

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
(MINUTES)

**Fulton, KY February 20, 2024**

The **Fulton Independent** Board of Education met at **Fulton High School** at **5:45** o'clock

**P. M.** on the **20th** day of **February 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.

**PRAYER**

2. Rev. Lutisha Taylor of the member of the United Church of the Living God of Fulton and pastor and founder of New Covenant Outreach Ministries, LLC, lead the opening prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chair Debbie Vaughn and recited by those in attendance.

**READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT**

4. As read by Mr. 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. Vaughn and second by Mrs. Pettigrew, the Board approved the agenda of the February 20, 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 Mr. Ferrell and second by Mrs. Vaughn, the Board approved the amended minutes of the January 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**

10. With a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and a second by Mrs. Jones, the Board accepted the reports and approved action items listed in the consent agenda as follows:

**A. ASAP Moment – Principal’s Accountability Report**

The February update came from Sean Seavers’ Information Technology class at the high school. Mr. Seavers explained that his class has been taking part in a statewide program known as the Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP). He said that the students must find a problem in their community or school and address the issue using technology. Mr. Seavers said that Mr. Rogers had found a “car kit” in storage that had never been completed and was taking up space and collecting dust. Remembering the STLP students needed a project, Mr. Rogers approached Mr. Seavers with the kit as a project. He said the students thought it was an interesting project and have been working to build an “electric car.”

The one-person car runs on two 12-volt batteries and while it doesn’t go fast, it can be driven. The students then wheeled the car in to the library to show what they had achieved so far. The car frame was complete, and the seat installed, along with handle-bar controlled accelerators and brake. The car resembles a go-cart with a white metal frame that one student said reminded them of the old Erector building sets from the past. The students are working to finish the project hoping to enter it in the STLP competition as “green power.” The class hopes to use a 3-D printer to create the car body. Mr. Seavers said the students would be available to answer questions after the meeting. Mr. Rogers and the board congratulated the students on their impressive accomplishment and look forward to hearing how the competition goes.

**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 January 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. Changes to the 2023-2024 School Calendar**

Mr. Green stated a recent weather-related school closure on Jan. 19 would leave the current school year with 184 staff work days, one short of the state-required 185 staff work days. The proposed amendment would move a built-in snow day from March 15 to April 8 for students. April 8 would be changed to a staff work day to comply with the required 185 days staff days.

**F. LISC Rural Grant**

Mr. Rogers informed the board that the FISD had received a \$2,500 LISC Rural Grant from the Fulton-Hickman Counties Economic Development Partnership. He explained that the funds are earmarked for teacher externships and field trips. There is no cost to the district to accept the funding and the funds will be used to provide capacity building externships for teachers and field trips for students. Rogers said his recommendation was to accept the funding, and the board agreed.

**G. Employee of the Month**

Candace Govern was recognized as Employee of the Month for January 2024.

## **H. Teacher of the Month**

Lisa Kerney was recognized as Teacher of the Month for January 2024.

## **PERSONNEL REPORT**

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

<i>Appointments:</i>	None
<i>Transfers:</i>	None
<i>Terminations</i>	HS History Teacher MS English Teacher
<i>Resignations:</i>	FHS PE Teacher
<i>Retirements:</i>	None

### **A. Superintendent's Effective Standards**

Mr. Rogers presented his Standard 5 – Managerial Leadership.

### **B. Superintendent's Travel for the Month of January**

Mr. Rogers attended the Kentucky Association of School Administration Cohort meeting in Frankfort on Jan. 9-10. On Jan. 18, he traveled to Frankfort again for the Kentucky Association of School Administrators Government Affairs team meeting. On Jan. 24, Rogers attended the WKEC January board meeting in Eddyville.

## **School Facilities Offers of Assistance**

**12.** On a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and a second by Mrs. Jones, the Board approved the School Facilities Offers of Assistance as presented by Chris Morris, CFO and recommendation of Mr. Rogers. The remaining offers are set to expire soon and if they expire, the district would lose those matching funds. The School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) makes an annual offer of financial help to local districts to use for construction or renovation of facilities, one for \$2,645 and one for \$3,527.

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

## **FRYSC CONTINUATION PROGRAM PLAN (CPP)**

**13.** On a motion by Mrs. Pettigrew and second by Mrs. Vaughn, the Board approved the FRYSC CPP Plan. Tracey Pulley addressed the board again to review and approve the FRYSC Continuation Grant for the 2024-2026 school years. The FRYSC is funded by this grant and must be reviewed and approved every two years.

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

## **REALLOCATION OF ACTIVITY FUNDS**

**14.** On a motion by Mrs. Jones and second by Mr. Ferrell, the Board approved the reallocation of activity funds. In June the board approved the Extra Duty Salary Schedule. That included a stipend in the amount of \$8,000 for a Head Archery Coach. Unfortunately, there was a lack of interest, and the FISD did not field an archery team. Mr. Rogers said that Sean Seavers has come forward and offered to take on the role of E-Sports Head Coach for the lower stipend of \$4,000, \$2,000 for Seaver's time and efforts and \$2,000 as start-up money for software and computers for the program. Rogers said his recommendation would be to reallocate \$4,000 of the funds set aside for the defunct archery program to the E-sports program and return the additional \$4,000 to the general fund.

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. Ferrell, the Board approved the recommendation by Mr. Rogers to reject the bid from Bailey’s Lawn Service and resubmit the request for bid process due to an increase in prices with less areas to maintain.

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

**APPROVAL OF STUDENT TRAVEL**

**16.** On a motion by Mrs. Jones and second by Mr. Ferrell, the Board approved the request for Student Travel. Two FISD students have qualified to compete at the state DECA Conference in Louisville, March 3-5, 2024. The board approved a request for permission allowing Laticia Carnegie, who placed first in Apparel Marketing and Sienna Aguilar, who placed 5th in Marketing Communications to travel to the competition and have all expenses covered by the board. The associated costs, including the registration fees, food, lodging, and transportation costs, total approximately \$850. Mrs. Townsend will travel with the students as chaperone and her expenses will be paid from CTE funds. Board approval is needed to cover the expenses from the general fund.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ORDERS OF THE TREASURER**

**17.** On a motion by Mrs. Pettigrew and second by Mrs. Vaughn, the Board approved the Financial Reports and Orders of the Treasurer as presented by Chris Morris, CFO and Betty Bartimus, Activity Fund Director.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION –EXPULSION REENTRY HEARING KRS 61.810 (1)(f)**

**18.** With a recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and a second by Mrs. Jones, the Board moved to go into Closed/Executive Session at 6:17pm without restricting the student’s right to a public hearing if requested, as required by KRS 61.810 (12)(f). Students were present for hearing.

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

**CONCLUSION OF CLOSED SESSION**

**19.** With a motion by Mrs. Vaughn and a second by Mrs. Jones, the Board moved to come out of closed session at 6:58 pm.

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

**ACTON TAKEN**

**19.** With a motion by Mrs. Pettigrew and a second by Mrs. Jones, the Board took the following action:

- Student 1: Return to School on March 4, 2024.
- Student 2: Return to school on February 21, 2024.

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 7:07 pm p.m.

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

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Chair

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Secretary