

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2026 @ 5 PM  
RALPH ASKINS SCHOOL LIBRARY  
FAYETTEVILLE, TN**

**Present:**

Mark Clark, Chairman  
Pam Bryson, Vice Chair  
Jennifer Murdock  
Shawnta Fulton  
Kayla Camp  
Jeff Bradford, ex officio  
Eric Jones, Director of Schools

**Also Attending:**

Lisa Williams  
Rujena Dotson  
Adam McCormick  
Claudia Styles  
Brittany Baker

**Absent:**

Bridgett Hopkins  
Ellaina Sheridan, Student Member  
Steve Giffin  
Tricia Jean  
Montie Taylor  
Spencer Perrin

Chairman Clark called the meeting to order. Mr. Clark asked to add a topic under the Chairman's Report on the meeting's agenda: "a brief board discussion of school consolidation issues." Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the agenda; second by Mrs. Camp. All members present voted aye.

Chairman Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chair Bryson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026 regular meeting; second by Mrs. Murdock. All members present voted aye.

Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the February disbursements; second by Ms. Fulton. All members present voted aye.

**Principals' Reports –**

**Mrs. Baker** – presented the reports for Fayetteville Middle School and Fayetteville High School. She introduced two students, Weston Cain and Aubrey Hawk, to present the report for Ralph Askins School.

**Audits Presented –**

Mr. Andy Matlock with Matlock Clements CPA presented the audit reports.

After his presentation, Chairman Clark made a motion to approve the Fayetteville Board of Education audit for FY 2025; second by Vice Chair Bryson. All members present voted aye.

Chairman Clark made a motion to approve the Internal School Funds audit for FY 2025; second by Vice Chair Bryson. All members present voted aye.

**Public Comment –**

Chairman Clark noted that, in accordance with Board Policy 1.404, members of the public wishing to make comments and who have given the board advance notice of their desire to speak are being provided that opportunity. No members of the public had requested to speak.

### **Supervisors' Reports –**

Mr. McCormick requested Schedule E Textbook Adoption Approval. Vice Chair Bryson made a motion for the approval; second by Ms. Fulton. All members present voted aye.

Dr. Styles and Mrs. Dotson also presented supervisors' reports.

### **CFO Report –**

**Lisa Williams** – Mrs. Williams presented the February 2026 financial report for the board's review.

### **Reports –**

**Facilities and Transportation** – Mr. Jones presented a report on behalf of Facilities & Transportation, noting that the system had received an executed contract from TEMA for the dome project.

Chairman Clark made a motion to authorize Mr. Jones to request that JBHM draft a contract with Century Construction, to be reviewed by the board attorney, and to authorize the director to proceed with the project regardless of whether additional TEMA funding is received, noting the cost to the school system would be approximately \$3.2 million if additional funding is secured, or approximately \$5.5 million if it is not. Vice Chair Pam Bryson seconded the motion.

During discussion, Mrs. Murdock stated she would prefer that the board authorize Mr. Jones to have JBHM draft the contract but delay proceeding with the project until a final decision is received from TEMA regarding the additional funding request.

Chairman Clark called for a vote on his original motion. The motion failed by a vote of 0–5, with all members present voting in opposition.

Chairman Clark then made a motion to authorize Mr. Jones to have JBHM draft a contract with Century Construction Group, to be reviewed by the board attorney, in anticipation of a decision from TEMA regarding additional funding. Mrs. Murdock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all members present voting aye.

**Finance** – Chairman Clark made a motion to approve FY26 GP Budget Amendment #2, the purpose of which is to allocate a STEM grant for Ralph Askins School and TN Tutoring Grant received; second by Vice Chair Bryson. All members present voted aye.

**Insurance and Policy** – No report.

### **Superintendent's Report –**

Mr. Jones presented his report.

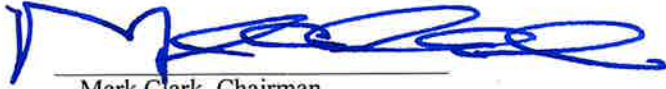
### **Chairman's Report -**

Chairman Clark presented a resolution for Support Staff Appreciation Day on April 2, 2026. Chairman Clark made a motion to adopt the resolution; second by Mrs. Camp. All members present voted aye.

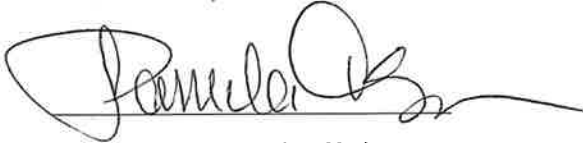
Chairman Clark discussed school consolidation issues, referencing a memo from Chuck Cagle, board attorney, to Mr. Clark and Mr. Jones with his opinion regarding school consolidation. Chairman Clark then suggested the board adopt a statement strongly opposing consolidation of Fayetteville City and Lincoln County Schools. Vice Chair Pam Bryson made a motion to adopt the statement that the Fayetteville Board of Education “strongly oppose any efforts to close the Fayetteville City School System and consolidate with Lincoln County School System” and “for our community to recognize the benefits of having two public schools available.” Second by Ms. Fulton. All members present voted aye.

Chairman Clark announced the next meeting of the board will be Monday, April 6, at 5 p.m. at Fayetteville High School. After discussion, it was agreed that a work session would be held prior to the meeting, beginning at 4 p.m., also at FHS.

The meeting was adjourned.



Mark Clark, Chairman



Pamela Bryson, Vice Chairman

Minutes submitted by Sandy Williams