



FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD MEETING BUZZ

Fayette County Board of Education

July 23, 2018



From left: Ray Daniels, Melissa Bacon, Doug Barnett, Stephanie Spires, and Daryl Love

Providing timely, clear, and accurate information to students, staff, families, and community members about the latest Fayette County Public Schools news is an important part of meeting our mission to create a collaborative community that ensures all students achieve at high levels and graduate prepared to excel in a global society. Only an informed community can fully participate in improving the quality of our schools, and these monthly school board meeting summaries are one of the many ways we work to provide honest, proactive, consistent, and responsive communication to those we serve.

WELCOME & STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Board member Doug Barnett, who was acting chair for tonight's meeting, welcomed the audience and a string trio from Bryan Station High School, which presented selections from Bach and Beethoven.

KUDOS & RECOGNITIONS



The school board recognized the following students and staff for recent accomplishments:

- A former Winburn Middle student representing Kentucky, for a [National History Day award](#);
- Runners-up in the [KET's Young Writers Contest](#);
- Top finishers in the [KHSAA state track-and-field meet](#);
- State and national honorees in the [PTA's Reflections contest](#);
- Top teams and individuals in the [STLP State Championships](#);
- National TSA honorees [from Southern Middle](#) and several schools' winners from the [TSA state conference](#);
- Three recipients of the [FCEA Award for Teaching Excellence](#);
- Susan McLaughlin, winner of [KEA's Award for Teaching Excellence](#); and
- April Deener of Edythe J. Hayes Middle, as a [History Teacher of the Year](#).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As part of his monthly report to the board, Superintendent Manny Caulk asked our entire community to lift Frederick Douglass High School student Jayden Coleman, who lost nine members of his family in the tragic Missouri boat accident, in thought and prayer.

Caulk then invited Chief of High Schools Randy Peffer to present the 2018 graduation report.

On May 31 and June 1, Fayette County Public Schools conferred diplomas to more than 2,640 students from its six high schools, Peffer said.



Members of the Class of 2018 were admitted to 309 colleges and universities, including all 10 of the nation's best colleges as rated by U.S. News and World Report and all eight Ivy League schools. Fayette County Public Schools graduates will attend college in 43 states, Washington, D.C., and five countries outside of the United States.

Collectively, the Class of 2018 earned more than \$103.7 million in scholarship offers. Peffer also shared that Opportunity Middle College graduated 73 seniors who collectively earned more than 1,500 college credit hours while in high school, and 72% of the district's International Baccalaureate Medallion Graduates were offered full-tuition or full-ride scholarships.

EQUITY UPDATES

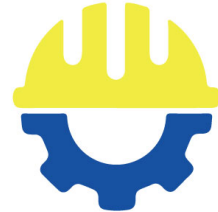
Acting Equity Officer Darryl Thompson shared information about a summer coding camp offered at Bryan Station Middle School by local entrepreneurs Lafe Taylor, Obie Taylor and Lamar Wilson, in partnership with the William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust. Wilson spoke to the board about the job outlook for



graduates in the field of coding and shared information about the content covered in the camp and activities the students had the opportunity to participate in. Students worked in teams, practiced coding and heard from industry experts with giants such as Apple, Facebook, and EA Sports.

LATEST CONSTRUCTION

Chief Operating Officer Myron Thompson shared the [July construction updates](#) from Fayette's newest elementary school, off Athens-Boonesboro Road.



AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Among the action items, board members voted to approve:



- An alternative work and instructional calendar for the Success Academy, a year-round blended learning program that opens this fall at 1555 Georgetown Road;
- The FY 2019 district assurances;
- A new job description for a STEM learning coach and a revised job description of a district digital learning coach.

Note: We have no monthly finance report in July because of year-end closing requirements. Instead, two reports will be presented at the August board meeting: one for June as an unaudited year-end report, and the other for July as the first report of the new fiscal year.

The official minutes from July 23 will be posted within the agenda of the Aug. 27 school board meeting.

SEE FOR YOURSELF

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second and fourth Monday each month
in the district's offices at 701 E. Main St.,
Lexington, Ky.

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community participation is welcome.

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