

November 9, 2020
Franklin, Tennessee

The Franklin Special School District Board of Education met at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020 at Freedom Intermediate School, 840 Glass Lane, Franklin, with the following members present:

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

Others present were: Dr. David Snowden, Dr. Mary Decker, Dr. David Esslinger (joining by phone), Drew Bingham, Celby Glass, Dr. Cindy Cook, Amanda Whitley, Josh Bracamontes, Lisa Chatman, Amy Fisher, Dr. Pax Wiemers, Robbin Cross, Dr. Cheryl Robey, Summer Carlton, and other staff, principals, teachers, FSSDEA, community members and parents.

A recording of the November 9, 2020 Board Meeting may be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxBalmKOpWs&feature=youtu.be>

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Blair called the meeting to order at 6:32. Following COVID-19 safety precautions, it was announced that seats, Board and audience, are placed physically distanced, and masks may be removed as preferred for speaking. A moment of silence was observed.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

FIS Assistant Principal Amanda Potts welcomed those in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. RECOGNITION/GOOD NEWS AWARDS

Good News Awards: Highlighted were (on file): JES 2nd grader Kinley Holland, FSSD Student Artist of the Month for November. Thanks to Sonic Drive-In for sponsoring the student artist program with a \$15 gift card for each artist featured. MES art teacher David Reynolds, who was selected to serve as the FSSD representative on the Franklin Public Arts Commission; Child Nutrition Supervisor Robbin Cross, who is one of the two state finalists for the TDOE Recognizing Inspirational School Employees (RISE) Award; FMS Boys Tennis Team members Nicholas Grow, Kellan Watson, Alex Aziminia, Will Osteen, Roman Comer, Jayden Grissom, Bradley Vilendrer, Miles McWaters and Swaraj Gantayat for winning the WMAA Division II Boy's Tennis Team Championship; Kellan Watson (Singles #2 Champion), Will Osteen and Roman Comer (Doubles #1 Champion); Jayden Grissom and Bradley Vilendrer (Doubles #2 Champion).

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no one from the public that addressed the Board.

V. REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS

1. **Teaching and Learning Spotlight**, "Get to Know the Teaching & Learning Team - Special Populations Supervisor Dr. Cheryl Robey" – presented by Dr. Decker (on file). After her introduction, Dr. Robey presented more about contingency plans for IEPs.
2. **Construction Report and Bond Funded Project Review** – presented by Dr. Esslinger (on file).
3. **Report on Debt Obligation** – presented by Dr. Esslinger, the report for Limited Tax School Improvement Bonds, Series 2020 (Federally Taxable) (on file), prepared by Jeffrey Oldham of Bass, Berry & Sims PLC and signed by Robert Blair, Chairman. Mr. Whit Maloney of Piper Jaffray was on hand for questions from the Board.

VI. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA

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

VII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

The items on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

1. **Minutes of Board Meeting dated October 19, 2020**
2. **Surplus: Type D School Buses**

VIII. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Consideration of:

1. **Resolution for Amendment of Private Acts** – The resolution presented recommends adoption of an Amendment to Chapter 563 of the Private Acts of 1949, as amended, to authorize the Franklin Special School District, Williamson County, Tennessee to issue and sell school bonds and notes in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed forty-five million dollars (\$45,000,000).

Allena Bell made a **motion** to approve the **Resolution for Amendment of Private Acts** as presented. Kevin Townsel **seconded** the motion. **By roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.**

2. **Policy Revision: Method of Election of Officers (1.200) – 2nd Reading** – This policy revision was requested. TSBA has provided recommended language. There were no changes upon first reading. The administration recommended approval.

Allena Bell made a **motion** to approve 2nd Reading of the revisions for the policy **Method of Election of Officers (1.200)** as presented. Kevin Townsel **seconded** the motion.

During discussion, a **second motion to table the policy until the next meeting** for additional language was made by Alicia Barker, **seconded** by Robin Newman. By vote, the **motion failed 3-3**.

The vote reverted back to the **first motion and second** for approval of the 2nd Reading as presented. By vote, the **motion failed 3-3**. The policy remains as approved September 11, 2000.

3. **Policy Revision: Food Service Management (3.500) – 2nd Reading** – This revision request is based on recommendations from the Chef Ann trainings with the Child Nutrition Program. There were no changes upon first reading. The administration recommended approval.

Robert Blair made a **motion** to approve 2nd Reading of the revisions for the policy **Food Service Management (3.500)** as presented. Robin Newman **seconded** the motion, which **passed 6-0**.

4. **Policy Revision: Withdrawals (6.207) – 2nd Reading** – This policy revision is requested as part of the review of Section 6 policies, adding to policy a requested timeline and designates responsibility before records leave the school. There were no changes upon first reading. The administration recommended approval.

Allena Bell made a **motion** to approve 2nd Reading of the revisions for the policy **Withdrawals (6.207)** as presented. Robin Newman **seconded** the motion, which **passed 6-0**.

5. **Policy Revision: Interrogations and Searches (6.303) – 2nd Reading** – This policy has been reviewed as part of the behavior and discipline group of policies currently up for revisions. Updates to the policy are consistent with state law. The section on searches has been moved to the procedures manual to separate from policy. Procedures for this policy have been reviewed by TSBA to ensure compliance with provisions of TCA 49-6-4201. There were no changes upon first reading. The administration recommended approval.

Alicia Barker made a **motion** to approve 2nd Reading of the revisions for the policy **Interrogations and Searches (6.303)** as presented. Robin Newman **seconded** the motion, which **passed 6-0**.

6. **Policy Revision: Alcohol and Drug Use (6.3071) – 2nd Reading** – This policy has been reviewed as part of the behavior and discipline group of policies, and is being revised to bring it up to date as well as move the “Situations and Responses” portion of the policy to the procedures manual as part of our ongoing creation of that district resource. There were no changes upon first reading. The administration recommended approval.

Allena Bell made a **motion** to approve 2nd Reading of the revisions for the policy **Alcohol and Drug Use (6.3071)** as presented. Alicia Barker **seconded** the motion, which **passed 6-0**.

7. **Policy Revision: Dress Code (6.310) – 2nd Reading** – The revisions on this policy are in the review of student policies group and brings it up to current language as well as updating references. There were no changes upon first reading. The administration recommended approval.

Kevin Townsel made a **motion** to approve 2nd Reading of the revisions for the policy **Dress Code (6.310)** as presented. Robin Newman **seconded** the motion, which **passed 6-0**.

8. **Policy Revision: Field Trips and Excursions (4.302) – 1st Reading** – Revisions to this policy are to update the policy to current practice as well as update references. The administration recommended approval.

Allena Bell made a **motion** to approve 1st Reading of the revisions for the policy **Field Trips and Excursions (4.302)** as presented and to **waive the 2nd Reading**. Kevin Townsel **seconded** the motion, which **passed 6-0**.

9. **Policy Revision: Compulsory Attendance Ages (6.201) – 1st Reading** – The revisions in this request are part of the review of student policies that has been ongoing. Revisions remove outdated language and updates references. The administration recommends approval.

Allena Bell made a **motion** to approve 1st Reading of the revisions for the policy **Compulsory Attendance Ages (6.201)** as presented and to **waive the 2nd Reading**. Kevin Townsel **seconded** the motion, which **passed 6-0**.

10. **Policy Revision: School Admissions (6.203) – 1st Reading** – Revisions in this request are from review and updates in the Section 6 Student grouping of policies. The policy has been divided into a general description for those entering the district for the first time, and for those students who may be entering or resuming attendance after a suspension, expulsion or delinquency to provide direction for confidentiality. The administration recommends approval.

Robin Newman made a **motion** to approve the 1st Reading of the revisions for the policy **School Admissions (6.203)** as presented. Allena Bell **amended the motion** to

approve the 1st Reading of the revisions for the policy as presented and to **waive the 2nd Reading**. Robin Newman **seconded** the motion, which **passed 6-0**.

IX. DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

- **Veteran’s Day Reverse Parade** – To be held Wednesday, November 11 from 11:00-12:30, the parade route will be within Harlinsdale Farm this year and will have our “Be Nice Student Ambassadors” from each school, the FIS Bulldog Council, and combined bands of FMS and PGMS. The band will not be marching but will be at a stationary spot along the parade route. This will be the case with all bands that will be participating. The public is invited to drive past the socially distanced veterans and student groups this year, so that everyone can safely distance. The Story Bus will participate and you are welcome to ride or walk along the parade route. The weather is being watched at this time.
- **Monitoring of COVID-19 Data Spread** – We continue to model safety precautions both in schools and with meeting protocols. Educational successes and continued improvement in student learning are being celebrated during this time, with exclusions from school closely monitored so that education does not stop just because a student may be at home quarantining. We are still struggling getting enough substitutes but will focus on one day at a time.
- **Holiday performances** – Our usual holiday performances are being weighed by individual schools on how they might occur, either virtually or in-person. If a school does choose to have some type of in-person activity, health and safety protocols will be utilized to provide as safe of an environment as possible. If they choose to have any in-person activities, they will occur with limited attendance.
- **Cancellation of the Annual Retiree Holiday Brunch** – Unfortunately, this year we will not have our traditional FSSD/FSSDEA sponsored event for the retirees. We all look forward to this event, but know that the risk is too high to hold it this year. We are excited for the day that we can all get together again and will celebrate that time when it is here.
- **Board Retreat** – Mr. Derek Young will be providing training at the January 9th retreat from 8:00-12:00. The Leadership Team will be joining the Board members for this portion of the retreat. Dr. Decker is currently in planning stages with Mr. Young for initial training in diversity, equity and inclusion.
- **Conferences and meetings update:** Carol has provided the Board updates on annual conferences.

X. UPDATES

1. Teaching & Learning
 - Demographics dated October 30, 2020
2. Finance & Administration
 - Personnel Report October/November 2020
 - Investment Report dated September 30, 2020


- Revenues and Expenditures Report dated November 3, 2020
- Comparison of Sales Tax for November meeting

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- October sales tax collection reporting for the month of July is 5.3% higher than last year.
- Employees who are veterans were recognized.
- The Executive Committee will be assessing the need for a December meeting during the next couple of weeks.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

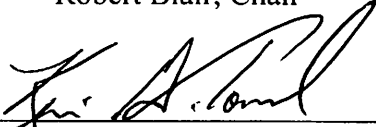
Chair Blair adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.



Robert Blair, Chair

1-11-21
Date

ATTEST:



Kevin Townsel, Secretary

1-11-21
Date