

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)

Fulton, KY, March 13, 2018

The Fulton Independent Board of Education met at the Board of Education Office at 5:30 o'clock P. M. on the 13th day of March, 2018 with the following members present:

- (1) Mrs. Debbie Vaughn, Chair (2) Mr. Bill Robertson, Vice-Chair (3) Mr. Sam Hancock
(4) Mrs. Carol Bransford (5) Mr. Daniel Zickefoose

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

OPENING PRAYER

2. Mr. Sam Hancock opened the meeting with prayer and was joined by Pastor Steve Cavness, of First Baptist Church, Fulton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. Carr Elementary students, K Tibbs and J Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

4. Mrs. Debbie Vaughn, Mr. Bill Robertson, Mr. Hancock and Mr. Zickefoose were present for roll call. Mrs. Carol Bransford was absent.

SUPERINTENDENT ATTENDANCE

5. Superintendent Miller was present for the March Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. With a motion by Mr. Hancock and second by Mr. Robertson, the minutes of the February 13, 2018, Regular Monthly Meeting, were approved as presented by the Board Secretary.

Members voting yes: Mr. Hancock, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Zickefoose, Mrs. Vaughn

* Mrs. Bransford arrived at 5:42 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

7. With a motion by Mr. Hancock and second by Mr. Robertson, the Board accepted the reports and approved action items listed in the consent agenda as follows:

A. ASAP Moment

Dr. R.B. Mays presented the Principal's Report highlighting academics, activities and upcoming events at Carr Elementary and Fulton Middle/High School, including: 100 Days of School Celebration, Read Across America Week, Little League Basketball games, Truth & Consequences Drug & Alcohol Awareness Program for 9th graders, Young Leaders in America trip to Frankfort, KY, High School Basketball District Tournament, and the annual Spanish Competition at Dyersburg State.

B. Enrollment Report

Board members were presented with the monthly Enrollment Report showing a district enrollment of 337 students at the end of month 7.

C. Food Service Report

Ms. Vicki Swift, Food Service Director, submitted the Monthly Food Service Report, outlining activity in the school cafeterias through January 2018.

D. Personnel Report

Superintendent Miller notified the Board of the following personnel actions:

Appointments: Stacy Tribble, Substitute Teacher w/ Emergency Certificate
Candi Reaves, Classified Sub

Retirements: Vicki Swift, Food Service Director (Effective: 6/30/18)
Judy Haley, Carr Elementary Food Service Manager (Effective: 6/30/18)

E. Fundraiser Requests

Board Members approved the following Fundraiser Requests:

- Fulton High School Boys Basketball Team to hold a Free Throw Shoot-A-Thon, scheduled for the end of March; money will be generated through entry fees with profits being used for team expenses, such as camp fees, travel, uniforms and equipment;
- FHS Softball Team to hold a co-ed softball tournament on March 17, 2018; money raised through entry fees will be used to cover team expenses;
- Michelle Osborne, Speech Language Pathologist, requested permission to sell t-shirts with a picture of Beda, from March 23-April 13, 2018, in order to raise funds to pay for vet bills.

F. Grant Information

Superintendent Miller informed Board Members that she had submitted an “intent to apply” for a Striving Readers Comprehensive Learning grant.

G. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Miller provided Board Members with a report of her activities during February, 2018, noting how these activities aligned with the Kentucky NxG Superintendent Effectiveness Standards.

H. Travel Requests

There were no Administrative Travel Requests.

I. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

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

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PROPOSED AGENDA AMENDMENT

8. Mr. Zickefoose made a motion to add Discussion of Consolidation to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hancock. Following an exchange of board member views on whether to have the conversation, the motion was defeated.

Members voting yes: Mr. Zickefoose
Members voting no: Mrs. Bransford, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Vaughn
Members abstaining: Mr. Hancock

OVERNIGHT TRIP REQUEST

9. With the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion by Mr. Hancock and second by Mr. Zickefoose, the Board approved the overnight trip request of Mr. Kent Green, DPP, to transport Fulton High School students, Nicholas Lucy and Brandon Rushing to Louisville, KY, March 18-19, 2018, in order to compete in the Future Problem Solvers State Competition.

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

EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION FOR MUSIC / SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

10. With the recommendation of Superintendent Miller, the Board moved to declare an emergency in order to employ two teachers with Emergency Certificates to teach music and elementary special education, for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. Ms. Sarah Katherine Fortson will teach music and Ms. Chloe Brian will be allowed to serve special needs students who were not included under her current special education certification. This action was taken on a motion by Mr. Robertson and second by Mr. Hancock.

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

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PUBLIC EDUCATION

11. With the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion by Mr. Hancock and second by Mr. Robertson, the Board adopted a Resolution in Support of Kentucky Public Education. All Kentucky School Boards were asked to consider adopting the resolution by Kentucky Superintendents of the Year and Kentucky Association of School Administrators, in order to show its support and dedication to public education.

Attachment A

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

2018-2019 LAWN CARE CONTRACT

12. Following the recommendation of Superintendent Miller and Mr. Kent Green, Facilities Director, the Board voted to extend the contract with Mr. Andy Blackwell of Cutting Edge Lawn Care for the 2018 mowing season. Mr. Blackwell will provide lawn care services for both campuses and central office, including mowing, edging and trimming, mulching and weeding of shrubbery beds, spraying of parking lots, and assist with

fertilizing the football field at a rate of \$345.00 per mowing, which is the same rate as in the 2017 contract. This action was taken on a motion by Mr. Hancock and second by Mr. Zickefoose.

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

EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR SEARCH & SEIZURE POLICY REVISION

13. With the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion by Mr. Zickefoose and second by Mr. Robertson, the Board moved to declare an emergency and adopted the proposed revision to Policy 09.436 Search and Seizure, in one meeting. The revision will allow the search of handbags, backpacks, sports bags, etc. upon entrance to the school.

Attachment B

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

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN CHANGE APPROVAL

14. With the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion by Mr. Robertson and second by Mr. Zickefoose, the Board approved the change to the Emergency Operations Plan that will align with the revision to Policy 09.436 Search and Seizure, as presented by Mr. Kent Green, School Safety Coordinator.

Attachment C

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

DISCONTINUATION OF BINGO FUNDRAISER

15. With a motion by Mr. Zickefoose and second by Mr. Robertson, the Board chose to discontinue Bingo as a fundraiser, effective June 30, 2018. In order to use existing inventory, Bingo will continue to be held on Saturday evenings through the end of FY18.

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

Members voting no: Mr. Hancock

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ORDERS OF THE TREASURER

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Agenda Item Withdrawn

17. Due to a scheduling conflict with the mother, the recommendation to go into Executive Session for discussion regarding the student expelled through prior action (Expulsion File# 2017-18-03), was withdrawn.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Student Discipline (KRS 61.810(1)(c))

18. With the recommendation of Superintendent Miller, a motion by Mr. Hancock and second by Mr. Zickefoose, the Board moved to go into Closed Executive Session at 6:20 p.m., in order to discuss a student discipline issue, without restricting the students’ rights to a public hearing if requested, as authorized by KRS 61.810(1)(f).

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

OPEN SESSION

19. Open Session was resumed at 6:50 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Hancock and second by Mr. Robertson.

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

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STUDENT EXPULSION – FILE# 2017-18-04

20. With a motion by Mr. Robertson and second by Mr. Hancock``, the student named in Student Expulsion File# 2017-18-04 was expelled with services for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. The student will receive two hours of face-to-face tutoring and four hours of online coursework to be conducted at the central office.

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

ADJOURNMENT

21. With a motion by Mr. Hancock and second by Mr. Zickefoose, the Board meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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


Chair


Secretary

**A Resolution of the Fulton Independent Board of Education
in support of Kentucky public education**

WHEREAS, the Board holds sacred the value of public education and possesses a unique perspective on its power to shape and change the future for children and families; and

WHEREAS, we join our counterparts across the state with one voice to call for recognition that Kentucky public schools are vitally important and worthy of support, celebration and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, our public school students continue to demonstrate remarkable progress including graduation rates among the top ten in the nation, improved college- and career-readiness, and increases in academic performance resulting from the application of research-supported instructional practices delivered by high quality teachers, despite ongoing efforts to cast public schools as inferior; and

WHEREAS, investing in public education is the most impactful way to ensure economic growth as it is critical in the globalized economy that students are prepared to adapt to change in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, a robust investment in education is necessary to equip schools with the resources – personnel, facilities, technology – to ensure all Kentucky children acquire the skills and knowledge needed for college, career, and life success in the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, a robust investment in education will continue to close the equity gap, which will decrease the divide between the educated and uneducated, wealthy and poor, and the strong and the weak; and

WHEREAS, the existence of a strong system of free public education for all Kentucky children is essential to our democratic system of government; and

WHEREAS, preparing children to participate in our democracy embraces the notion that, in order to survive as a nation, our citizens must be committed to the ideals and work of democracy, and be able to find common ground with each other and respect where common ground is absent; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky public schools provide students with broad-based educational opportunities including exposure to the history, culture, languages, and context of all regions of the world; learning how to collaboratively solve problems and interact with peoples of diverse cultures; and developing empathy for human differences, commonalities, and backgrounds;

NOW THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Fulton Independent Board of Education:

Section 1. The Board calls on our state legislators to prioritize full financial support for the Commonwealth's public schools and to honor promised benefits critical to those who commit their professional and personal lives to our schools and to our students.

Section 2. The Board strongly advocates for state policy committed to fully supporting and educating the whole child, providing adequate financial investment in academic and non-academic support, including counseling, extra/co-curricular activities, student safety and social/emotional supports and to empower local education leaders to implement, manage, and lead school districts accountable to local citizens.

Section 3. The Board supports an inclusive, safe, and innovative public education system that ensures all students can succeed, regardless of their ZIP code, the color of their skin, their native language, their family status, or their social standing, while promoting equity and excellence.

Section 4. The Board urges our state legislators and our governor to meet their Constitutional and moral responsibility to properly fund our public schools and support the children who depend on public education to prepare them to be happy, healthy, successful, and productive citizens of our Commonwealth and our Nation.

Section 5. The Board supports the *#LoveKYPublicEducation* campaign of the Kentucky Association of School Administrator's Superintendents of the Year in order to proclaim the good news of public education and to encourage Kentuckians in every community to openly and strongly support our students, teachers, families, leaders, and employees every day in every school.

Adopted this 13th day of March, 2018.

Search and Seizure

REASONABLE SUSPICION

No pupil's outer clothing, pockets, or his or her personal effects (e.g., handbags, backpacks, etc.) shall be searched by authorized school personnel unless there are reasonable grounds to believe the search will reveal evidence that the pupil has violated or is violating either a school rule or the law.¹ Search of a pupil's person shall be conducted only with the express authority of the Principal, Assistant Principal, or Principal's designee. However, nothing herein will preclude a student from being subjected to a fixed or handheld electronic screening detector. An affirmative signal or response from a detector will serve as reasonable suspicion for a more intrusive search.

AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL

Searches of a pupil's person or his or her personal effects shall only be conducted by a certified person directly responsible for the conduct of the pupil, or the Principal/designee of the school which the student attends. However, when an immediate threat to the health or safety of others occurs off site with no certified employee reasonably available, a non-certified person (i.e., bus driver or coach/sponsor) that is responsible for the students is authorized to conduct the search of a student or his/her personal effects. Examples of immediate threats would include reasonable suspicion of the presence of illegal drugs or a weapon.

WITNESS/PERSONAL SEARCHES

When a pat-down search of a pupil's person is conducted, the person conducting the search shall be the same sex as the pupil; and a witness of the same sex as the pupil shall be present during the search. In addition, no search of a pupil shall be conducted in the presence of other students.

These restrictions shall not apply to situations involving an imminent threat to the health and safety of students or staff where immediate action is required.

STRIP SEARCHES

No strip searches of students shall be permitted.

FAILURE TO COOPERATE

Students who fail to cooperate with school authorities when requested to shall be subject to other disciplinary action.

REGULAR INSPECTION

School authorities have the right to conduct general inspection of all school property and resources on a regular basis, including but not limited to lockers and their contents, desks, and network systems, technology resources and accounts owned or supplied by the District. During these inspections, items which are school property, such as overdue library books, may be collected. Students should not expect privacy for items and information left in such locations. A single desk, locker or a technology resource/account may be searched if reasonable grounds exist to believe that evidence of a violation of the law or a school rule is contained therein.

STUDENTS

09.436

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Search and Seizure

Any vehicle parked on school property shall be subject to a search if there is reasonable suspicion that illegal drugs, alcohol, weapons, stolen property, or other illegal contraband may be present in the vehicle.

ILLEGAL ITEMS

Illegal items (e.g., weapons, drugs, etc.) or other possessions reasonably determined by proper school authorities to be a threat to the pupil's health or safety or to others' safety and security may be seized by school officials.

USE OF METAL DETECTORS

School administrators or designees trained in the equipment's use are authorized to use stationary or mobile metal detectors (i.e., electronic wands). Metal detectors may be used in the following circumstances:

1. To search an individual student or his/her personal belongings when there is reasonable suspicion to believe the specific student is concealing a weapon.
2. To search all students or their personal belongings upon entering the premises.
3. To search students or their personal belongings on a random basis, provided adequate procedures are adopted and followed to ensure a random selection process.

Procedures setting guidelines for the use of metal detectors shall be developed and presented to the Board for review. All procedures for the use of metal detectors shall conform to applicable legal standards.² Parents/guardians and students shall be notified that metal detectors may be used and the circumstances and procedures for their use.

OTHER DISRUPTIVE ITEMS

Items which may be used to disrupt or interfere with the educational process may be temporarily removed from the pupil's possession by a staff member. Such items may be returned to the pupil by the staff member or through the Principal's office.

DISPOSITION OF ITEMS

All items which have been seized shall be turned over to the proper authorities or returned to the true owner.

USE OF TRAINED DOGS

Subject to the following conditions, the Principal may authorize the use of trained dogs to locate contraband (prohibited items) on school grounds:

1. The Principal or Principal's designee shall be present.
2. The dogs shall be certified as never having been trained as attack dogs.
3. The dogs may be used for blanket searches of lockers. The dogs may also be used for individualized sniffs of lockers when a school official has reasonable suspicion that the particular locker contains contraband.

STUDENTS

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Search and Seizure

4. Searches involving dogs shall be conducted only when students are in classrooms or other designated safe areas or when students are not present at school. No student shall be in the vicinity of lockers or other sites being searched. All dogs shall be on a leash or in the immediate control of a handler and shall not be allowed to come in close proximity to any student or unauthorized individual.
5. The alert of a trained dog to an item or area shall qualify as reasonable grounds on which to base a further search.

SCHOOL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

This policy has no application to searches by law enforcement officers since these persons are police officers with the power to investigate crime committed on school property and to arrest for same. The law of search and seizure, applicable to police officers generally, governs the extent of their authority to conduct searches of pupils and to seize contraband which might be revealed by such searches.

REFERENCES:

¹New Jersey vs. T.L.O., 105 S.Ct. 733 (1985);

²OAG 94-58

KRS 161.180; KRS 531.335

Safford Unified School Dist. No. 1 v. Redding, 129 S.Ct. 2633 (2009)

RELATED POLICIES:

08.2323; 09.4261

Amended/Adopted:

Fulton Independent School District	
DISTRICT - EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN	
Issue Date: 7/01/08	Revision Date: 07/17/2017
4.0 EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDELINES	

4.19 DANGEROUS AND/OR ARMED INTRUDER**4.19.1 Pre-Incident Planning/Mitigation**

- During regular school operating hours, only the main entrance near the office is to allow access from the outside.
- The procedures for screening and monitoring visitors, including a visitor badge system, are assertively enforced.
- Develop and adherence to access control measures for each school building, which may include, but not limited to:
 - Controlling access to exterior doors during the day.
 - Controlling front door access electronically.
 - Controlling access to individual classrooms.
 - Authorization to use stationary or mobile metal detectors.
 - To search an individual student and his/her personal belongings when there is reasonable suspicion to believe the specific student is concealing a weapon.
 - **To search all students or their personal belongings upon entering the premises.**
 - **To search students or their personal belongings on a random basis provided adequate procedures are adopted and followed to ensure a random selection process.**
 - Checking and screening of items (e.g., handbags, backpacks, etc) being brought into the school.
- Policy on Visitors:
 - Any individual entering a school building or program, should proceed directly to the Main Office to identify himself / herself and sign in. The individual must sign out before leaving.
 - A trespasser is defined as anyone in the school building or on school grounds who refuses to cooperate with the Visitors Policy or appears to pose a potential safety threat.

4.19.2 Emergency Response Guidelines

- Remain calm.
- IN ALL CASES – USE EXTREME CAUTION. DO NOT CONFRONT THE SUSPECT.
- Do as the intruder demands.