

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)

Fulton, KY May 21, 2024

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

P. M. on the **21st** day of **May 2024** with the following members present:

(1) **Mrs. Carol Bransford, Chair** (2) **Mrs. Debbie Vaughn, Vice-Chair** (3) **Mrs. Christy Pettigrew**

**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. Mark Jackson, Pastor at New Life Fellowship, 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 May 21, 2024 Regular Monthly Meeting as presented.

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn.

ROLL CALL

6. Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Debbie Vaughn, Mrs. Christy Pettigrew were present for roll call. Mr. Ferrell and Mrs. Jones were absent.

SUPERINTENDENT ATTENDANCE

7. Superintendent Rogers was present for the May meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. Fulton citizen Karen Dean addressed the board members, to ask a question regarding plans for administrative positions for the 2024- 2025 school year. She said after having reviewed a financial statement included in a board meeting packet, she wanted to ask whether there were plans to have only one principal in the district for the next school year. She questioned whether consideration was being given to having only one principal and then also a Head Teacher position, instead of stationing a principal on each campus, at Carr Elementary and the Middle/High School.

Board Chair Carol Bransford responded that the determination as to staffing positions had not yet been made, and when the positions were finalized, once the end of the school year is complete, that decision would be announced.

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: Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, 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 Mrs. Vaughn 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

Diana Penney, Kindergarten Instructional Aide was recognized as Employee of the Month for May 2024.

B. Teacher of the Month

Melissa Martin was recognized as Teacher of the Month for May 2024.

C. ASAP Moment – Principal’s Accountability Report

During the ASAP presentation, Middle/High School Principal Sarah Townsend introduced Cambria Walker and Nehemiah Bemis, Art students, who each displayed one of their original works, and it was also announced that an exhibit to view students’ art would be staged on the evening of Wed., May 22.

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 April 2024.

E. Food Service Report

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

Resignations: Jeff Rogers, Superintendent

 Sean Seavers, CTO

Retirements: None

2024 -2025 ACTIVITY FUND BUDGETS

12. With a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and a second by Mrs. Pettigrew, the Activity Fund Budgets were reviewed and approved by the Board.

While listed on the school activity fund budget report provided, it was noted the Carr Sunshine Fund was not, in fact, school funded and was derived from individual contributions.

Discussion also took place regarding the high school football fund, which was listed with 0 beginning balance, receipts, expenditures and ending balance. Board member Debbie Vaughn said she had been questioned before about the high school football program, which had not been active in the past few years.

Superintendent Rogers explained that funding was not an issue as to whether the high school football program would continue for the district, but rather it was the lack of participation in the sport which prompted its discontinuation.

Rogers also noted that in reference to the activity fund budgets, there had been no reduction made, so as not to impact students for the 2024- 2025 school year.
Members voting yes:

Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn.

2024 – 2025 CERTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED SALARY SCHEDULE UPDATES

13. With a motion by Mrs. Pettigrew and a second by Mrs. Vaughn, the District’s Certified and Classified Salary Schedules were approved by the board, as well as the extra duty salary schedule, according to Rogers, with no raise included. Rogers cited the past three years’ raises applied, and no raises for the coming year, would stand to equalize the financial impact and leave the district in good financial condition.

Members voting yes: Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn.

2024 – 2025 STUDENT HANDBOOKS AND CODE OF ETHICS FIRST READING

14. With a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and a second by Mrs. Pettigrew, the board opted to take no action on the proposed 2024- 2025 Student Handbooks and Code of Conduct, for the first reading, instead choosing to wait until the June meeting for action.

Both principals explained minimal revisions had been made to the handbook and code of conduct for the upcoming school year. Townsend did note that more had been added to address vaping and how to handle it with students, and Kent Green said there would be revisions regarding truancy issues and referrals to the County Attorney.

Members voting yes: Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn.

FULTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL 2024-2025 TECHNOLOGY PLAN

15. With a motion by Mrs. Pettigrew and a second by Mrs. Vaughn, the 2024-2025 District Technology Plan was approved.

Members voting yes: Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn.

2024-2025 TENTATIVE DISTRICT BUDGET

16. With a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and a second by Mrs. Pettigrew, the Board voted to approve the 2024-2025 Tentative District Budget as presented by Chris Morris, Finance Officer.

In consideration of the board's approval for the tentative budget, Finance Officer Chris Morris reported the budget had little change, with a lower beginning balance. He said last fiscal year, revenues were at \$5,735,000, as compared to this year, at \$3,519,000. He reported expenses at \$3,579,000, but noted the big change is \$400,000 in contingency which was not the case last year. Currently, Morris reported in the 10th month, revenue should be at 84% or above, and currently the district reflects 86.37% of revenue, with expenses at 62.7%, and expenses showing as \$600,000 less this year over last year. Rogers praised the principals at each school campus, commending them for reflecting no drop in opportunities for students, and no negative impact on the district's students attributed to finances.

Members voting yes: Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn.

SCHOOL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION

17. With a motion by Mrs. Pettigrew and a second by Mrs. Vaughn, the board approved to accept the SFCC Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$3,527 and \$2,645. The School Facilities Construction Commission makes an annual offer of financial assistance to local school districts for construction or renovation of facilities. The two prior offers, available to match, were previously placed in escrow.

Members voting yes: Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn.

2023 – 2024 AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS

18. With a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and a second by Mrs. Pettigrew, the Board approved contracting with the firm of Shad J. Allen, CPA PLLC to conduct the current year audit, the same company, presented to the board, a proposal to continue their services for \$21,450.

The board authorized the contract with the company for the 2023-2024 audit.

The term of the agreement is from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Members voting yes: Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND ORDERS OF THE TREASURER

19. With a motion by Mrs. Pettigrew and a second by Mrs. Vaughn, the board approved to accept the Monthly Financial Reports and Orders of the Treasurer as presented by Mr. Morris, Chief Financial Officer.

Members voting yes: Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn.

SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MOUNTAIN COMPREHENSIVE CARE CENTER

20. With a motion by Mrs. Pettigrew and a second by Mrs. Vaughn, the board approved to approve the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center for the mental health counseling in the school setting.

Members voting yes: Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn.

APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 FISD AMENDED CALENDAR FOR STATE SUBMISSION

21. With a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and a second by Mrs. Pettigrew, the board approved to approve the amended calendar for the 2023-2024 school year as presented by Mr. Kent Green, DPP.

Members voting yes: Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PER KRS 156.557 (6) C - EVALUATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

21. With a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and a second by Mrs. Pettigrew, the Board acted as follows:

Motion to move in to Executive Session at 6:12 pm by Mrs. Vaughn, second by Mrs. Pettigrew.

Motion to move out of Executive Session at 6:55 by Mrs. Vaughn, second by Mrs. Pettigrew.

- Superintendent’s evaluation was conducted and a copy was provided to Board Secretary/Human Resources Director for placement in Mr. Rogers’ personnel file.

Motion to move back into Open Session at 6:56 by Mrs. Pettigrew, second by Mrs. Vaughn.

Members voting yes: Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn.

ADJOURNMENT

22. With a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and second by Mrs. Pettigrew, the Board meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Members voting yes: Members voting yes: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn.

Chair

Secretary