workshop in April to discuss the Board Self-evaluation and the Superintendent's evaluation.
Sally Spencer seconds.

The motion was amended to say March 21st.

6 - Yes 1 - No Mrs. Wilkerson voted No. Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Shaw left the meeting.
Motion carries.

c. School Safety - School Resource Officer Program - Robert Redditt and Budget Committee

Robert Redditt stated that there are no Grants available.

Dana Pittman stated that there is a sheet in the packets that contain the information as to how much a SRO would cost.

James Garrett stated that you cannot hire a Sheriff's Deputy from the School Board Budget.

**d. Legal Opinion - Number of Board Members on Committees and at Committee Meetings
Tom Minor**

Mr. Minor stated that he sent an email to all the Board Members that addressed the questions they had. If a committee meeting is advertised as a committee meeting no matter how many Board Members are present it is still a committee meeting.

Dana Pittman motioned to ask the Policy Committee to amend Policy 1.300.1 - Special Committee - to state what the legal opinion says, "that any decision made by any Special Committee with authority that the decision has to be ratified by the Board".

Robert Redditt seconds.

5 - Yes 1 - No Mrs. Wilkerson voted No. 1 - Pass Mr. Garrett Pass.
Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Shaw left the meeting.

Motion carries.

15. New Business.

a. Presentation of charges for dismissal of Tenured Teacher - Tom Minor and James Teague

Moved to the April Regular School Board Meeting.

b. Discussion on Naming the New School - Dana Pittman

Dana Pittman motioned to table until next month.

Wendell Wainwright seconds.

7 - Yes 0 - No Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Shaw left the meeting.

Motion carries.

c. Establish Committee Meetings Schedule - Dana Pittman

Sally Spencer stated that there are problems with the committee schedule as it is. We need to establish our own schedules and have something better than we have now.

- Planning Committee Tuesday preceding the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 P.M.
- Budget Committee Tuesday preceding the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:15 P.M.
- Transportation Committee Thursday, 3rd Week of the month at 6:30 P.M.
- Policy Committee Thursday, 3rd Week of the month at 7:15 P.M.
- Building Committee On own schedule.

Dana Pittman motioned to have Transportation at 6:30 and Policy at 7:15 to meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month and Planning at 6:30 and Budget at 7:15 to meet on the Tuesday preceding the 3rd Thursday.

Robert Redditt seconds.

7 - Yes 0 - No Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Shaw left the meeting.

Motion carries.

The workshop is scheduled for Monday, April 15th at 6:30 P.M. at Central Office to discuss the Board Self-evaluation and the Superintendent's Evaluation.

d. Committee Meetings in March - Dana Pittman

Meetings were set for this month.

e. Andrea Herring Travel

Dana Pittman motioned to approve this travel with 3 nights instead of 4.

Robert Redditt seconds.

7 - Yes 0 - No Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Shaw left the meeting.

Motion carries.

f. Called Meeting - March 11, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. at Central Office

The Agenda will consist of the following:

- RFP - wiring of the schools
- Discussion of the Budget for 2012 - 2013

- Discussion of the Budget Amendment

16. Adjournment.

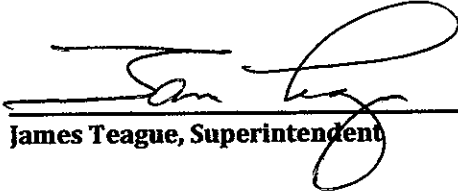
Wendell Wainwright motioned to adjourn.

17. Information Only.

Approved:



Ronnie McCarty, Board Chairman



James Teague, Superintendent

Submitted by: Toni Pollet