

June 8, 2020
Franklin, Tennessee

The Franklin Special School District Board of Education met on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Poplar Grove Elementary School, 2959 Del Rio Pike, Franklin, with the following members present:

Tim Stillings, Chair
Robert Blair, Vice Chair
Allena Bell
Kevin Townsel
Alicia Barker
Robin Newman

Others present were: Dr. David Snowden, Dr. Mary Decker, Dr. David Esslinger, Dr. Mary Decker, Assistant Principal Louise Larkin, Mark Anderson, Dr. Cindy Cook, Amber Whitley, Josh Bracamontes, Bo Alexander, Amy Fisher, Celby Glass, Carol Riordan and Susannah Gentry.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Stillings called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and called for a moment of silence for our nation and its people.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PGES Assistant Principal Mrs. Louise Larkin welcomed those in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

- Courtenay Rogers, 200 Royal Oaks, Franklin, TN – An active FSSD parent, thanked the Board as virtual learning has been well thought out and at-home learning has been a seamless experience. Thanked Dr. Snowden for the joint statement with the WCS Superintendent Mr. Jason Golden. With our 3,400 student population, 14% black and 34% not white, diversity is a strength. Mrs. Rogers recommends to the Board to be active, not not-active, and suggests anti-racism training for our personnel.
- Dustin Koctar, 712 Heritage Court, Franklin, TN – Parent of 3 students attending MES, recounts police murder of George Floyd, and recounting other deaths, spurring vigils and marches around the world. Mr. Koctar requests that conversations should be echoed in our schools and calls for action and accountability through the reading of books and hearing podcasts on racism. Mr. Koctar presented the background of the Williamson County Seal, and the controversial aspect of Confederate symbols in today's society. Mr. Koctar further presented a proposal to replace the Williamson County Seal, with FSSD and WCS students being provided an opportunity to help in its design. He asks for feedback and the opportunity to discuss the proposal further.

III. REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS

- 1. Teaching and Learning Spotlight, “Get to Know the Teaching and Learning Team: Instructional Technology Specialists”** – Presented by Dr. Mary Decker and the IT Specialists (on file). Mr. Bracamontes, Mrs. Whitley and Dr. Cook presented vital aspects of their roles as Instructional Technology Specialists, which included online components and use of student data, training teachers during the Summer and at the beginning of the year, and student data privacy and security/vetting of all programs that FSSD uses. During FY 2020-21 we have earned the Common Sense District title, having met the qualifications with over 75% of our schools during this past year. They were also able to pilot a Building Level Instructional Technology program at schools this year with some additional funding received during the year.
- 2. Construction Report** – Presented by Dr. David Esslinger, Associate Director (on file). Along with other information in the report, Nabholz will begin to be on-site at PGS beginning the week of July 15th. Sidewalks connecting this campus to downtown will be completed in 6-8 weeks.
- 3. Transportation Department GPS Report** – Presented by Mr. Bo Alexander, Transportation Supervisor (on file). Mr. Alexander outlined new technology to be used on our buses through the use of the Samsara (a fleet management company) and Edulog.

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA

Robin Newman made a **motion** to approve the board agenda as presented. Allena Bell **seconded** the motion, which **carried 6-0**.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Robert Blair made a **motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented. Kevin Townsel **seconded** the motion, which **carried 6-0**.

The items on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

1. Minutes of Board Meeting dated May 11, 2020
2. Minutes of Work Session dated May 18, 2020
3. Minutes of Work Session dated May 28, 2020
4. Board Member Development Opportunities (1.204)
5. Director of Schools Official Statutory Bond
6. Bids: Child Nutrition Department
7. Budget Amendments

VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Consideration of:

- 1. Continuation Budget** – Due to the fiscal year officially ending on June 30, 2020, the administration recommends Board approval of a continuation budget in order to

operate until the new fiscal year's budget is adopted. The continuation budget does not allow for new expenditures that may occur in the next fiscal year. All expenditures that extend into the next fiscal year in this continuation budget are based upon the current budgeted amounts in all categories. We recommend approval.

Robin Newman made a **motion** to approve the continuation budget. Kevin Townsel **seconded** the motion. By roll call vote, the motion **passed by unanimous vote 6-0**.

2. **New Policy: Home Schools (6.202) – 1st Reading** - Using the TSBA model policy as a guide, this policy is to provide direction for independent home school requirements for those students zoned for FSSD, as required by the TDOE and current law. The administration recommends approval of the first reading.

Kevin Townsel made a **motion** to approve the new policy **Home Schools (6.202)** for the first reading as presented. Robert Blair **seconded** the motion, which **passed 6-0**.

VII. DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

- **Budget Process FY 2020-21** - The remaining budget work session is scheduled for Monday, **June 15**, which will be a discussion of the cumulative impact, facilitating the possible completion of the budget process prior to the July Board meeting, when it is generally approved.
- **Administrator Summer Training** – District and School administrators will be involved in several different professional learning opportunities this summer. From **June 10-12**, our Leadership Team will be meeting. June 10th and 12th will focus on planning for the framework of three scenarios of school opening in August, 2020 with the understanding all plans will remain fluid and changes are possible over the next several weeks. The plans will provide certain restrictions and guidelines based upon current expectations/guidelines by the CDC and local government and health officials. June 12th will also have annual required training for our Drug-Free Workplace certification, while June 11th will focus on school related topics centered around the Teaching & Learning process. Please join us on **Wednesday, June 10 at 12:00** for a luncheon to celebrate with Dr. Kay Boan and Mrs. Beth Farrar Wilson on their retirement.
- The district will be closed **July 6-10**.
- **July Board meeting** – The July meeting is scheduled for **July 20th**. As in past years, this meeting has been scheduled on the third Monday in July to provide appropriate time for the administration to make any changes in the proposed budget after the last budget work session. Since the district is closed the week following July 4th, the scheduling of the meeting for the third Monday allows additional time to prepare the final budget documents.

- **Report on State monies from the Federal Government from COVID-19 CARES Act** – A current estimate is \$388,000 from the CARES Act coming to our district. While we will be paying private schools in the area a small portion, discussed at the last budget work session are plans to use the funding to provide devices and Wi-Fi for all students, and professional learning for our teachers for distance learning. An estimate for the K-2 devices that we need to purchase is \$320,000. We will also use Kajeet devices to provide accessibility to all students. We need to have a good fluid plan to meet the challenges that we will face.
- **Three Scenarios for Re-Opening of Schools** – Although it is our preference of having every student every day, we are poised to use a blended approach or distance learning through the planning that we have been accomplishing. We feel we are in a better position to accomplish learning in different environments than other districts, because of many factors.

X. UPDATES

Teaching & Learning – Dr. Decker provided the following (on file):

- Demographics for June 2020

Finance & Administration – Dr. Esslinger provided the following (on file):

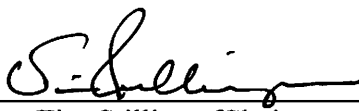
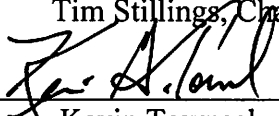
- Personnel Change Report May/June 2020
- Investment Report dated 4/30/2020
- Revenue and Expenditure Reports dated 6/2/2020
- Sales Tax Revenue Comparison Report for June

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Esslinger reported that sales tax was down \$8,000 from the budgeted amount.
- Mr. Townsel requested that Board members email suggestions to him regarding the DOS Performance Goals for the work session to be held on Tuesday, June 23 at 5:30. The deadline that he requested is noon on Friday.
- Mr. Stillings wanted to publicly acknowledge Dr. Snowden for being featured with FrankTalks this morning, a video of the program is on the Franklin Tomorrow website.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stillings adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

	 _____ Tim Stillings, Chair	7 20 20 _____ Date
ATTEST:	 _____ Kevin Townsel, Secretary	7/20/20 _____ Date