

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)

Fulton, KY November 21, 2023

The **Fulton Independent** Board of Education met at **Fulton High School** at **5:45** o'clock

P. M. on the **21st** day of **November, 2023** with the following members present:

(1) Mrs. Carol Bransford, Chair (2) Mrs. Debbie Vaughn, Vice-Chair (3) Mrs. Christy Pettigrew (via Zoom) (4) Mr. Austin Ferrell (5) Mrs. Rea Jones

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF
FULTON INDEPENDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

CALL TO ORDER

1. Chair Bransford called the Regular Monthly Meeting of Fulton Independent Board of Education to order at 5:46 p.m.

PRAYER

2. Mr. Kent Green opened the meeting with prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

4. With the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and second by Mr. Ferrell, the Board approved the agenda of the September 19th, 2023, Regular Monthly Meeting as presented.

Members voting yes: Mr. Ferrell, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn, Mrs. Jones.

ROLL CALL

5. Mrs. Debbie Vaughn, Mrs. Christy Pettigrew (via Zoom), Mr. Austin Ferrell, and Mrs. Rea Jones were present for roll call.

SUPERINTENDENT ATTENDANCE

6. Superintendent Rogers was present for the September meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7. With a motion by Mrs. Pettigrew and second by Mr. Ferrell, the Board approved the amended minutes of the October 18th, 2023, meeting as presented by the Board Secretary.

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Ferrell, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn

PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

9. With a motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. Ferrell, the Board accepted the reports and approved action items listed in the consent agenda as follows:

A. ASAP Moment – Principal’s Accountability Report

Mrs. Sarah Townsend introduced the Pre-School Teachers that work in collaboration with Head Start. Pre-School students presented learning skills they have been learning through songs, hand drawn pictures, It’s Me book, Name Writing book. Students made thank you cards and presented them to the Board Members. Current Enrollment is 30.

B. FRYSC Activities Update

Ms. Tracy Pulley, Family Resource / Youth Services Center Coordinator, submitted a report to Board Members detailing the activities and services she provided during October 2023.

C. Food Service Report

Mrs. Ashley Teasley, Food Service Director, submitted the Monthly Food Service Report, outlining Food Service Department activity through October 2023.

D. Employee of the Month

Amber Smith, Custodial, was recognized as Employee of the Month for October 2023.

E. Teacher of the Month

Charity Holliman, 2nd grade teacher, was recognized as Teacher of the Month for October 2023.

F. Fundraising Activity Requests

All Fundraising requests were approved by the Board.

G. Auditor’s Report

Auditor, Shad Allen, CPA, presented the Auditor’s Report via Zoom.

The audit report for the 2022 – 2023 school year, as presented at the Fulton Independent Board of Education meeting Nov. 21, discovered a significant discrepancy between the budgeted beginning balance of the 2023 – 2024 budget and the actual amount of funds available, which, was believed to include a \$1.5 million carryover.

Following further research and investigation, it was determined there was a difference in available funds of \$1.1 million.

He said the auditors attributed the shortfall to three key findings:

1. The district’s accounting department did not have a system of internal control over financial reporting that would allow it to prevent, or detect and correct in a timely manner, a significant misstatement in its financial statements, including footnote disclosures.
2. The district was not in compliance with model procurement as required by Kentucky Revised Statute.
3. Purchase Orders were not being issued for purchases.

Rogers said in response to these findings the district, working in conjunction with the Kentucky Department of Education, The Kentucky Association of School Administrators, and The Kentucky School Boards Association, has developed a corrective action plan that is being implemented immediately. The plan addresses the concerns identified in the audit and introduces financial best practices that will safeguard against future concerns.

PERSONNEL REPORTS

10. Superintendent Rogers informed the Board of the following personnel actions:

Appointments: None

Transfer: None

Terminations None

Retirements: None

A. Superintendent's Effective Standards

Mr. Rogers presented his Standard 2 – Instructional Leadership.

CALENDAR PROPOSAL – 1ST READING

11. On a motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. Ferrell, the Board approved the 1st reading of the FY 2024-2025 Calendar Reading as presented by Kent Green, DPP.

The proposed calendar included 174 student days and 185 teacher days.

Teachers are to return for professional development on Aug. 6 and the first day for students would be Tuesday, Aug. 13. The proposed calendar includes Fall Break from Oct. 7-11, Christmas Break from Dec. 23-Jan. 3, 2025. Spring Break will be April 7-11, with the last day for students set on May 22.

Board member Debbie Vaughn asked Green to confirm the proposed two-week Christmas Break.

Green explained that the way the days fall on the calendar would have the first day back fall on a Thursday or Friday, so the committee opted to move the return date to the first Monday, on Jan. 6.

Mr. Green also stated that a 4-day work week was discussed and had a lot of PRO's and that teachers seemed favorable, but wanted more time before adopting that type of schedule.

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Ferrell, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn.

CARR ELEVATOR ANNUAL SAFETY TEST CONTRACT

12. On a motion by Mr. Ferrell and second by Mrs. Pettigrew, the Board approved the Salary Schedule Update – Extras Duties as recommended by Superintendent Rogers.

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Ferrell, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ORDERS OF THE TREASURER

13. On a motion by Mrs. Jones and second by Mrs. Vaughn, the Board approved the monthly Financial Statement and Claims, and Activity Account Reports, as presented by Chris Morris, Finance Officer, and Betty Bartimus, Activity Account Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Student Discipline (KRS 61.810(1)(f): Expulsion Hearing

14. Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(f), the Board, following the recommendation of Superintendent Rogers, moved to go into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m., in order to hold an Expulsion Hearing for the student listed in File# 2022-11-1 to review data and evidence from the expulsion period, and convene to reinstate or modify the expulsion of the student, without restricting that student's right to a public hearing, if requested. This action was taken on a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and second by Mrs. Jones.

With a motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. Ferrell, the Board closed the Executive Session at 6:36 pm.

With a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and a second by Mrs. Jones, the Board returned to Open Session at 6:36 pm.

Action Taken: Extend student's expulsion until June 30, 2024.

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Ferrell, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn.

ADJOURNMENT

15. With a motion by Mrs. Pettigrew and second by Mr. Ferrell, the Board meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Ferrell, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn.

Chair

Secretary