

Tallahsee City Schools

Meeting Minutes

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**Board Meeting
1/20/2015 6:00:00 PM**

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Attendees - voting members

Dr. Steve Burak	President
Mrs. Ruthanne McCaig	Vice President
Mr. Damain Carr	Board Member
Mr. Danny Ingram	Board Member
Mr. Rex Ledbetter	Board Member
Mrs. Sandra Patterson	Board Member
Mr. Chris Price	Board Member

Attendees - other

Dr. Kenneth Varner	Superintendent
Joe Scarborough	Board Attorney

1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum
Dr. Steve Burak declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:58.
2. Pledge of Allegiance, Prayer
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rex Ledbetter. The prayer was led by Damain Carr.
3. Approval of the Agenda
The Superintendent recommended approval of the meeting agenda.

Motion made by: Mr. Damain Carr

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Ruthanne McCaig

Voting

Unanimously Approved

4. Recognitions, Delegations and Public Comments
 - A. AASB - Superintendent's Evaluation
Sarah Hill, via FaceTime, informed Board of the process for the upcoming Superintendent evaluation, including deadlines for completing surveys and the date when the evaluation results would be available. She reported the cost of the evaluation to be \$900, with an additional cost of \$600 and if board wished to use AASB's Goal Setting Services.
 - B. CIPA Compliance
Jim Davis reported on CIPA (Child Internet Protection Act). He informed the Board of the requirements for compliance to the Act and what our district is doing to comply.

C. ACT Aspire Presentation

Tessie Williams shared the results of the ACT Aspire test administered in the Spring of 2014 at Tallassee Elementary and Southside Middle schools.

D. Board Member Recognition Proclamation

January was declared Board Member Appreciation month. Mr. Coker read a proclamation and principals presented members with a small token of appreciation for their service.

E. Tracy Jolly was present and requested to speak. Although he was not listed on the agenda, Dr. Burak allowed his comments. He voiced concern about the safety of our students, student enrollment and why teachers leave our system. Dr. Burak ask Dr. Varner to respond to his concerns in writing.

5. Approval of the Minutes

The Superintendent recommended approval of the November 18, 2014 and December 16, 2014 minutes.

Motion made by: Mr. Chris Price

Motion seconded by: Mr. Rex Ledbetter

Voting

Unanimously Approved

6. Approval of the Financial Report

Superintendent recommended approval of the November, 2014 and December, 2014 Financial Reports.

Motion made by: Mr. Danny Ingram

Motion seconded by: Mr. Rex Ledbetter

Voting

Unanimously Approved

7. Old Business

A. Policy 4.1.3 Adult Sex Offenders

The Superintendent had recommended approval of Board Policy 4.1.3 Adult Sex Offenders at the November 18, 2014 Board meeting.

Subsequently, the Board voted to lay the policy on the table until the January 20, 2015 Board meeting.

A motion by Ruthanne McCaig, seconded by Damain Carr, was unanimously approved to remove the item from the table.

Having been recommended by the Superintendent at the November 18, 2014 Board meeting, and having received a proper motion (Ruthanne McCaig) and second (Danny Ingram) at same Board meeting, and having been offered for further discussion, Chairman Burak called for a vote on the approval of the policy.

Motion made by: Mrs. Ruthanne McCaig

Motion seconded by: Mr. Danny Ingram

Voting

Unanimously Approved

B. Policy 6.1.2.e Required Documentation

The Superintendent had recommended approval of Board Policy 6.1.2.e Required Documentation at the November 18, 2014 Board meeting. Subsequently, the Board voted to lay the policy on the table until the January 20, 2015 Board meeting.

A motion by Danny Ingram, seconded by Sandra Patterson, was unanimously approved to remove the item from the table.

Having been recommended by the Superintendent at the November 18, 2014 Board meeting, and having received a proper motion (Damain Carr) and second (Ruthanne McCaig) at same Board meeting, and having been offered for further discussion, Chairman Burak called for a vote on the approval of the policy.

Motion made by: Mr. Damain Carr

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Ruthanne McCaig

Voting

Dr. Steve Burak - Yes

Mrs. Ruthanne McCaig - Yes

Mr. Damain Carr - Yes

Mr. Danny Ingram - Yes

Mr. Rex Ledbetter - No

Mrs. Sandra Patterson - Yes

Mr. Chris Price - Yes

C. Policy 4.12 Data Governance and Use

Superintendent recommended Policy 4.12 Data Governance and Use be removed from table and approved.

The Superintendent had recommended approval of Board Policy 4.12 Data Governance and Use at the November 18, 2014 Board meeting. Subsequently, the Board voted to lay the policy on the table until the January 20, 2015 Board meeting.

A motion by Damain Carr, seconded by Danny Ingram, was unanimously approved to remove the item from the table.

Having been recommended by the Superintendent at the November 18, 2014 Board meeting, and having received a proper motion (Ruthanne McCaig) and second (Damain Carr) at same Board meeting, and having been offered for further discussion, Chairman Burak called for a vote on the approval of the policy.

Motion made by: Mrs. Ruthanne McCaig

Motion seconded by: Mr. Damain Carr

Voting

Unanimously Approved

8. Personnel Action

The Superintendent recommended approval of the January 20, 2015 Personnel Action Sheets.

Motion made by: Mr. Danny Ingram

Motion seconded by: Mr. Chris Price

Voting

Unanimously Approved

9. Superintendent's Report

A. 2015-2016 School Calendar

Dr. Varner presented a 2015-2016 school calendar for review and informed Board it would be on the agenda for approval at the February meeting.

B. Wellness Guidelines

Dr. Varner presented members with the Wellness Guidelines collaboratively developed for Board Policy 7.12.5.

C. CNP Program Leadership

Dr. Varner reported on the vacancy of our CNP Director position. In the absence of a director he informed Board that Mr. McDaniel is assisting until the position is filled. He also informed Board that the scheduled state audit had been moved from January 20, 2015 to April 20, 2015 due to our situation.

D. Principal Contracts

Dr. Varner informed Board that the Principals contracts were available for their review and would be on the February agenda for approval.

E. Energy Efficiency Upgrades at TES

Dr. Varner informed Board that we received a grant for LED lighting that would be used at Tallassee Elementary School in cafeteria, gym and office area.

10. Board Member Comments

Chris Price commented on how appreciative he was and how appreciative the teachers would be to get the full week off at Thanksgiving as proposed on the 2015-2016 draft calendar.

Danny Ingram congratulated the students who had been selected for the Elmore County Band. He commended Mr. Bird, parents, teachers and anyone else who had made it possible and supported those students. He also commented where he had read that legislatures had passed a bill in New York that would require graduates to be certified in CPR and Heimlich Maneuver procedures. He ask Dr. Varner to contact the hospital and see if they would be willing to offer a program to our graduating seniors to certify them in this area, realizing that it would be voluntary of the students. He expressed how honored he is to have served on the board for his fourth term. He also ask Dr. Varner to submit something to the Tallassee Tribune recognizing past board members for their service since January was declared appreciation month. Mr. Ingram also offered a word of thanks to Ms. Williams.

Sandra Patterson thanked principals for the tokens of appreciation and Mr. Jolly for coming and sharing his concerns. Mr. Ingram and Mr. Carr echoed those same comments.

Ruthanne McCaig thanked the principals as well.

11. Adjournment

Superintendent recommended meeting be adjourned.

Motion made by: Mr. Chris Price

Motion seconded by: Mr. Danny Ingram

Voting

Unanimously Approved

Dr. Steve Burak, Board President

Dr. Kenneth Varner, Superintendent