



FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD MEETING BUZZ

Fayette County Board of Education Meeting

Sept. 25, 2017



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 just one of the many ways we work to provide honest, proactive, consistent, and responsive communication to those we serve.



At the start of the meeting, the board welcomed this month's honorary board members: classified staff representative Wendell Emerson from Transportation (left), student representative Bryce Tilford of Tates Creek High School, and teacher representative Allen Hensley of Edythe J. Hayes Middle School.

KUDOS & RECOGNITIONS

September's student performance featured Lexington Traditional Magnet School's eighth-grade orchestra and the visual performing art string majors, who presented "Shenandoah."

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

[Governor School for Entrepreneurs participants;](#)

[2017 Governor Scholars;](#)

[Governor School for the Arts participants;](#)

[Earle C. Clements Innovation in Education Award recipients;](#) and

[Outstanding Educator award recipients.](#)

212 DEGREES AWARD



For September, Superintendent Manny Caulk's 212 Degrees Award "for giving an extra degree of effort" went to Alan Mayes, an associate principal at Frederick Douglass High School. When two students confided in Mayes that they were worried about a friend who had posted a troubling video on social media, Mayes found the student even though they were not enrolled at Frederick Douglass. Mayes acted swiftly to reach out to the student's family, and they were able to get immediate help and support for the teen. For jumping into action when one of our students needed him most, Mr. Mayes was the recipient of a 212 Degree Award.

PROCLAMATIONS

The board approved four proclamations for October:

- [National Custodial Worker Day](#)
 - [National Physical Therapy Month](#)
 - [National Principals Month](#)
 - [National School Bus Safety Week](#)
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



Caulk welcomed several district administrators to share updates on the District's Service Delivery Model.

Michael Dailey, associate director of Federal, State & Magnet Programs; Amanda Dennis, director of Special Education; Soraya Matthews, director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment; and Faith Thompson, director of Student Support Services, reviewed efforts in their respective areas. Highlights included successes in co-teaching at a growing number of schools, the impact of additional gifted-and-talented teachers and additional resources to meet the needs of English learners; and the usefulness of online request forms for professional learning from CIA and various services to support students in their schools.

Following the superintendent's report, Fayette County Board of Education chair Melissa Bacon reviewed the outcome of the superintendent's annual evaluation. After his second year, Caulk received accomplished or exemplary ratings in all areas, with school board members citing specific efforts to add teachers and resources into classrooms, offer professional learning for staff, increase family and community engagement, and develop a strategic plan to guide the district over the next four years. "I'm pleased to report that you're going to be with us for quite some time," said Fayette County Board of Education Chair Melissa Bacon. "Yes, yes I am," agreed Caulk. [Read more here](#)

Board Chairwoman Melissa Bacon shared some highlights of **Caulk's annual evaluation**, which was completed in late August. She reported he was rated "Exemplary" or "Accomplished" in all seven leadership areas, adding, "We have the utmost confidence Superintendent Caulk will continue to lead the district forward." Board member Daryl Love also praised Caulk for providing a clear road map for the future. "Now we're building culture and accountability. It really is a communitywide effort," Love said.

EQUITY COUNCIL

Representatives from the University of Kentucky talked about a grant-funded pilot program with Carter G. Woodson Academy in which a handful of students will do independent lab research under UK mentors in the College of Agriculture, Food and

Environment. "When we get our students out of the classroom, making those connections, that's when learning becomes real," said board member Daryl Love.



OPERATIONS & SUPPORT

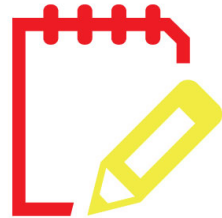


Since Frederick Douglass High School is complete and officially open, FCPS won't have any construction updates until we break ground on the new elementary school off Athens-Boonesboro Road in mid-spring.

AGENDA ITEMS

Among the action items, the board members:


- Approved a waiver to allow for a 10-point grading scale at Carter G. Woodson Academy, to match that of Frederick Douglass High School. Woodson's older students have secondary and dual enrollment at Douglass, and both are housed under the same roof.
- Approved the [August financial reports](#), as presented by Financial Services Director Rodney Jackson.
- Approved the district's 2017-18 working budget, as presented by Budget & Staffing Director Julane Mullins and Chief Financial Officer John White. [Get budget details here.](#)



The official minutes from Sept. 25 will be posted within the agenda of the Oct. 23 board meeting.

SEE FOR YOURSELF

School board meetings are televised live on Spectrum cable channel 197 and [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. 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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