

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)

Fulton, KY January 16, 2024

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

P. M. on the **16** day of **January 2024** with the following members present:

(1) Mrs. Carol Bransford, Chair (2) Mrs. Debbie Vaughn, Vice-Chair (3) Mrs. Christy Pettigrew (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 5:47 p.m.

PRAYER

2. Rev. Mason Lee of the People's Place Church in Fulton, KY to lead the meeting opening prayer. Rogers said that it is his intention to invite a pastor or other local church leader to lead the invocation each month.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

3. As read by Mr. Rogers, At Fulton Independent School District, we guide students to success by providing rigorous learning experiences in a safe school climate supported by a partnership with students, parents, community members, staff and administrators.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

5. With the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and second by Mrs. Jones, the Board approved the agenda of the January 16, 2024, Regular Monthly Meeting as presented.

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

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

6. On a recommendation by Mrs. Vaughn, a Mrs. Bransford was elected to continue as the Board Chairperson. On a recommendation by Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Vaughn was elected to continue as the Board Vice-Chair.

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

ROLL CALL

7. Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Debbie Vaughn, Mrs. Christy Pettigrew, Mr. Austin Ferrell, and Mrs. Rea Jones were present for roll call.

SUPERINTENDENT ATTENDANCE

8. Superintendent Rogers was present for the January meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9. With a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and second by Mr. Ferrell, the Board approved the amended minutes of the December 16, 2023, meeting as presented by the Board Secretary.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

10. No public comments made.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

A. ASAP Moment – Principal’s Accountability Report

Teacher, Danielle Lopez, and some of her 5th grade students presented the Board with what they’ve learned regarding the plant cycle and photosynthesis.

In honor of Board appreciation month, the FHS students in Sean Seaver’s computer science leadership class created a video to show the board members just how much the entire school district appreciates what they do.

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 December 2023.

C. Food Service Report

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

D. Enrollment Update:

The quarterly enrollment report showed that as of Monday, Jan. 6, the total student enrollment district-wide was 312 students. This was a slight increase from the Dec. 5, 2023, enrollment of 309 students.

E. Employee of the Month

Tammy Crumble was recognized as Employee of the Month for December 2023.

F. Teacher of the Month

Jennifer Caldwell was recognized as Teacher of the Month for December 2023.

G. Fundraising Activity Requests

All Fundraising requests were approved by the Board.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

<i>Appointments:</i>	Madison Cohoon, Speech Pathologist
<i>Other Actions:</i>	Two Employees placed on Administrative Leave w/pay
<i>Transfer:</i>	None
<i>Terminations</i>	Cayce Batts, Social Worker, effective June 30, 2024.
<i>Retirements:</i>	None

A. Superintendent's Effective Standards

Mr. Rogers presented his Standard 3 – Cultural Leadership.

B. FMLA Request

The board approved a request from Kristen Cunningham, a fourth-grade teacher at Carr Elementary School, to be placed on FMLA leave from Feb. 23 until May 6, 2024.

BUDGET APPROVAL - DRAFT

13. On a motion by Mrs. Pettigrew and a second by Mrs. Jones, the Board approved the Draft Budget as presented by Chris Morris, CFO and recommendation of Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Morris explained that this was just a tentative budget, based on the prior year's budget. "Basically, the long and short of it is making sure that our revenues equals expenses and everything balances out," Mr. Morris said. "Mr. Rogers and the board will get together to discuss all of our expenses, all of our revenues and get more detailed as we go," he said.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ORDERS OF THE TREASURER

14. 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.

To comply with the annual audit, Mr. Morris said he will continue to include the monthly financial information at each meeting. In doing so, this should keep the board aware of discrepancies and act immediately.

STUDENT INSURANCE APPROVAL

15. On a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and second by Mrs. Jones, the Board approved the request to renew the student's insurance policy with Roberts Insurance of Lexington. Mr. Rogers explained that there was no increase in the price of the student coverage and recommended that the board renew the policy.

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

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT WELLNESS PLAN

16. On a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and a second by Mr. Ferrell, the Board approved the annual review of the District Wellness Plan as presented by Food Services director Ashley Teasley and School Nurse Ashley Kendall.

A local school wellness policy is a written document that guides school district's efforts to establish a school environment that promotes students' health, well-being and ability to learn. The Fisd wellness plan includes areas of quality and environment nutrition services, smart snacks, health and PE, physical activity, and employee wellness.

Mr. Rogers said the wellness committee, headed by Mrs. Teasley and Mrs. Kendall, worked very hard to keep Fisd students healthy and recommended the board to approve this year's wellness plan.

The board approved the plan and the Board Vice-Chair, Debbie Vaughn, said she has heard a lot of praise for the wellness plan, especially when the students are provided with a variety of fresh fruits.

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

EASEMENT REQUEST – CITY OF FULTON

17. On a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and a second by Mr. Ferrell, the Board approved the City of Fulton's Easement request as recommended by Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Rogers explained that beneath the front right-hand corner of the school, there is a huge sewer pump that handles all the waste from the city of Fulton. He said the waste gathers there and then gets pumped out the tank, estimated to date back to the 1950s, is failing, and it needs to be replaced.

Mr. Rogers said the only way to replace the pump is to dig it out, which means they would have to take out that corner. The City would need access to that area, which is the grounds for the easement.

Mr. Rogers said he had already checked with the state's legal department about it. He said this can be done as long as the city has agreed to put everything back in the same or better condition as what it was when it began. At first, it seemed the best way to handle the issue would be to wait and allow the city to do this work when school is not in session. After inspecting, the location of the pump, it was determined it shouldn't interfere with any classroom activities and shouldn't interfere with drop off or pickup.

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

ADJOURNMENT

18. With a motion by Mrs. Pettigrew and second by Mr. Ferrell, the Board meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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

Chair

Secretary