

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
Amended Minutes**

Fulton, KY March 19, 2024

The **Fulton Independent** Board of Education met at **Fulton High School** at **5:30** o'clock

P. M. on the **19th** day of **March 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 5:33 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

2. Bishop Nolan Hardin of the Greater Deliverance Church led the opening prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Secretary, Betty Bartimus and recited by those in attendance.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

4. As read by Mr. Ferrell, 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.

AGENDA APPROVAL

5. With the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion by Mrs. Pettigrew and second by Mr. Ferrell, the Board approved the agenda of the March 19, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting as presented.

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

ROLL CALL

6. Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Debbie Vaughn, Mrs. Christy Pettigrew, Mr. Austin Ferrell, and Mrs. Rea Jones (in at 5:43 pm) were present for roll call.

SUPERINTENDENT ATTENDANCE

7. Superintendent Rogers was present for the February meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8. With a motion by Mrs. Pettigrew and second by Mrs. Vaughn, the Board approved the amended minutes of the February 2024 meeting as presented by the Board Secretary.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

9. No public comments made.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Board members received all Communication/Consent Item information to review in advance of the meeting.

10. 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

The March ASAP moment was presented by FHS Principal Townsend and highlighted the two students that went to DECA state competition, Laticia Carnegie and Sienna Aguilar. Students were not present, however a video was presented that outlined their competition and what DECA means to them.

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 February 2024.

C. Food Service Report

Mrs. Ashley Teasley, Food Service Director, submitted the Monthly Food Service Report, outlining Food Service Department activity through January 2024.

D. Fundraising Activity Requests

All Fundraising requests were approved by the Board.

E. Employee of the Month

Rene Brown was recognized as Employee of the Month for February 2024.

F. Teacher of the Month

Taylor Rivera was recognized as Teacher of the Month for February 2024.

G. Superintendent’s Travel for the Month of January

February 20 – 21 WKEC Meeting with Legislatures – Frankfort, KY
February 22-23 KASA Cohort Training – Louisville, KY

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

Appointments: None

Transfers: None

Terminations None
None

Resignations: None

Retirements: None

CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT

12. On a motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mrs. Vaughn, the Board approved the Consolidated Appropriations Act, Equipment Assistance Grant to replace the 32 year old dishwasher at Carr Elementary as presented by and recommendation by Mr. Rogers. This grant will cover the full replacement cost of the equipment. We would continue to use the old equipment through the end of this school year and the installation of the new dishwasher will happen in the summer of 2024.

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

CHANGES TO THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

13. On a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and second by Mrs. Pettigrew, the Board approved the Changes to the 2024-2025 School Calendar as presented by Kent Green, DPP. KDE recently announced that shortened days on the school calendars could not be counted towards the necessary minimum number of instructional days in the 2024-2025 school year. The amended calendar will put the two early release dates used for Parent/Teacher Conferences back to full school days ending at regular times for FISD students.

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

FIRE SUPPRESSION BID

14. On a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and second by Mrs. Vaughn, the Board approved the Fire Suppression bid to Fire Safe Extinguisher Service, LLC out of Murray, KY as presented by Kent Green and recommended by Mr. Rogers. Fire Safe Extinguisher Service, LLC had the lowest bid and best bid.

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

LAWN CARE SERVICES BID 2024-2025

15. On a motion by Mrs. Jones and second by Mrs. Vaughn, the Board approved the recommendation by Mr. Rogers to approve the bid from Cole's Lawn Service. There was only one bid in the second offering, despite additional advertisement in newspapers and slightly higher than we have paid in the past, but with the mowing season upon us Mr. Rogers recommended a one year contract.

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

2024-2025 EXTRA DUTY SCHEDULE

16. On a motion by Mrs. Jones and second by Mrs. Vaughn, the Board approved the recommendation by Mr. Rogers to approve the 2024 – 2025 Extra Duty Schedule. Per Mr. Rogers, in an effort to align the stipends paid by the district, we compared ourselves to every other district in the WKEC. The proposed schedule for stipends, aligning us with other districts in the areas, would reflect an approximate savings of \$90,000.

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

FIBER OPTIC CONNECTIVITY BID

17. On a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and second by Mrs. Pettigrew, the Board approved the recommendation by Mr. Rogers to approve the Fiber Optic Connectivity bid from Gibson Connect. Windstream Communications is the current provider of Fiber Optic and our contract ended with them on February 20, 2024. Windstream Communications has doubled the cost for providing those services each of the last two months, prompting us to offer a request for proposals of these services. There were three (3) respondents to the bid offering; AT&T, Spectrum and Gibson Connect. Gibson had the highest scoring proposal due to lowest monthly cost, reputation with other school districts in the area and by being local if problems arise.

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

CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

17. On a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and second by Mrs. Pettigrew, the Board approved Corporate Authorization Resolution presented by Chris Morris, CFO and recommended by Mr. Rogers. This adoption of corporate authorization removes the names of Deanna Miller and Becky Fiset from district bank accounts and replaces them with Chris Morris and Jeff Rogers; giving them access to banking information as required by the financial institutions.

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

APPROVAL OF STUDENT TRAVEL

18. On a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and second by Mrs. Jones, the Board approved the request for Student Travel as recommended by Mrs. Townsend and Mr. Rogers. Student Laticia Carnegie has qualified for the International DECA Conference in Anaheim, Ca on April 27 – 30, 2024. The flight, registration fees, food and lodging, and transportation cost totals of approximately \$1,000 and will be covered by the Local Area Vocational Education Center (LAVEC) funding. The Board also voted and agreed to provide the student \$250.00 towards meals & spending money.

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 6:27 pm p.m.

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

Chair

Secretary