

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

Board Members Present: Howell, Anderson, Schmidt, McSwain, Williams, Gose

Board Member Absent: Jackman

Also Present: Dr. Kimball-Superintendent, Trish Elliott-Board Secretary

**Call To Order**

President Howell called the regular meeting of the Fayette R-III Board of Education to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Agenda Changes**

The showcase of the DES Kinder Boost was moved to the April meeting and a new Action Item G. Surplus Property was added to the agenda. Mr. Anderson motioned to approve changes to the agenda and Dr. Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**Student Representatives Report**

Blake Huster and Chelsea Wysocki reported the February Students of the month are Dawson Wiswall, Clara Asher, Andy Neal and Bailey Stevens. Blake will participate in the 2017 American Legion Boys State. Information on FFA Judging, the HS Drama Club's presentation of Tom Sawyer, the Band Pie Auction and May 2017 trip to Chicago, Prom and the Student Council blood drive were shared.

Mr. Jacques congratulated Mason Stornello and presented him with a certificate for being awarded the National Merit Scholarship. Mason then shared the application process with the board. He plans to attend the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Congratulations to Mason.

**Approve Consent Agenda**

Dr. Schmidt motioned to approve the consent agenda with revisions and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**Transportation Update**

Gary Beeler shared the MSHP Annual Bus Inspections took place on March 8<sup>th</sup>. 8 of our 10 buses were on sight and all passed. Two buses were in St. Louis for a field trip that day but were taken to North Callaway on March 14<sup>th</sup> for inspection. Those 2 buses passed also. The district received 100% for the complete fleet inspection.

**Technology Reports**

Tom Oakley prepared a written report. There is an increased use of technology in the district. Many students are making use of personal devices at the high school. Plans are underway to assess the technology needs of our district to implement a 1:1 technology plan. Mr. Oakley continues to maintain the website, e-rate and assists with technology issues in the district. Dr. Kimball added that Midwest Computech is in the process of doing a technology assessment for our district.

**CMS Course List Report**

Mrs. Huster provided a list of Core and Elective courses for the 2017-2018 Academic Year.

### **Principal Reports**

Daly/Clark School Principal, Mrs. Huster reported 57 students in Pre-school, 278 students in K-5th grades and 134 students in 6th-8th grades. 81% of DES students were in attendance 90% of the time, and 79% of CMS students were in attendance 90% of the time. Parent Focus Groups have been created at DES and CMS to gain more parental involvement and feedback from parents and to increase communication. There have been two successful meetings at each level on the topics of bullying and harassment.

Fayette High School Principal, Mr. Jacques reported 172 students enrolled with a monthly attendance average of 95.37%. As of this report 83.79% of students are in attendance 90% of the time. Coach VanDeZande took eleven student athletes to participate in the 9<sup>th</sup> annual South Callaway Power Meet. Fayette's athletes combined to record 35 new personal records during the meet. Fayette finished 8<sup>th</sup> as a team.

### **Curriculum Report**

Mrs. Wiseman is gathering information from other districts and from MOREnet regarding technology implementation. She and a teacher team are working on a proposal and plan for acquisition and use of technology in our district. Plans are to present that information at the April board meeting. Jay Reese, Area Supervisor met recently with our district on our progress in the elementary building towards fulfilling our Focus School Accountability Plan. It is expected that we will meet the requirements to be exited from Focus School Status at the end of this school year. We do not expect to be identified or receive funds for Focus School in the 2017-2018 year.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Kimball shared information on the budget allocation for the buildings and teachers. The ultimate goal is to provide adequate and equitable funding throughout the district. A preliminary FY'18 budget with salary options, will be brought to the board in April.

The food service bid specification package has been approved by DESE and bid packages have been sent out. The Pre-bid conference will be on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. with bids due on April 10, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. The recommendation will come to the board at the April meeting.

Mettie Spiess, Mental Health Speaker will present to our 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Dr. Kimball shared information on Educators Benefit Association (EBA), a new insurance consortium formed as a result of changes in the way MEUHP is being run. Decisions are now made by the board of directors and the executive director, and the voice of the superintendents has slowly gone away. MEUHP is moving to Cigna beginning July 1. Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield has been the insurance coverage for several years. Fayette staff indicated the wish to stay with BCBS and several other districts within MEUHP did also. Tom Kayser and Julie Koirtzmann of Sundvold Capital Management have been managing our claims. BCBS would like to keep as many districts as possible, so to allow the MEUHP districts the option of staying with Blue Cross, Educators Benefit Association (EBA) was developed. Our insurance committee has voted unanimously to remain with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Everything will stay the same, but we will be within a new consortium.

Midwest Computech is performing a technology assessment on our district. This will help us move forward and will show the state of our infrastructure and hardware to determine what

needs to be done to prepare for a 1 to 1 initiative. They are scheduled to present their assessment to Dr. Kimball on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **MSBA Report**

The MSBA board report was viewed online at the meeting. Topics addressed included the 2017 legislative session, tax abatements, advocating for children and the Spring Regional Meetings.

### **New Business- Discussion/Action Items**

Dr. Kimball recommended acceptance of the \$5,000 donation to the Athletic Department from Jay Jacobs and PIMCO for work on the softball field. Mr. Anderson motioned to accept, Mr. Gose seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Kimball recommended acceptance of the \$200 donation to the Drama Club from the Fayette Area Community Theatre to assist with the cost of the Spring Play. Mr. Anderson motioned to accept, Dr. Schmidt seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Kimball recommended approval of Josh Myers' grant application in support of the summer band trip to Chicago. Dr. Schmidt motion to approve, Mrs. Williams seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Kimball recommended May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for the Board Awards and High School Academic Awards. Mr. Gose motioned to approve, Mr. McSwain seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Kimball and the insurance committee recommended continuing insurance coverage with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield which means leaving the MEUHP self-funded consortium and moving to the fully funded EBA (Educators Benefit Association) consortium. Mr. McSwain motioned to approve the move to the Educators Benefit Association consortium, Mrs. Williams seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Kimball recommended approval of the MSBA full policy maintenance agreement renewal. Mr. Gose motioned to approve, Mr. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

In an effort to clean up the storage closet in the band room and eliminate instruments that are no longer usable a list of thirty-two instruments was presented as surplus to be used as a trade in allowance for the purchase of a King 2350 Sousaphone. Dr. Schmidt motioned to approve, Mr. Anderson seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

### **Old Business**

Discussion took place on the MSBA Leadership Summit in June. It was decided to attend. Dr. Kimball shared information on the Board Self-Evaluation. The board decided to have MSBA facilitate the discussion for the Self-Evaluation and to make that an agenda item for the summer retreat. Our April re-organization board meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> conflicts with the MSBA spring regional meeting in Moberly. Discussion took place. It was decided to move the Re-organization meeting to April 17<sup>th</sup> and to attend the regional meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjourn To Closed Session**

Mr. McSwain moved, Dr. Schmidt 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, Dr.

Schmidt yes, Mr. McSwain yes, Mrs. Howell yes, Mrs. Williams yes, and Mr. Gose yes.  
Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:30 p.m.

**Motion To Adjourn Closed Session**

Mr. McSwain motioned, Mrs. Williams 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, Mrs. Howell yes, Mrs. Williams yes, and Mr. Gose yes.  
Motion passed 6-0. Closed session adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Open Session- Book Study Discussion**

*Our Kids, The American Dream in Crisis* book study, Chapter 5, discussion lead by Mrs. Williams.

**Motion To Adjourn**

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

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**President**

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**Secretary**