

Minutes of the Board of Education of the FAYETTE R-III School District
November 20, 2020 6:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
Fayette High School Media Center

Board Members Present: Vandelicht, Hudson, Young, Stroupe, Overfelt, Wies
Member attended by Zoom: Bentley
Present: Superintendent Jill Wiseman and Board Secretary Trish Elliott,
Administrators: Cheri Huster and Patrick Tray

CALL TO ORDER: President Vandelicht called the regular meeting of the Fayette R-III Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m.

SPOTLIGHT: Student Representatives Josh Henderson and Jonathan Ebbesmeyer gave updates on high school sports and student activities.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Stroupe moved, Hudson seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CTA REPORT: None

PRINCIPAL REPORTS: Daly Elementary Principal, Mrs. Huster reported all elementary teachers had submitted their professional development plans through NEE. The majority of the plans focused on increasing technological skills and resources. The Daly Elementary 2020-2021 Building Plan was submitted. Highlights were shared on the P/T Conferences with 95% of parents participating in person, by zoom, or phone conferences. Elementary enrollment is 294 with 39 in Preschool. 90% of DES students attended 90% of the time in October.

Clark Middle School Principal, Mr. Doolin's report included the CMS Building School Improvement Plan. This document is a statement of high expectations and effective practices for Clark Middle School. CMS utilized student led P/T conferences again this year. The participation was down with only 82% participation with parents attending the conferences with their students. Middle School enrollment is 134 and 91.8% of CMS students in attendance 90% of the time this school year.

Fayette High School Principal, Mr. Tray's report highlighted updates to the virtual classroom calendar to coincide with our district calendar and embedded credits offered by MATC programs allowing students to earn $\frac{1}{4}$ credit per semester in both Language Arts and Mathematics. Eight new members were inducted into the National Honor Society. The FFA chapter held their Fall Awards night, recognizing students for their achievements from last school year because the annual banquet had to be rescheduled and then cancelled due to COVID. Seniors participated in mock interviews, with several volunteers from the community helping in the interviewing process. Mr. Tray also submitted the Fayette High School Building Goals.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Wiseman shared that our district has received another donation through the MOBeef for MOKids program. She thanked Steve Diehls, Randy, and Dan Kircher for their donation of the beef. During the recent Professional Development day, Todd Whitaker provided specific strategies for improving overall effectiveness as educators and leaders. A letter of compliance has been received from DESE for the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education tiered monitoring review of federal programs. The Howard County Commissioners have increased our Howard County CARES funding allocation to \$135,600. This funding will help in covering costs incurred by the pandemic for technology and cleaning supplies.

In addition to their written reports, the administrators commended teachers and staff on their work in transitioning to distance learning. 255 devices including chromebooks, laptops and iPads and 45 hot spots have been checked out to students to use through the virtual learning period. In addition, kudos to the kitchen staff and all that helped get the food distribution organized and delivered to students and to Kelly Beeler for her work dealing with this pandemic.

ACTION ITEMS:

Superintendent Wiseman provided mask mandate guidelines that have been approved by the Howard County Public Health Department. Recent guidance from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has changed relating to quarantining close contacts in the school setting. If the school district implements a mask mandate, and appropriate masks are being worn correctly by both the individuals during the time of exposure in the school setting, the individual who came in contact with the person with COVID-19 would not have to quarantine at home. Marsha Broadus, Howard County Public Health Administrator and Dr. Kevin Frazer-Howard County Public Health Medical Director provided guidance and attended the meeting by zoom. Stroupe motioned to implement the Mask Mandate as written in hopes that we can keep school in-seat and to re-evaluate and update the mask mandate as necessary at the January board meeting. Young second the motion. Motion carried.

Superintendent Wiseman recommended approval of the 2020 Final Audit. The accounting firm of Gerding, Korte & Chitwood completed the annual district audit in compliance with applicable state and federal requirements. Young motioned to approve as recommended and Overfelt seconded. Motion carried.

Superintendent Wiseman recommended approval of the filing dates for the April 2021 Board Election. Filing begins December 15, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and will continue through January 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Filing will not occur on days and hours that the central office is closed due to inclement weather, holidays or health-related reasons. Tuesday, January 26, 2021 the certification for the ballot is due to the County Clerk/Election Authority. Overfelt motioned to set the filing dates as recommended, Hudson seconded. Motion carried.

Superintendent Wiseman recommended approval of the 2021 M.U.S.I.C. Insurance Renewal Assessment. The additional umbrella cost was not available at the time of the meeting, that part will be brought to the board when it becomes available. The 2021 renewal fee is \$92,104 before an 8% credit of \$7,368, which brings the net assessment due to \$84,736. This is an

increase of \$792.00 from the 2020 renewal. Stroupe motioned to approve the 2021 M.U.S.I.C. Insurance Renewal as recommended, Hudson seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion took place on the November-December Board Input question from MSBA- Should School Board Elections be moved to November? Superintendent Wiseman will respond to MSBA.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Bentley motioned, Young seconded, to go into closed session according to Section 610.021 (3)&(13) of the Revised Statues of Missouri for the purpose of hiring, firing, discipline, or promoting of personnel for the Fayette R-III School District. Voice vote: Stroupe yes, Young yes, Hudson yes, Vandelicht yes, Bentley yes, Wies yes, and Overfelt yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:55 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Overfelt motioned, Stroupe seconded, to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Voice vote: Stroupe yes, Young yes, Hudson yes, Vandelicht yes, Bentley yes, Wies yes, and Overfelt yes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY