

January 22, 2022  
Franklin, Tennessee

The Franklin Special School District Board of Education met on Saturday, 22, 2022 at 10:30 p.m. for a **Board Retreat** at the Teacher Center at Moore Elementary, 1061 Lewisburg Pike, Franklin.

Present: Chair Robert Blair, Vice-Chair Allena Bell, Secretary Kevin Townsel, Treasurer Robin Newman, and Members Tim Stillings and Alicia Barker

Others present were: Dr. David Snowden, Dr. Mary Decker, Dr. David Esslinger, Carol Riordan, Susannah Gentry, Mark Anderson and Chip Sternenberg, Bo Alexander.

*Please note that this Retreat was a non-voting meeting and topics were for Board discussion only.*

Dr. Snowden and Mr. Blair welcomed and gave an overview of topics.

**Prior to the Retreat, the Board and Leadership Team met with Mr. Derek Young for a Professional Development Session as the second part of his Culture Strategies Program entitled “You Make the Difference”.**

**Legislative Overview** – Senator Johnson (Senate sponsor for the BEP reconfiguration), Representative Whitson (on the Sub-Committee for Students with Disabilities) and Representative Casada (on the House Education Committee) were present for a discussion of education-related legislation during this year’s session.

- The Governor’s State of the State speech is coming up soon, his education goals for the coming year will be outlined in his speech.
- Students with disabilities (SWD) - the cost needs to be fair and fully supported.
- It is recognized that bus drivers are needed.
- The delegation needs feedback from our district.
- The creation of a state-wide library coordinator for technology questions and more is a need.
- BEP funding for nurses in every school is needed.
- BEP funding for assistant principals in every school is needed.
- In the student weighting system and statistics such as economically disadvantaged students needs a better definition. Direct certification and free & reduced are not the same as far as classifying economically disadvantaged for student weighting.
- Accountability need to be growth and achievement, and not have the formula based just on achievement.
- HB 1723 – Dr. Snowden questioned the bill which provides the parent with the right to inspect or be provided with all class materials.
- Politics in school board elections – board members should be non-political and make decisions of what is best for students instead of having a party or personal agenda. Senator Johnson related that the board member can always run as an independent. Mr. Townsel noted on record that he is against this practice as he is not an independent and does not believe that a person running for a

board member position should have to run designating a party alliance.

**WOLD/HFR and Nabholz Presentation** – Presenters from Wold-HFR Design, Principal and Director of the General Architecture Division Steve Griffin, Designers Josh Murray and Jared Brown, as well as Project Managers from Nabholz Adam Seiter (currently at the FSSD PAC and PGS Gym site), John Strack (future Central Office complex).


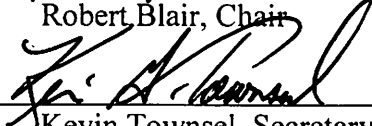
A handout of the presentation was provided (on file). LES is in Phase 4 out of 5; PGS Gym will be finished by April, the outside is 95% complete. The PAC has an April completion. FES and JES re-roofs preliminary budgets are done but nothing has yet been scheduled. The JES kitchen renovation and expansion design work has been completed and bidding will begin January 25. Facilities and Transportation Center design work will be complete by the end of February; the CO schematic design will be completed by the end of February, construction documents are set to be completed in late 2022. Discussion topics included the materials composing the outside of the CO and maintenance of the glass portion and roof terrace of the building, food service and possible position at LES for catering.

**Capital Project Schedule / Projected Bond Schedule Expenditures** (on file) – Dr. Esslinger presented this detailed report.

**Committee Recommendation – Annex Property Commercial Realtor** – The Committee recommended to the Board the commercial realtor groups Friedman and Magli; these two realty companies will be invited to the Special Called Meeting scheduled for January 31. The Committee recommended that the Battle Avenue lots and the Fairground property not be considered for sale at this time.

**Strategic Plan Progress Report – Year 3** (on file) – updates to the plan were submitted prior to the meeting and there was time for questions and discussion. Noted was the goal of College and Career Readiness for exposure to higher education/visiting the campus of Columbia State Community College during March with our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. There were no modifications requested to the current goals and Strategic Plan. Dr. Decker praised the tenacity of the T&L team for their forward movement with progress in the Plan. Support for the Therapy Dog Program was discussed – Pilot International recently reached out to Dr. Snowden to be included in their local conference during April, also discussed was possibly partnering with local business for support as well.

The Retreat adjourned at 1:35 p.m. with *no action taken by the Board*.

ATTEST:  \_\_\_\_\_ 2.21.22  
Robert Blair, Chair Date  
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Kevin Townsel, Secretary Date