

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
(MINUTES)

**Fulton, KY November 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 **November 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**

**MONTHLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF  
FULTON INDEPENDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**CALL TO ORDER**

1. Chair Bransford called the Special Called Meeting of Fulton Independent Board of Education to order at 5:32 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER**

2. The November 19th Board meeting was opened in prayer for the Board and the District by Matt Moxley.

**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 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. Vaughn and second by Mrs. Jones, the Board approved the agenda of the August 9th, 2024 Special Called 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 November 19th, 2024 meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

8. No public comments.

**APPROVAL OF 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 consent agenda as follows:

**A. Top Banana Awards**

Fourth grade student An'Torious Martin, eighth grade student Zamarion Jackson and 11th grade student NaTori Hutcherson were the honored recipients of the award. Classified employee chosen as "Top Banana" was Ann Pryor; Certified employee selected was Maddie Cahoon; and Community member, also incoming BOE member, Karen Dean was chosen as "Top Banana" recipient.

**B. ASAP Moment**

Principal Heath Cartwright updated the board on reviews conducted on seniors' transcripts, to make sure each senior was aligned to be able to not only graduate in the Spring, but to be designated as College and/or Career Ready. He said another factor involved in the transcript reviews was to identify options for dual credit. He said all juniors will take the ACT in March and sophomores will take the ACT in the spring. Seniors would also be allowed to take the ACT. He shared that teachers Cayce Jones and Mark Paitsel had the first sign up for the new Choir program with 16 students interested, and plans were in the works for a Student Council election, to develop leadership skills.

Matt Moxley reported at Carr Elementary there was I-Ready growth in a number of grade levels since August, according to testing, with kindergarten and third grade producing growth in both reading and math. "I see a new culture of wanting to do better," Supt. Sullivan said, noting progress achieved beginning with administration, then transferred to teachers and students.

Director of Special Education Sarah Townsend said that so far this year, she has worked toward cleaning up and streamlining the program, to get it to where it should be. She reported she has been working with the teachers, many of whom are new to the state of Kentucky and need guidance, and she has also reviewed records and training processes to make sure all compliance is met. She reported the district has partnered with Murray State University for in house services for psychologists, who may perform evaluations and generate reports, done by graduate assistants for a fraction of the cost if retained elsewhere, at \$200 compared to what would be a \$2000 service.

Superintendent Sullivan explained to the board that the district shows over 24% of students enrolled in the district are special education students at this time, which amounts to 75 students, as compared to 59 last year. "One of the things that makes this district special, is that we serve the students who show up. That's what makes us special," Sullivan said.

**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.

Board Chair Carol Bransford asked Sullivan if all coaches, teachers and sponsors were aware of the criteria and process required to initiate and carry out a school fundraiser. Sullivan said all staff and coaches had been informed of the proper procedure to follow, and the advanced notification to have the proposed fundraiser considered by the board.

**F. Student Enrollment**

Most recent enrollment for each grade had kindergarten at 27; first grade, 26; second grade, 17; third grade, 23 fourth grade 21; fifth grade, 32; sixth grade, 18; seventh grade, 21; eighth grade, 18; ninth grade, 21; 10th grade, 26; 11th grade, 12; and 12th grade, 13. Subtotal for those grades was reported at 275, plus preschool total at 31, for a total enrollment in the district at 306.

The Aug. 14 total was at 250, prior to preschool commencement, on Aug. 30, enrollment was at 287, including preschool, Sept. 30, 293, and Oct. 31, 300. From Aug. 14 through Nov. 14, the district experienced a 6.62% increase in enrollment.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

**10.** Superintendent Sullivan informed the Board of the following personnel actions:

*Appointments:* Victoria Zalucki, Library Aide  
Yuleydi (Julie )Ambruster, Custodial

*Transfers:*

*Resignations/Terminations:*  
Mycine McClure, Custodial

*Retirements:* None

Superintendent Sullivan said that the Carr Elementary library had now been staffed by Lynnitia Pierce, however the Middle School/High School library had been in need of someone to oversee it and encourage reading in those grades. He said Zalucki will be on hand at the high school campus library several days a week now.

**A. Superintendent's Standard**

**B. Superintendent's Travel**

- a. October 29 – 30, KASA Financial Training – Lexington
- b. November 13, Superintendent's Cohort - Elizabethtown

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT AND ORDERS OF THE TREASURER**

**11.** With a motion by Dr. Ferrell 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: Mrs. Bransford, Mrs. Pettigrew, Mrs. Vaughn, Mrs. Jones and Dr. Ferrell.

**CARR ELEVATOR ANNUAL SAFETY TEST CONTRACT**

**12.** With a motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mrs. Vaughn, the board approved the review and approval as recommended by the Superintendent, to enter into a contract for the annual Safety Test of the Carr Elementary elevator. While the elevator is used primarily for the relocation of large pieces of

furniture or equipment from one floor to the next, an annual safety test must be performed. DC Elevator’s proposed contract for those services, in the amount of \$500.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**19.** With a motion by Mrs. Jones and second by Dr. Ferrell, the Board meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM p.m.

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

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Chair

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Secretary