

June 14, 2021
Franklin, Tennessee

The Franklin Special School District Board of Education met at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021, at Poplar Grove Elementary School, 2959 Del Rio Pike, Franklin. A link to the recording may be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3YZW9gvvTk> .

The following members were present: Chair Robert Blair, Allena Bell, Alicia Barker, Robin Newman, Tim Stillings and Kevin Townsel.

Others present were: Dr. David Snowden, Dr. Mary Decker, Dr. David Esslinger, Carol Riordan, Susannah Gentry, Dr. Cindy Cook, Amber Whitley, Josh Bracamontes, Dr. Gina Looney, Amy Fisher, Mark Anderson, Drew Bingham, principals and other district leadership team members, community and media.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Poplar Grove Elementary Principal Dr. Alisha Erickson welcomed those in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Robert Blair called for a moment of silence.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

No one addressed the Board during Public Input.

IV. REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS

1. **Teaching and Learning Spotlight:** "Virtual Learning Perceptions Survey Results" – presented by Dr. Decker, Dr. Cindy Cook, Mr. Bracamontes and Mrs. Whitley, this presentation outlined benefits of having virtual learning available as well as challenges. More can be found in the Summary of T&L Activity for June (on file).
2. **Construction Report** – presented by Dr. Esslinger (on file).
3. **NSBA Advocacy Institute** – Mrs. Bell presented takeaways from the NSBA conference attended virtually.

VI. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA

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

VII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approved under Consent Agenda (on file) were:

1. **Minutes of Board Meeting dated May 10, 2021**
2. **Consolidated Application Approval for IDEA/ESEA**
3. **Report on Debt Obligation**
4. **Budget Amendments**
5. **2021-22 Board Meeting Schedule (1.402)**
6. **2021-22 Board Member Development Opportunities (1.204)**

VIII. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

1. **Continuation Budget** – Due to the fiscal year officially ending on June 30, 2021, 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. The administration recommended approval.

Allena Bell made a **motion** to approve the Continuation Budget as recommended. Kevin Townsel **seconded** the motion, which **carried 6-0**.

2. **ESSER 3.0** – In March, the FSSD received notification of the allocation of \$2,974,297.76 from ESSER 3.0 funding. These allocations to districts across the state were significantly greater than the amounts for the previous ESSER funding. Members of the Leadership Team began to discuss possible expenditures of these funds based upon district needs and the guidelines from the USDOE. We requested input from the school administrators and their advisory teams composed of teachers, staff members and parents regarding their ideas for consideration. We also sent a survey to all parents in the FSSD to garner their thoughts/ideas related to possible expenditures. We have included a summary, to date, of the survey results and will provide a complete summary at the Board meeting. The ESSER 3.0 Spending Plan, once approved by the Board of Education, has to go through the Tennessee Department of Education approval process as well. Since part of the proposed plan does include some additional personnel to help support intervention for our students, we would like to move forward to have those individuals secured and trained early in the school year. We could delay approval and submittal until August; however, we would lose out on personnel selection as well as some loss of effectiveness. Dr. Decker and Dr. Esslinger provided a presentation to the Board regarding proposed expenditures and an analysis of the input received from the parent survey. The emergency relief funds require 20% of funding for services and other purchases addressing learning loss during the COVID-19 shutdown; our district plans exceeds this percentage. Surveys and consultations with administrators, personnel, parent and community partners – all shareholder groups – were taken into account for requested and recommended spending categories being presented. The administration recommended approval.

Allena Bell made a **motion** to approve the ESSER 3.0 Spending Plan as presented. Alicia Barker **seconded** the motion. After discussion, the motion **carried 6-0**.

IX. DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

- **Summer Learning Camp and Learning Loss Bridge Camp** – To be held beginning June 1 and continuing each Monday through Thursday for the next four weeks, Summer Learning camps are being held at Franklin Elementary. There are a total of 221 students enrolled in our camp for grades 1-4, and 189 students enrolled in our camp for grades 5-8: acceptance at the camps was prioritized based on the need to attend and other factors as outlined by the TDOE. We are off to a great start, already half the way through the camp, and the teachers, para-professionals and students are taking advantage of this additional support opportunity. Our summer camp administrators, Dr. Cinnamon Collins and Dr. Starr Wallace (former Leadership Interns) did a great job of planning for the camps and have worked diligently to ensure the success of the camps. The administrators are doing an excellent job. There may be additional students enrolling as the camps proceed. Board members are asked to contact Dr. Decker if they would like to visit during the camps, which are in session 8:30 – 2:30.
- **Young Scholars Institute** – Well into the camp schedule, being held at Freedom Intermediate this year, we are looking forward to the second week. We are excited to offer this opportunity to our students and families this year. Thanks to Mrs. Summer Carlton, Mrs. Marnie Cotton, Mr. Eric Ellison, Mrs. Crystal Lepping and Mrs. Hollie Osteen, the Teaching & Learning team, and the many teachers and staff for the success of YSI. We were not able to offer this camp last summer and has lower enrollment for the camp this year, uncertain how the health levels would be in preparation for the camp. Dr. Snowden visited the camp and reported that there were lots of students attending and many great classes going on.
- **Seamless Summer Food Service Program (SSFS)** – For the 12th year, this program's goal is to significantly reduce child hunger over the summer months. The FSSD will host two distribution sites on Fridays (PGES and LES), where each child under 18 may receive 7 breakfasts and 7 lunches. Daily service of meals will also be delivered to bus stops throughout our community Monday through Friday. The program runs June 1 through July 23 except for the week of July 5-9. For specific times and delivery locations, the public may contact our Food and Culinary Services Department or access information on our website. Board members are invited to ride along with a delivery if you have the opportunity.
- **Administrator Summer Training** – District and School administrators will be involved in several different professional learning opportunities this summer. From June 16-18, our Leadership Team will be meeting. June 16th and 17th will have the entire team, followed by Teaching & Learning and administrators, in preparation for this next year, including working with Dr. Joelle Hood on the subject of social-emotional academic learning on the first morning, protocols moving forward and our Return to Learn update, with Chuck Cagle joining on the second afternoon for legal updates. June 18th will have annual required training for our Drug-Free Workplace certification. Board members were invited to celebrate Dr. Cook's retirement with a luncheon on June 16 and any time as your schedule allows.

- **Transition of Programs/Personnel Related to Eddy Lane Property and Eventual Movement of Programs/Personnel from CO Annex** – Dr. Esslinger is leading a transition team as we move to some limited occupation of the Eddy Lane property and as we begin to vacate the Central Office Annex. The following transitions should occur in July. During the week of July 12, the Maintenance/Landscaping office and the Transportation office (including buses and drivers) will move to the Eddy Lane property. Additionally, the WeeMac program will be transitioning to their permanent location at Freedom Middle during the week of July 19-23rd. Due to the move, the WeeMac program will be closed that week and will reopen on July 26th. As you might imagine, there is a significant amount of coordination needed to facilitate a smooth transition and everyone has been extremely supportive and cooperative. We know the closure of WeeMac for that week will be an inconvenience for parents and we ask for their understanding. All WeeMac parents are being notified on June 10th in order to provide time for them to make alternative plans for the July 19-23rd week. Of course there will be other transitions to occur at some point in the future and we will keep you abreast of those once final plans are developed.
- **Budget Process FY 2021-2022** – The April 26 meeting reviewed the Operations Budgets for both Finance & Administration and Teaching & Learning. On June 21, a combined presentation and review for Revenue and Personnel will be the focus, as well as cumulative impact of the budget work, to facilitate the possible completion of the budget process.
- The district will be closed **July 5-9**.
- **July Board meeting** – The July meeting is scheduled for **July 19th**. 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.
- **Conferences and meetings update:** Carol has provided updates on the conferences through a separate email, please let her know of your interest so you can be registered and receive links and materials.

X. UPDATES

Teaching & Learning – Dr. Mary Decker, Associate Director for Teaching & Learning, provided the following (on file):

- Demographics Report for May 2021

Finance & Administration – David Esslinger, Associate Director for Finance & Administration, provided the following (on file):

- Personnel Change Report May/June 2021
- Investment Report
- Revenue and Expenditure Reports
- Sales Tax Revenue Comparison Report for June

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

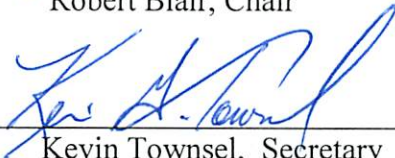
- Sales tax revenues were up 17% from last year at this time.
- Mr. Blair, Mrs. Bell and Mr. Townsel were able to visit some of the summer programs and camps, as well as the Story Bus Plus. Mrs. Smith, "The Story Bus Lady," was pictured in the Williamson Herald in the week prior to the meeting. Mr. Blair wants personnel and students to be encouraged by the Board's support (in visiting the different programs).

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Blair adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.



Robert Blair, Chair 7-19-21
Date

ATTEST: 

Kevin Townsel, Secretary 7-19-21
Date