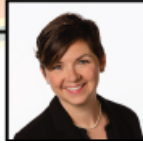




FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Buzz



Fayette County Board of Education September 27, 2021

As part of our commitment to providing timely, clear, and accurate information to students, staff, families, and community members, we are please to provide a recap of our monthly school board meetings.

WELCOME, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES AND STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Board Chairman Tyler Murphy welcomed members of the public attending the meeting at the John D. Price Administration Building, located at 450 Park Place, as well as those watching the board meeting online.

He then introduced this month's teacher representative Kim Fisher, an English teacher at STEAM Academy, student representative Eliza Snow, a senior at Frederick Douglass High School, and classified employee representative Jeff Huffman, the Help Desk Call Center Team Lead for the FCPS Technology Department.

Tonight's board meeting featured a [special dance performance from fourth- and fifth-graders from William Wells Brown Elementary](#). The scholars have spent the past few weeks preparing for gifted identification and mastered the routine in less than five rehearsals. Due to COVID-19 precautions, the performance from William Wells Brown was recorded for tonight's board meeting.



CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Chief Operating Officer Myron Thompson shared the September [construction highlights](#). He noted that the Tate's Creek High School construction project is moving forward and 63% of the work is complete. The new school is slated to open in July of 2022. [Weekly construction updates](#) are available on the district website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

During the portion of the meeting for remarks by citizens, the following individual shared comments with the Board related to COVID-19 health guidelines, the school calendar, school safety, and mental health support for students:

- Rebecca DiLoreto
- Chuck Eddy
- Karen Pendleton
- Alycia Dahmer
- Susan Iler
- Annie Furnish
- Melody Rae

BOARD ACTION

The board voted to:

- Approve job descriptions for an [IB Programme Coordinator](#) and [Architecture Project Manager](#)
- Accept the offer of assistance from the School Facilities Construction Commission, which includes a \$10 million grant from the state of Kentucky to combine Eastside and Southside Technical Centers into a single location.
- Upgrade of the current crisis management notification system with HQE systems.
- Adopt the [student instructional fee schedule](#) for the 2021-22 school year.
- Approve the final working budget for the 2021-22 school year.
- Approve contracts with
 - Instructional Coaching Group to provide professional development for School Based Instructional Specialists.
 - Scholastic Inc. to provide professional development to staff at Athens-Chilesburg, Dixie, Liberty, William Wells Brown, and Yates Elementary schools.
 - Collaborative Center for Literacy Development to provide professional development to staff at Frederick Douglass High, Crawford Middle, and Lexington Traditional Magnet schools.
 - Kentucky Center for Grieving Children and Families to provide additional mental health supports for students at eight schools: Sandersville Elementary, Meadowthorpe Elementary, Leestown Middle, Beaumont Middle, Paul Laurence Dunbar High, Bryan Station Middle, Bryan Station High, and Henry Clay High
- Accept the [Monthly Financial Report](#) for August.
- Provide a \$200 stipend for employees who are fully vaccinated prior to Dec. 1, 2021. The COVID-19 Vaccination Incentive Program is in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE). Half of the cost will be covered by KDE and the other half of the cost will come from federal pandemic relief funds.
- Pay school bus drivers and monitors an additional stipend to participate in a rotating schedule of bus cancellations and delays. [This plan](#) is being implemented in response to the district's ongoing bus driver shortage which has prompted the district to take the unprecedented step of cancelling or delaying service for some of our students. Under the new program, a new set of routes will be impacted each week for either a morning cancellation or afternoon delay. By announcing these service reductions in advance, our hope is that families will have more time to make alternate plans for getting their children to school. This rotation will also ensure that the same routes are not impacted repeatedly. Families are encouraged to find another way their children to get to school during the week they are impacted. Excused absences will be given to those unable to make other arrangements for transportation.



The official minutes from September 27, 2021 will be posted within the agenda of the October 11, 2021 school board planning work session.

SEE FOR YOURSELF

The school board's action meetings are televised live on the [FCPS YouTube channel](#) starting at 6 p.m. Meetings are archived through the [FCPS YouTube channel](#) and [Video on Demand service](#).

