

April 11, 2022
Franklin, Tennessee

The Franklin Special School District Board of Education met at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2022, at Freedom Middle School, 750 New Highway 96 West, Franklin. A link to the recording may be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAcb37Xg5w4> .

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

Others present were: Dr. David Snowden, Dr. Mary Decker, Dr. David Esslinger, Mark Anderson, Amy Fisher, Celby Glass, Lisa Chatman, Susannah Gentry, Carol Riordan, Dr. Cheryl Robey, Josh Bracamontes, Dr. Pax Wiemers, Dr. Lee Kirkpatrick, Chip Sternenberg, Shelly Robinson, Jeremy Maxwell, Summer Carlton, Sam Vega, principals, other district leadership team members and community.

There was a reception to honor the FSSD Top 40 Volunteers beginning at 6:00.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Freedom Middle School Principal Dr. Charles Farmer welcomed those in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Robert Blair called for a moment of silence before being seated.

III. RECOGNITIONS/GOOD NEWS

1. **Middle Tennessee Vocal Association Elementary Honor Choir-** Selected to perform with this choir, from FIS Ella Willsey, Kaedyn Nixon, Emmaline Odom, Bailey Minor, Caroline Orr, Averey Smith, Katie McGarrah, Katelyn Ferguson, Carter Miller, Finley O'Shea, Savannah Stephens, Paola Rodriguez, Khloe Hammell, Jemma Ives, Audrey Henrick, Zoe Luepke, Julia Grayson, Eileen Ziegler, Molly Ziegler, Caylyn Cutsinger, Abigail Cuison, Emily Williams, Gracyn Eganey, Maddie Scales, Alexandra Morris, Avery Cahill, Josie Fitzgerald, and Everly Bonilla, and from FMS Katarina Santiago, Elysa Sweet and Anna Myrick.
2. **STARS Elementary Art Exhibition** – LES students selected have art on display at the Tennessee State Museum, placing in the top three in each of their grade levels: Eli Miller, Beckham Simmons and Jordan Davis.
3. **FSSD Top 40 Volunteers** – Recognized for the top 5 volunteers at each school were from **FES:** Nicole Clark, Denna Crusier, Kathy Strunk, Kelly Sweeney and Aria Windrow; **JES:** Alice Barnes, Betty Brinegar, Sue Carter, Amanda Lyddane and Holly Spain; **LES:** Adrienne Barclay, Catie Fein, Richard Hunter, Amy Mallard and Katie Swafford; **MES:** Bethan Dixon, Mary Smith, Maribeth Stahl, Jennifer Thorington and Christie Von Dreele;

PGES: Kate Habegger, Shay Hall, Rachel Lovett, Kalie Printz and Sara Werner; **FIS:** Jenny Davis, Amanda Lyddane, Debra Myrick, Caitlin Newman and Katie Swafford; **FMS:** Elizabeth Bledsoe, Christina Changas, Jennifer Dilling, Hattie Kissel and Debra Myrick; **PGMS:** Jenny Baer, Lindsey Bentley, Jessica Cassalia, Christy Pauley and Susan Phelps.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

- Gail Clemons – MES 2nd grade teacher addressed the Board regarding the block of EPIC resources.

V. REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS

1. **Teaching and Learning Spotlight** – “Building Level Instructional Technology Leaders”- Dr. Decker introduced the topic and presented Katie Giles, LES BLITL and Emily Phy, PGES BLITL for reports to the Board. More information is presented in the Summary of T&L Activity for April (on file).
2. **Construction Report** – Presented by Dr. Esslinger (report on file).
3. **NSBA Conference** – April 2-4 – Board members provided takeaways from the conference.
4. **Property updates** – The 221 Fairground Street property is scheduled to go on the market on April 12. The Executive Property Committee is working to establish a strategy to market the Central Office Annex with options of demolition prior to market, selling as-is, and/or combining properties on Battle Avenue with Cannon Street or leaving them separate properties.

VI. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA

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

VII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Tim Stillings made a **motion** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Robin Newman **seconded** the motion, which **carried 6-0**.

Approved under Consent Agenda (on file) were:

1. **Minutes of Board Meeting dated March 21, 2022**
2. **FSSD Volunteer of the Year Selection Committee**
3. **Budget Amendments**

VIII. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

1. **Policy Revision: Board Members Legal Status (1.102) – 2nd Reading** - Updates to this policy have been sent by the TSBA Director of Policy & Staff Attorney based on House Bill No. 72, the state law on partisan school board elections. While this law does not currently impact every district, state law allows school board elections to be conducted on a partisan basis if at least one county primary board of a political party opts-in. Previously, state law prohibited school board members from being elected on a partisan basis. Our current policy has policy language that reflects that prior requirement. There were no

changes requested by the Board upon 1st Reading. The administration recommended approval of the 2nd Reading.

Allena Bell made a **motion to approve the 1st Reading** of revisions to **Board Members Legal Status (1.102)** as presented. Alicia Barker **seconded** the motion, which **carried 5-1** with Mr. Townsel opposing. It is noted by Mr. Stillings that because the Board must acknowledge the new legislation in policy does not signify that the Board agrees with the legislation.

VIII. DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

- **Spring Holiday – April 15** – This is a district holiday, all offices will be closed.
- **District Retirement Celebration – May 5** - This year’s celebration will be a reception beginning at 5:00 and program beginning at 6:00, at Freedom Intermediate School. We are also planning to honor three Legacy recipients. Plans are well underway for this event. We look forward to this year’s celebration!
- **Young Scholars Institute – Weeks of June 6-10 and 13-17** - Registration is ongoing for the 2022 camp for “independent and highly motivated students” who have completed 1st through 8th grade. The camp will be hosted at Freedom Intermediate.
- **Summer Learning Camps** – Students are being invited at this time for attendance at these camps. Teaching & Learning is accepting teachers and staff for the camp.
- **Budget Process FY 2022-23** – Proposed dates for the budget work sessions are **April 18, May 16 and June 20**. The first session will concentrate on the Operations Budgets for both Finance & Administration and Teaching & Learning. Revenue and Personnel will be the focus in the second work session. The third work session will review the cumulative impact of the budget work from the first two sessions and facilitate the possible completion of the budget process. Please review these dates and let Carol know if there are any conflicts.
- **Ribbon Cuttings for PAC and PGS Gym** – Scheduled for May 20, the PGS Gym ribbon cutting will be held at 10:00 and involve the PGS students; the PAC is scheduled for 3:30. The official ribbon cutting for the PAC will be open to the public.
- **Special Called Meeting April 18** – There will be a Special Called Meeting held 4/18 beginning at 5:30 to consider the GMP for the JES kitchen, with the Budget Work Session immediately following.

X. UPDATES

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

- Demographics Report for April 2022

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


- Personnel Change Report March/April 2022
- Investment Report
- Revenue and Expenditure Reports
- Sales Tax Revenue Comparison Report for April

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tax collections were up 4.8% from last year; the April ADA adjustment is not reflected in this percentage.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Blair adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

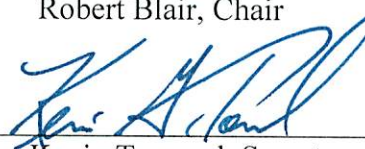


Robert Blair, Chair



Date

ATTEST:



Kevin Townsel, Secretary



Date