

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
(MINUTES)

Fulton, KY, December 9, 2014

The Fulton Independent Board of Education met at the Board of Education Office at 5:30 o'clock P. M. on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014 with the following members present:  
(1) Mrs. Debbie Vaughn, Chair (2) Mr. Bill Robertson, Vice-Chair (3) Mrs. Carol Bransford

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF  
FULTON INDEPENDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**CALL TO ORDER**

1. Mrs. Debbie Vaughn, Chair, called the Regular Monthly Meeting of Fulton Independent Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

2. Mrs. Debbie Vaughn, Mr. Bill Robertson, and Mrs. Carol Bransford were present for roll call. Mr. Sam Hancock and Dr. Josh Whitledge were absent.

**SUPERINTENDENT ATTENDANCE**

3. Superintendent Smith was present for the December meeting.

**AGENDA AMENDMENT**

4. At the request of the Superintendent, the Board amended the agenda by allowing the Audit Report to be presented as the first new item. This action was taken on a motion by Mr. Robertson and second by Mrs. Bransford.

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Vaughn

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5. With a motion by Mrs. Bransford and second by Mr. Robertson, the minutes of the November 11, 2014, meeting were approved as presented.

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Vaughn

**2013-2014 AUDIT REPORT**

6. With the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion by Mrs. Bransford and second by Mr. Robertson, the Board heard and accepted the 2013-2014 audit report as presented by Mr. Jason Anderson of Alexander, Thompson, Arnold, of Murray, KY. Mr. Anderson gave an unqualified (clean) opinion on the financial records of the district, but also noted that net assets were down by \$159,000. He informed Board members that the decline was due to several factors including KSBIT default costs (court ordered to be paid by school districts), and a reduction in revenues (SEEK funding and a "contracting" tax base). Mr. Anderson also noted that with state and federal cuts, local funding will continue to be a critical component of the school budget.

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Vaughn

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

7. With the recommendation of Superintendent Smith, a motion by Mr. Robertson and second by Mrs. Bransford, the Board accepted the reports and approved action items listed in the consent agenda as follows:

**A. Principals Reports**

Principal Donna Garland and Asst. Principal Sondra Gibbs presented reports on activities that took place at Fulton High School and Carr Elementary over the past month. These activities included UTM/MSU Partners (in which math/science majors assist elementary students), Animal Tales Title I Family Engagement Night, Writers of the Week, 4<sup>th</sup> grade Ag Day at the Fulton County Extension Office, B3 Parent Night, Bilingual Buddies' Feliz Navidad, Dinner Theatre, Book Fair, athlete community service projects, FHS Assessment Conference, Teen Advisory Group at Obion County Public Library, and Kentucky Youth Assembly.

**B. Enrollment Report**

Board members were presented with the monthly Enrollment Report showing a district enrollment of 379 students at the close of the month four.

**C. Surplus Property**

There were no surplus items reported.

**D. Food Service Reports**

Board members reviewed and accepted the Monthly Food Service Report outlining the activity in the school cafeterias through October, 2014, as submitted by Ms. Vicki Swift, Food Service Director.

**E. Personnel Report**

There were no personnel actions to report.

**F. Fund Raiser Requests**

Board Members approved the following Fund Raiser:

- The Beta Club requested permission to sell cappuccino and hot chocolate during home basketball games, and outside Wal-Mart on January 3 and January 10, 2015. Proceeds will go towards State Beta Club Convention expenses.
- The FHS Junior Class requested permission to conduct a student talent show at Fulton High School, January 30, 2015. Participant and admission fees will be charged in order to raise funds for prom 2015.
- The Fulton Independent PTO requested permission to hold a chili/hot dog supper, with American Girl doll raffle before the January 30, 2015, basketball game against Hickman County. Money raised will be used to purchase N-computing machines for classroom AR testing.
- The FHS Sophomore Class requested permission to hold a chili supper February 13, 2015. Proceeds will go toward expenses for prom 2017, or a possible senior trip, spring 2017.

**G. Grant Information**

There were no grant updates.



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**H. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Vaughn

**2015 COMPREHENSIVE DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

8. With the recommendation of Superintendent Smith, a motion by Mr. Robertson and second by Mrs. Bransford, the Board approved 2015 Comprehensive District Improvement Plan and Superintendent and District Assurances as presented by Mrs. DeAnna Miller, CDIP Committee Chair.

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Vaughn

**REQUEST FOR SHORTENED DAY / WEEK**

9. With the recommendation of the Superintendent and Mrs. Sarah Townsend, Director of Special Education, the Board approved a shortened day schedule for three students with special needs, and a shortened week for an additional student, in accordance with ARC recommendations. Authorization to file waivers with the state was also granted. This action was taken on a motion by Mrs. Bransford and second by Mr. Robertson.

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Vaughn

**SFCC KET OFFER OF ASSISTANCE**

10. With the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion by Mr. Robertson and second by Mrs. Bransford, the Board moved to accept the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) Kentucky Educational Technology Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$2892.00, and place it in escrow for up to three (3) years.

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Vaughn

**SCHEDULE OF JANUARY BOARD MEETING**

11. With the recommendation of Superintendent Smith, a motion by Mrs. Bransford and second by Mr. Robertson, the Board chose to schedule the next monthly meeting for January 20, 2015, 5:30 p.m., Board of Education Central Office.

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Vaughn

**FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ORDERS OF THE TREASURER**

12. With a motion by Mr. Robertson and second by Mrs. Bransford, the Board approved the monthly Financial Statement and Claims, and Activity Account Report as presented by Laurie Thorpe, Finance Officer, and Kim Farmer, Activity Account Treasurer.

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Vaughn

**CLOSED SESSION – Student Discipline KRS 158.150**

13. Following the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board moved to go into Closed Session at 6:28 p.m., in order to discuss a student discipline issue. This action was taken on a motion by Mrs. Bransford and second by Mr. Robertson.

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Vaughn

**OPEN SESSION**

14. With a motion by Mr. Robertson and second by Mrs. Bransford, Open Session was resumed at 6:40 p.m., with no action taken.

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Vaughn

**ADJOURNMENT**

15. With a motion by Mr. Robertson and second by Mrs. Bransford, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Vaughn

  
Chair

  
Secretary