

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the FAYETTE R-III School District
February 15, 2017 6:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
Fayette High School Media Center**

Board Members Present: Anderson, Williams, McSwain, Gose, Schmidt, Jackman
Board Member Absent: Howell
Also Present: Dr. Kimball-Superintendent, Jill Wiseman-Acting Board Secretary
Williams arrived at 6:31 p.m.

Call To Order

Vice President Gose called the regular meeting of the Fayette R-III Board of Education to order at 6:29 p.m.

Approve Agenda Changes

Revised recommendations on bus bids were presented and Item E. Surplus List from the Technology Department was added. The closed session list has also been revised. Mr. Anderson motioned to approve changes to the agenda and Dr. Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Student Spotlight

Mrs. Heet and Mrs. Spaeder along with 6 elementary students discussed the leadership program at Daly and their leadership positions. A brief clip of one of the student broadcasts was shown to the board. These broadcasts are available for view on the elementary website.

Presentation

Mr. Gose, Dr. Kimball and Mr. Beeler presented bus drivers with a certificate of recognition and thanks for a job well done in safely transporting our students to and from school each day. Those drivers present were: Hope Ashby, Doug Chambers, Sherri Dobson, Ray Garms, Ruthie Espenschied, Willie Hubbard, Ronnie Lessly, Christy Lyon, and Gary Beeler. Bus drivers absent were Tom Oakley and Wayne Duren.

Student Representatives Report

Blake Huster and Chelsea Wysocki shared information about this week's Courtwarming activities and plans for increasing school spirit. District basketball will start next week. Upcoming events and information for ACT testing, STUCO blood drive, Senior day/breakfast, Block the Door canned food drive, and fundraisers was also shared.

Approve Consent Agenda

Mr. Jackman motioned to approve the consent agenda and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Opaa Food Service Report

Mrs. Harris shared a written report. OPAA was recently involved in the Pink Out event, preparing and donating chocolate covered strawberries to raise money for the event. The kitchens have successfully passed two health inspections this year with zero critical violations. Some of the things that are being considered for the future are offering a 100% fruit juice slushy option as an a la carte choice for CMS staff and students as well as a second chance breakfast and condiment station at the middle school.

Principal Reports

Daly/Clark School Principal, Mrs. Huster reported 55 students in Pre-school, 279 students in K-5th grades and 134 students in 6th-8th grades. 77% of DES students were in attendance 90% of the time, and 69% of CMS students were in attendance 90% of the time. Mrs. Huster shared the AIMS web universal screening benchmark results for the elementary. Eight staff members attended the Powerful Learning Conference on January 30 and 31. Staff members who attended will be sharing information learned with their grade level teams and other faculty members. The fourth Falcon Fest at Daly was held and awards for cooperation and integrity were presented as well as awards for P.E. Masons presented awards of bikes and i-pods to students who won the reading contest for first semester. CMS students who met eligibility requirements for discipline, academics and attendance were awarded with an incentive trip to the YMCA in Boonville. There was a great turnout at Parent-Teacher conferences. Some of the elementary teachers tried out student led conferences this semester similar to those done at the middle school. Parent Focus Groups have been started at DES and CMS. These meetings are held in the mornings and include 5-6 parents and assist with getting feedback from parents on school issues

Fayette High School Principal, Mr. Jacques reported 177 students enrolled with a monthly attendance average of 92.61%. As of this report 84.24% of students are in attendance 90% of the time. Attendance was discussed, it is up some but not much. Mr. Jacques is looking at options to address low grades during academic enrichment time. Pink Out was held on Tuesday, January 31st and \$7,308.45 was collected and donations are still coming in. Clara Asher has been selected as a finalist in a national photography contest. National FFA Week is February 19-25 and the FFA Labor Auction will be held on Saturday, February 25.

Curriculum Report

Mrs. Wiseman presented the schedule for MAP and EOC assessments this spring. Information was shared on the calendar which is developed similarly to the current calendar based on hours of attendance vs. days of attendance with days built in for time missed due to inclement weather.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kimball reported Dan Struempf, an engineer from McClure Engineering Company of Columbia, had been out to look for structural issues we may find when we fix the canopy at the entrance to the Ag building. The original blueprints have been found for the Vo-Ag building and delivered to the engineer. This will help with determining how best to repair the canopy.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. McSwain for earning his Advanced Board Member Certification. He will be presented with the award at the recognition banquet during the MSBA Leadership Summit in June.

The food service bid specification package is nearly complete and ready to submit to DESE for approval. The bid due date will be April 10 and the board will take action on the bid at the April meeting.

The Howard County school districts have had difficulty with the Juvenile Office regarding communication, consistency, and follow up. The three districts have now joined forces to try to get issues addressed. A meeting has been scheduled with the Juvenile Office staff on Friday, February 17 to help determine how the JO can better meet the needs of each the districts.

Glasgow School District has invited New Franklin and Fayette to participate in a countywide presentation by Mettie Spiess, Mental Health Speaker and Trainer. Details are being worked out regarding how the presentations will occur.

Compass Prevention, previously known as Pathways, recently sent one of their representatives to meet with some of our staff. They will be offering training to our staff and students free of charge in Mental Health First Aid, Signs of Suicide, and QPR (Question Persuade Refer). Mrs. Williams commented that she is a former trainer for some of these programs and applauds our participation with this training.

The Lincoln Public School Memorial Committee has finalized their Teacher of the Year award criteria and eligibility. The award form is on the district website. Nominations are also being accepted for the Distinguished Citizen of the Year award.

Mr. Jackman thanked Dr. Kimball for setting up the Lincoln Public School alumni event. The event was well done and it was a very nice evening.

MSBA Report

The MSBA board report was viewed online at the meeting. Topics addressed included the 2017 legislative session, the Health Clinic Task Force that MSBA has developed and how districts are trying to address health and mental health of students, and the Early Childhood of the Year award.

New Business- Discussion/Action Items

Mr. Chambers discussed aspects of his National FFA Convention proposal. Students would be eligible to attend based on a point system. Points are earned through completion and participation in a variety of activities that the students are required to keep track of. Students would need to obtain a certain number of points to attend convention as well as meet other criteria including: meet behavioral expectations, meet attendance and academic standards, complete an application, and attend a parent meeting. It is proposed that sophomores, juniors and seniors be eligible to attend. Mr. Chambers stated that the point system is not a “standard” system used by all schools, that every school uses different criteria to determine trip eligibility. He expects that 15 or less students might attend the trip in grades 10-12. The board did not take action at this time.

Dr. Kimball presented bids for a new bus from Midwest Transit for an IC bus, Midwest Sales for a Thomas bus and Central States for a Bluebird Bus. Dr. Kimball and Mr. Beeler recommend accepting the bid for the 2018 Bluebird bus which only has 2 steer tires and no child restraint seat but does have a 100 gallon vs. 60 gallon fuel tank, and a better location for the door control than the IC bus. It would also provide more consistency in driving for the drivers since 8 of our 9 buses are now Bluebird buses. Discussion took place. Mr. Anderson motioned to accept the bid from Central States for the 2018 Bluebird bus, Mrs. Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Kimball recommended approval of the 2017-18 FHS Course Description book. Mr. McSwain motioned to approve the FHS Course Description book as presented, Mrs. Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Kimball recommended approval the 2017-18 school year calendar. Discussion took place. Mr. Anderson motioned to approve the calendar as presented, Mr. Jackman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Kimball recommended a list of technology equipment be surplus due to being obsolete or no longer working. Discussion took place. Dr. Schmidt motioned to add all items on the list to surplus, Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Old Business

The Board looked at a shirt sample to wear when attending conferences and meetings. It was determined to get a black shirt with emblem. Dr. Kimball will take care of ordering.

Adjourn To Closed Session

Mr. McSwain moved, Mr. Anderson seconded, to go into closed session according to Section 610.021 (3) (13) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for the purpose of discussing student records, and hiring, firing, discipline, or promoting of personnel employed by the Fayette R-III School District. Voice vote was taken with the following vote: Mr. Anderson yes, Mr. Jackman yes, Mr. McSwain yes, Mrs. Williams yes, Dr. Schmidt yes, and Mr. Gose yes. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:42 p.m.

Motion To Adjourn Closed Session

Mr. Anderson motioned, Dr. Schmidt seconded to adjourn Closed Session and to go back into Open Session. Voice vote was taken with the following vote: Mr. Anderson yes, Dr. Schmidt yes, Mr. McSwain yes, Mr. Jackman yes, Mr. Gose yes, and Mrs. Williams yes. Motion passed 6-0. Open Session began at 8:25 p.m.

FFA Convention

Discussion was held regarding the FFA National Convention trip. Mr. McSwain suggested to have ALL students get approval by the principal prior to being allowed to attend. It was suggested to also have a certain student to chaperone ratio, perhaps 5:1. It was also discussed that point status would need to be finalized a month prior to deadline for registering for the event. Mr. Gose suggested that Dr. Kimball share some of these items with Mr. Chambers regarding revisions to the plan for convention. After further discussion, Mr. Anderson motioned, Mr. Jackman seconded to approve FFA attending the 2017 National Convention. Motion passed 6-0.

Book Study Discussion

Our Kids, The American Dream in Crisis book study, Chapter 4, discussion lead by Dr. Schmidt.

Motion To Adjourn

Mr. Anderson motioned, Dr. Schmidt seconded to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

President

Secretary