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Dr. Marlon D. King
Superintendent

Regular School Board Meeting
Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.
Board of Education Central Office

Minutes

1. **Call to order**
Bob Doll, Board Chairman called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll call**
Present: Bob Doll, Wendell Wainwright, Tom Fleps, Russ Holcomb, Willie Odeneal, Sally Spencer, Alisa Logan, Amy Webb, and Civil Miller-Watkins
Also present: Dr. Marlon King, Superintendent.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Bob Doll led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Approval of Agenda**
Wendell Wainwright moved to approve the Agenda.
Second: Russ Holcomb
Yes – 9 No - 0
Motion carries.
5. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Regular School Board Meeting January 4, 2018
Wendell Wainwright moved to approve January 4, 2018 minutes as presented.
Second: Willie Odeneal
Yes – 9 No – 0
Motion carries.
6. **Consent Agenda**
None
7. **Public Comment (total time: 15 minutes; maximum: 3 minutes per speaker)**
 - (1) Hattie Williams – commended Dr. King, the Board, parents, and students. Agrees and supports progress coming to Fayette County. Unitarian status is important. There is a bigger picture. Progress, stability, and fiscal that’s necessary. She gave a brief overview on past history of Fayette County.
 - (2) Angela Birdsong – Commended Dr. King on the relationship she has had with him in the past and present. And she is grateful for all that he has done and doing. Therefore, she is for the vision of configuration of schools. He keeps the kids more motivated. He needs the support of the county. She supports him as well as there are others too.





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(3) Vickie Shelton – Stated that she is a product of Fayette County schools as well has children in the school system. The configuration is a good concept, she does have questions, specifically, logistics and transportation. Concern of the children’s bus ride. Do agree we do need some configuration because of age; being on the bus with older kids and the safety of kids. Will there be more sit down meetings and focus groups? Are we doing the best for our children? Is in agreement but is it effective? There is a need for more discussion to come and with a solid plan for the children.

(4) Janet Thorneberry – Didn’t know that the configuration was about segregation, lawsuit, and race. Change and progress is what she has heard. You don’t know what condition people are in on Facebook. Concerned with age group and transportation. We do need a transportation board. The bell curve suggestion presented. We need to have a mix to come off as a good school.

(5) Graham Carey – Does have students attending Southwest Elementary School. Thanked Dr. King for making our schools better. The poll, he does have concern over it. It was not done professionally. Kids should’ve brought the poll home in their backpacks. For progress in schools, need to re-do poll. Lives in Oakland, concerned about kids bussing across county. Very concerned. More is spent in fuel and salary. Concerned about who are we patterning the poll after. Heard after Haywood Schools, after high ranking or low ranking schools.

(6) Teresa Driver – In change we’ve had a lot. Dr. King has a child in Fayette County Schools. She’s for change. That’s what was told Dr. King; when he first got here, now he’s giving us what we want. We should give him a chance to help make our children college ready or ready for life. The Board is doing a good job. Keep it up. Support change. Yes, we have questions. But it’s just a vision. No final decision has been made. Everybody getting worked up, just give it a chance.

8. **Recognition/Reports – students, schools, staff, consultants** (*Note: This item was moved forward after Approval of Agenda to accommodate the recipients and family*)
Dr. Marlon King, Superintendent and the Board recognized the following students for their accomplishments in the ACT 21+ Club, and each were presented a plaque:
Zachariah Anderson for scoring a 30 on the ACT College Entrance Exam and Jordan Blizzard for scoring a 32 on the ACT College Entrance Exam. These plaques will be placed in the office Hall of Fame at Central Consortium Building. Each were allowed to have remarks.





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9. Director of Schools' Report

None

10. Reports of Special Committees

None

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. New Business

a. Budget Amendments

1. Fund 142

Amy Webb moved to approve the above Fund 142 Budget Amendments.

Second: Civil Miller Watkins

Yes – 9 No – 0

Motion Carries.

b. Salary Schedule

1. Substitute Teacher Pay Proposal – Tier I HS/AD \$77, Tier II BS \$90, Tier III Licensed/Retired \$120

Wendell Wainwright moved to approve the above Substitute Teacher Pay Proposal – Tier I HS/AD \$77, Tier II BS \$90, Tier III Licensed/Retired \$120.

Second: Willie Odeneal.

Yes – 9 No – 0

Motion Carries.

2. Athletic/Extra Curricular Supplement Schedule

Civil Miller-Watkins moved to approve the above Athletic/Extra Curricular Supplement Schedule.

Second: Willie Odeneal

Yes – 9 No – 0

Motion Carries.

3. Board Members Per Diem

Willie Odeneal moved to approve the increase in board per diem. Board meetings increased to \$150.00 from \$120.00, workshops increased to \$75.00 from \$60.00, and the executive committee \$50.00 per session.





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Second: Wendell Wainwright

Yes – 8 No – 1

Amy Webb voted “No.”

Motion Carries.

4. National School Board Association Conference

Willie Odeneal moved to approve four board members to attend the National School Board Association Conference in San Antonio, TX in April 2018.

Second: Civil Miller-Watkins

Yes – 9 No – 0

Motion Carries.

5. Tennessee Risk Management Trust

Amy Webb moved to approve a resolution by the board for direct dealing with Tennessee Risk Management Trust.

Second: Wendell Wainwright

Yes – 9 No – 0

Motion Carries.

13. Comments by Board Members

- a. Alisa Logan – First time hearing about configuration was 2 days ago. Do not have enough information. Will not be supportive of configuration until more information is provided. Willing to fight for our children. When approached by constituents do not want to have to say “I don’t know.”
- b. Sally Spencer – Appreciates the sympathy arrangement presented to her, the calls, etc. in the tragic death of her loved one.
TLN Representative – Need a consensus of opinion from the board of their support of the Position Statement. There’s a list of bills that she’s needs to know if they are in favor of or not in favor.
- c. Wendell Wainwright – Not ready to present Black History moment.
- d. Amy Webb – Appreciates the parents being here and recognition of the two students presented plaques. Very proud of their accomplishments. Unless we hear from Dr. King on the configuration we don’t know your thoughts. Been promised by Dr. King we will receive more information from these focus groups.





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- e. Russ Holcomb – Thanks to the parents for expressing opinions. Continue to do that. On a personal level – encourage other parents also.
Statement from Dr. King – In the process of research, you do raw sampling, focus and survey sampling. Collaboration will continue. Will talk with you and sit in focus groups. Do not want the court to make the decision for us. Commitment and covenant.
- f. Tom Fleps – Thanks to the students for the handmade cards and baskets. Re-organization, did not know the reason behind it. Because schools are filling up, wished he had known. Before the research was done, would've like to know.
- g. Bob Doll – This does not require a vote by the board, it's one of the responsibilities of the director of schools. There is no secret. He was looking for questions/answers. See what the public has to say. A five-page detailed analysis covered everything that he sent to board members. In-house analysis to be received tomorrow. Transportation issues will be addressed. Even if we weren't reconfiguring, there would be something else we needed to look at. The biggest negative/questions is transportation. And it will be taken care of.

14. Adjournment

Sally Spencer moved to adjourn.

15. Information Only

- a. Personnel Changes
- b. January 25, 2018 Workshop Minutes





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Approved: March 1, 2018

Bob Doll, Board Chairman

Marlon King, Superintendent

Submitted by: Gennette Malone

