

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)

Fulton, KY October 15, 2024

The **Fulton Independent** Board of Education met at **Fulton High School** at **5:30** o'clock
P. M. on the **15th** day of **October 2024** with the following members present:

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

**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 5:31 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

2. Chris Morris, CFO, 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. Sullivan, 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. Jones, the Board approved the agenda of the October 15, 2024 meeting as presented.

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

ROLL CALL

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

SUPERINTENDENT ATTENDANCE

7. Superintendent Sullivan was present for the October meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS/CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

9. With a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and a second by Dr. Ferrell, the Board accepted the reports and approved items listed in the communications/consent agenda as follows:

A. TOP BANANA RECOGNITION

The Carr Elementary School Top Banana was Kieran Smith. Kieran's teachers said he shows up eager to learn and to please his teacher every day. He said he is kind to his classmates and shows a curiosity about the world and that he grew 40 points in math on his growth test and grew 31 points in reading. He is an exceptional student and a role model in this classroom.

The Fulton Middle School Top Banana was Trinity Curtis. Trinity's teachers Trinity Curtis from Fulton Middle School was named Top Banana because she is a great student who always does her best work. Sullivan said her teachers said she takes part in every classroom activity. She is kind and thoughtful. She cares about others, and she represents what it means to be a bulldog.

The Fulton High School Top Banana was Joey Mallory. Joey is new to FHS this year, but he stands out for many reasons, according to Sullivan. He said Joey stands out because he's so tall, but also in terms of his personality. Sullivan said his teachers say Joey has endeared himself to everyone. He has joined the BADD club, and recently helped FPD work at the Banana Festival Grand Parade. He said Joey maintains a positive attitude despite difficult circumstances and has clear life goals.

The Classified Staff Top Banana was Jamaull Holloway, PASS teacher. Sullivan said Holloway is a major asset to the school and is always willing to be whatever and wherever you need him. He said his students respect him and go to him for personal advice. He is always encouraging to students, and will do anything he can to help them succeed.

The Top Banana of teachers was Kristina Rangel, a certified pre-school teacher. Kristina cares so much for her students. According to Sullivan; she teaches them about responsibility and loves them through their mistakes. Her students know she cares about them.

The final Top Banana recognition for October was the Top Banana of the Community, editor of the Current newspaper Benita Fuzzell. Sullivan said Benita has been an asset to all the area schools for as long as he can remember, and that she has always made the newspaper a celebration of students. He said that she has also been a major asset to the City of Fulton and that he wanted to make sure that before she retires, he wants her to know how very thankful everyone is for her service to the students of Fulton Independent Fulton County and South Fulton.

B. ASAP

Moxley began the Carr Elementary report and also praises the janitorial staff for their hard work and dedication, making the school feel fresh and well-maintained over the recent fall break. Moxley also recognized Rea Jones, who is a school board member, for organizing a "bump and jump" reward for students who showed growth in math and reading diagnostics testing. Thanking her for the reward, Moxley said it was more than a treat for those students, but also a motivation tool for all. Moxley said a new key system was installed at Carr Elementary, which improved safety and access within the school. He said he used to have a large and confusing ring of keys, but now he has only four. He also made note of upcoming events such as parent-teacher conferences on Oct. 17, school pictures were taken on Oct. 16, and a parent-guardian dance for K-5 students will be held Oct. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the school.

Cartwright reported that many members of the senior class took the ACT test recently and noting that several students are now college and career ready. Results from the ASVAB test taken by juniors and sophomores were released, with Cartwright saying students performed well, opening opportunities for military service. Cartwright said diagnostic testing will continue with mastery prep testing, which will help students prepare for the ACT and measure their growth. Also recognized was the custodial staff, who took advantage of the district's recent Fall break to deeply clean both Carr Elementary and FMHS. Cartwright said it was nice, when everyone returned after the break, to see polished floors and near-immaculate facilities. He also mentioned that over half the students have signed up for various clubs and athletics. Cartwright shared updates on the girls' volleyball team's performance and the start of the middle school basketball season, expressing confidence in their continued success. Cartwright was pleased to report all vacancies at FMHS had been filled. He thanked the board and the community for providing positions that have allowed the school to be fully staffed, benefiting the students.

C. 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 2024.

D. Food Service Report

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

E. Fundraising Activity Requests

All Fundraising requests were approved by the Board.

F. FMLA Leave Request

Superintendent Sullivan presented made the Board aware of a FMLA request stating that coverage was for the employee has already been arranged.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

10. No public comments.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

Appointments: Casey Jones, MS English/Social Studies
Lynnita Piece, PT Library Aide

Transfers:

Resignations/Terminations:

Retirements: None

A. Superintendent submitted Standard 3 – Elements of Cultural Leadership

CALENDAR COMMITTEE

12. With a motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mrs. Pettigrew, the Board voted to approve the 2025-2026 calendar committee, which will establish the official calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. The committee must be made up of one school district principal, Matt Moxley; one school district administrator other than the superintendent, Amanda LeClere, one school board member, Dr. Austin Ferrell, two parents of students attending a school in the district, Victoria Zalucki and Candace Govern, one school district elementary school teacher, Danielle Cruse, one district middle or high school teacher, Allen Poole, two school district classified employees, Jamaull Holloway and Lori Crocker, and two community members from the local chamber of commerce, business community or tourism commission, Kenney Etherton and. Helen Lee.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT AND ORDERS OF THE TREASURER

13. With a motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Dr. Ferrell, 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: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn, Mrs. Jones and Dr. Ferrell.

DISTRICT FUNDING ASSURANCES

15. With a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and a second by Dr. Ferrell, the board approved the District Funding Assurances as presented by Superintendent Sullivan, a list of questions and agreements to follow all the state laws and regulations to provide students with what they need on a basic level. It’s a long list of things that KDE requires that says, “Yes, we’re going to comply with all the rules and how to spend federal and state money,” Sullivan said.

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

ADJOURNMENT

17. With a motion by Mrs. Pettigrew and second by Mrs. Jones, the Board meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

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

Chair

Secretary