



FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD MEETING BUZZ

Fayette County Board of Education

October 22, 2018

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 Chair Stephanie Spires welcomed the audience and this month's three honorary board members: teacher representative Crystal Reeder of Jessie Clark Middle School (left), student representative Hunter Lane of Bryan Station High School, and classified staff representative Diane Bradley of Edythe J. Hayes Middle School.



October's student performance featured the choir from Beaumont Middle School performing "Vidalita" and "Blue Moon," directed by Lois Birdwell.

KUDOS & RECOGNITIONS



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

- [2019 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists](#);
- [World language staff](#) from Tates Creek High School and Maxwell Elementary as Kentucky's Latin Teacher of the Year and the state's Outstanding New Teacher;
- [Environmental honorees](#) including Meadowthorpe Elementary as a national Green Ribbon School; staff from the Academy for Leadership at Millcreek Elementary, Bryan Station High School, and the Family Care Center for the Kentucky Green & Healthy Schools Instructional Leadership Award; Morton Middle as a model site in the KGHS program; and SCAPA at Bluegrass as Kentucky NEED's national Rookie of the Year.

PROCLAMATIONS



From left: Kiyon Massey, Jessica Hiler, Adam Liechty, Toniya Coles, and Rose Santiago

The board approved the following proclamations:

- [School Psychology Awareness Week](#), read by Associate Director of Special Education Adam Liechty;
- [American Education Week](#), read by Fayette County Education Association President Jessica Hiler;
- [National Family Involvement Day](#), read by Family and Community Engagement District Liaison Rose Santiago;
- [Education Support Professionals Day](#), read by Fayette County Education Support Professionals Association Board Member Toniya Chapman-Coles;

- and
- [Substitute Educators Day](#), read by Associate Director of Classified Personnel Kiyon Massey.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

During his monthly report, Superintendent Manny Caulk invited staff and community members to present updates and information on each of the following topics:



- Power Scholars Academy: For the past two years, the YMCA of Central Kentucky has partnered with the Fayette County Public Schools to provide summer programming for students. In 2017, the program served 100 students at Booker T. Washington Elementary. In 2018, the program expanded to three sites -- Booker T. Washington and Yates elementary schools and Bryan Station Middle School -- and served 399 students from 13 schools. The all-day program lasted for five weeks and provided reading and math instruction, enrichment activities, leadership development, field trips and family engagement activities. Assessment results showed gains of 2.5 months in reading and 3 months in math.
- Comprehensive District Improvement Plan: Annually, the school district is required to update its plans for moving student achievement and increasing student outcomes. The CDIP planning process is an ongoing cycle with four phases: that include several required diagnostics, a needs assessment, goal development in six areas, writing the plan, and progress monitoring. District leaders have completed the first two phases and shared draft goals with the board.
- Neighborhood Data: District staff members shared quality of life data with the board about the neighborhoods where the children who attend schools identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement live and introduced the board to an online tool called the Opportunity Atlas, which can be accessed [here](#).
- Innovative Programs: Caulk began by reviewing the district's efforts in the areas of high school transformation, middle school redesign and elementary turnaround. "As we're doing this deep work, we also need to continue to spur innovation and continue to be cutting edge," Caulk said. "Tonight we want to share with you some of the innovative programs we're going to explore over the next several months and bring back recommendations at the planning meeting in January." In addition to continuing to strengthen and increase access to existing programs, the district will examine expanding the Spanish Immersion Program, creating a Carter G. Woodson Academy lower grades program, establishing a public-private initiative for high school students, beginning a STEM Program for girls, developing a Primary Performing Arts Academy, expanding SCAPA at grades 4 through 12, and opening a state-of-the-art, future forward Career Academies Campus.
- Comprehensive 10-Point Safety Investment Plan: Board members heard an update on progress made on each of the 10 initiatives in the safety investment plan. The recruitment and hiring of additional police officers and

mental health professionals has begun with the adoption of job descriptions, posting of openings and recruitment efforts. Those positions will be hired on a rolling basis as qualified candidates are identified. Metal detectors are being implemented at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School this month and planning is underway for other high schools. IDs have been issued for all staff and are being issued on a school by school basis beginning with the high schools. A new emergency app has been selected and will begin rolling out in January. Purchase orders are being issued for 14 schools to receive cameras and electronic badge access systems and all schools to receive exterior door alarms. Construction of secure vestibules will begin in the summer of 2019. A social media monitoring company has been identified and the board will be asked to approve that contract in November. An RFP for Comprehensive Health Assessment and Services will be released this week and the contract for school nurses is being amended to hire additional nurses. A social and emotional learning curriculum will be recommended to the board in January. Training for families around safety will be offered at Family University on Nov. 3.

EQUITY UPDATES



Equity Officer Darryl Thompson brought forward a team from the newly opened Success Academy to give the board a report on its first month. The Success Academy is designed to support, re-engage, and accelerate FCPS students who are over-age and under-credited in earning a high school diploma and to successfully transition them to college and/or the workforce. Students must be 16 or older and have earned five or fewer credits toward graduation completion. The program officially opened on Sept. 4 and has received more than 240 applications. Enrollment is on a rolling basis and the program operates a flexible schedule and year-round calendar. To date, there are 42 students attending the program.

LATEST CONSTRUCTION

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



AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Among the action items, board members voted to approve:

- ○ Transportation's purchase of a dozen school buses;



- o A [rezoning plan](#) to incorporate the new elementary school under construction at 4801 Athens Boonesboro Rd.;
- o [Monthly financial reports](#).

The official minutes from Oct. 22 will be posted within the agenda of the Nov. 19 school board meeting.

SEE FOR YOURSELF

School board meetings are televised live on FCPS-ETV and can be [streamed live](#) with an IE browser. The meetings are also replayed the same week at 2 p.m. Tuesday, 8 p.m. Wednesday, and 2 p.m. Saturday, and are then archived via our [Video on Demand service](#). In addition, the broadcasts, board agendas, and official minutes are [available online](#) along with these "Board Meeting Buzz" highlights.

FCPS is governed by an elected five-member board that meets on the second and fourth Monday each month in the district's offices at 701 E. Main St., Lexington, Ky.

Meetings are open to the public, and community participation is welcome.

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