

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)

Fulton, KY April 16, 2024

The **Fulton Independent** Board of Education met at **Fulton High School** at **5:30** o'clock
P. M. on the **16th** day of **April 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 5:32 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

2. Susan Engle Carrigan, Pastor at Fulton United Methodist 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 Superintendent 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.

AGENDA APPROVAL

5. With the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion by Mrs. Pettigrew and second by Mrs. Vaughn, the Board approved the agenda of the April 16, 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 were present for roll call.

SUPERINTENDENT ATTENDANCE

7. Superintendent Rogers was present for the April meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. No public comments made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9. With a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and second by Mr. Ferrell, the Board approved the amended minutes of the March 2024 meeting as presented by the Board Secretary.

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

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. Employee of the Month

Noah Croak, Athletic Director/HS Boys Basketball Coach was recognized as Employee of the Month for March 2024.

B. Teacher of the Month

Morgan Whitworth was recognized as Teacher of the Month for March 2024.

HS Principal Townsend said she was honored to recognize Dr. Jean Little, who was named “Distinguished Administrator” by the Regency Regional Educators Scholarship Program at West Kentucky Technical College. Little was applauded and received a token of appreciation from the FISD School Board and administration. Chair Bransford presented Little with the gift and said, “We would like to recognize you and would like to thank you for all the hard work that you’ve done throughout the years that you’ve been here and just wanted you to know we appreciate it.”

C. ASAP Moment – Principal’s Accountability Report

The April ASAP moment was presented by elementary Principal Jean Little and highlighted the Carr Elementary’s kindergarten and 1st-grade classes. Kindergarten teacher Brittany Moxley and 1st grade teacher Tiffanie Fields explained how their classes had been studying ocean life and are completely many projects showing what they have learned on the topic. The class will do a play called The Oceans on May 2nd. The two classes have partnered to do a musical that combines poetry and rhyming, but is based on research. A few of the students provided a preview of the show by reading snippets of their poetry, research papers, ocean life fact posters, and even a jellyfish costume.

D. 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 March 2024.

E. Food Service Report

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

F. Fundraising Activity Requests

All Fundraising requests were approved by the Board.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

Appointments: None

Transfers: None

Terminations None
 None

Resignations: Rachel Crisman, Americorps as of July 31, 2024
 Summer Frields, 3rd Grade Teacher as of June 30, 2024
 Tiffanie Fields, 1st Grade Teacher as of June 30, 2024
 Jean Little, Elementary Principal as of June 30, 2024
 Taylor Rivera, 2nd Grade Teacher as of June 30, 2024

Retirements: None

Rogers explained resignations are expected at this time of the year, as schools are wrapping up the school year and recruiting of staff replacements become clear. An announcement was made regarding the annual Alumni Basketball games are taking sign-ups for both men and women alumni players, coaches and cheerleaders. As of the meeting, 39 alumni had signed up, but more are encouraged to do so.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND ORDERS OF THE TREASURER

12. With a motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mrs. Vaughn, the monthly financial reports and Orders of the Treasurer were approved. Financial officer Chris Morris reported everything was “very normal and nothing out of the ordinary,” Morris said, “No surprise bills, no big deal. All is going very well with that.” He said the district is still ahead on our revenue and everything is still trending below expenses. “That’s a good place to be, and I can say we’re ahead of the game,” Morris said.

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

ADOPTION OF ACCEL TERM SHEET

13. With a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and a second by Mrs. Jones, the adoption of the ACCEL Term Sheet were adopted. The board agreed and approved Rogers to enter serious negotiation with ACCEL on the terms of the contract and fees. This approval is regarding negotiations only. No contract or agreement will be signed without board approval. This is simply taking the next step towards an agreement. Rogers will continue to report on negotiations to the board until a satisfactory agreement is reached.

Superintendent Rogers said the board can adopt a term sheet offered from ACCEL Schools to provide a high-level framework of terms and conditions regarding educational products and services to be offered to the district for the creation and operation of a virtual school. “This adoption does not create a formal agreement, rather a commitment by both parties to negotiate a formal agreement,” Superintendent Rogers said.

Continuing on, Superintendent Rogers said the creation of a virtual school would add tremendous value to the students enrolled in the brick and mortar school. “Local students will have access to advanced coursework and electives that we currently lack the resources to offer. “In order for us to do this, as we look down the road, we offer advanced coursework and right now we don’t have the resources to hire the teachers to perform this coursework, so this relationship would allow us to offer the same courses that every school in the state of Kentucky can offer”.

He said that FISD has been talking with the ACCEL program since October 2023 and they are at the point of discussing contracts. The term sheet currently offers a term agreement from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029, unless either party sends notice of non-renewal at least 18 months prior to the end of the initial or any renewal terms. Superintendent Rogers proposed they counter offer for a 3-year renewal option instead of five. He also said he would negotiate for ACCEL to provide a full-time administrator for the students that are rostered to the virtual school so that we add no more work or no more drain on resources and staff in the district.

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

SCHOOL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMISSION

14. With a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and a second by Mr. Ferrell, the board approved to accept the SFCC KETS offer of assistance in the amount of \$2,320.

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 6:27 pm p.m.

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

Chair

Secretary