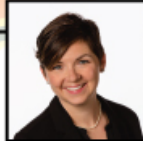




FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board Meeting Buzz



Fayette County Board of Education November 29, 2021

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

WELCOME, SPECIAL REMEMBRANCES, & 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.

Additionally, he invited the audience to observe a moment of silence to acknowledge the tragic loss of two members of the Fayette County Public Schools family since the October action meeting, Paul Laurence High School student Sergio Arellano-Villarados and long-term substitute teacher Barry Turner, who retired from FCPS after decades of teaching chorus at Bates Creek High School.

Tonight's board meeting featured a special performance from the seventh- and eighth-grade orchestra students from Bates Creek Middle school, who are busily preparing for their Winter Concert on December 2. Under the direction of Megan Norris, the group performed "Tribal Dance" by Brian Balmages and "Scottish Bobber" by Larry Clark. Due to space limitations in the district's new central office, the performance from Paul Laurence Dunbar was recorded in advance of tonight's board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Demetrus Liggins introduced several students and staff members to share information with the board about how our district is using Odysseyware to support student success. Presenters included Sherri Heise, director of secondary teaching and learning, and James McMillin, chief of high schools. The presentation also featured comments from Bryan Station High School students Jimmie Bond, Glendric Adams, and Addison Wills about how the availability of the software has helped them earn high school credits and stay on track to graduate.



CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Chief Operating Officer Myron Thompson shared the November [construction highlights](#). He noted that the Bates Creek High School construction project is moving forward and 72% of the work is complete. The new school is slated to open in July of 2022. [Weekly](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

During the portion of the meeting for remarks by citizens, the following individual shared comments with the Board related to purchasing/fundraising and COVID-19 quarantines:

- Chris Gancio
 - Matthew Vied
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BOARD ACTION



The board voted to:

- Approve a contract with Edgenuity to provide Odysseyware for our schools.
 - Approve several [new](#) and [revised](#) job descriptions to strengthen and streamline the supports provided for schools by the FCPS district office team.
 - Institute an attendance incentive for classified hourly staff.
 - Approve the [annual external audit](#) conducted by Strothman and Company. The school district received the highest audit opinion possible -- an "unmodified clean" opinion.
 - Accept the [Monthly Financial Report for October](#).
 - Reject the construction bids related to a new middle school on Polo Club Boulevard, which came in 50 percent higher than originally budgeted.
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The official minutes from November 29, 2021 action meeting will be posted within the agenda of the next meeting of the Fayette County Board of Education.

WATCH A PREVIOUS MEETING

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

