

CENTRAL FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Our Mission Statement:

CF SPARTANS: Continually Focused on Student Preparation And Readiness To Achieve Next Steps

Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Work Session Minutes

The Board of School Directors of the Central Fulton School District held their work session on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 in the District Board/Conference Room.

Present were: Jason Carbaugh, Julia Dovey, Cory Gress, Greg Strait, Chris Hann, Rick Marshall, and Jason Sharpe

Absent were: Jeff DeShong and Randy Crouse

Also present were: Dr. Christina Ramsey, Raquel Ritter, Veronica Shearer, Terry Bard, Billie Jo Beatty, Alicia Mellott, Holly Varner, Donnie Truax and Ethan Cunningham

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by School Board President Cory Gress.

Board member Julia Dovey gave an update on the Curriculum Class Rank Subcommittee. The committee met three times over the summer and their goal was to gather information and make recommendations to the CFSD School Board in regards to class rank by September 2023.

The first meeting of the subcommittee included discussions of the current class rank system and the currently suspended policy 214. The history of class rank at CFSD was discussed as well as the class rank policies of surrounding school districts.

The second meeting centered around pros and cons of the quality point total system and the grade point average system.

In the third meeting, the committee discussed recommendations to implement in the current system including:

- Educating students and parents on how the system works as ninth graders and eliminating misinformation
- Changing the transcript from “Cumulative GPA Points” to “Quality Point Total”
- Starting with the class of 2026, only classes taught by CFSD faculty would count toward class rank.

The board discussed putting forth a motion to move to a grade point average system in regards to class rank and, to satisfy committee concerns, change the weighting of AP courses from 1.4 to 1.2. This would begin with the class of 2026, as the classes of 2025 and 2024 have already been choosing their classes under the impression that class rank would be decided by the quality point system. Also, starting with the Class of 2026, under the new proposed class ranking system (GPA), to be considered as Valedictorian, one must have a minimum of 28 credits and must have taken a minimum of 6 courses weighted at 1.2 or higher to be considered. With this change, all courses (SVA courses, Free College Courses, Paid College Courses, Career and Technology Courses, etc.) will be calculated in class rank.

The board reviewed the work session agenda.

Dr. Ramsey discussed with the school board the barn quilt that was paid for by the Class of 2020's class fund and donated to the school. The class officers of the Class of 2020 told the school that they would like to spend their remaining money on something school spirit related to hang on the building. The school did not ask for a related sketch, and the painting was a portrait of Brandi Mellott. The board discussed if the painting should be displayed in/on the school, donated to the alumni building or donated to the family. The family did ask for a tree to be planted in memory of the faculty member which is being planted near the FCCTC entrance. The board came to a decision to donate the painting to the family or the alumni building and inform the Class of 2020 of their decision.

The board discussed the different qualifications to be a substitute teacher. If an individual has 60 credits and is in a teaching program, they can submit an application, along with any required clearances, to be approved as a substitute. If an individual has a Bachelor's degree and takes a 2 day course, the IU will provide an emergency certificate allowing them to substitute pending board approval and the receipt of any required clearances.

The board also discussed the playing of the national anthem at sporting events. The standard practice for a regular junior varsity and varsity game is to play the national anthem before the beginning of the varsity game. In situations where a double header is held and different varsity teams are playing, the national anthem is played once before the first game. The board discussed having the national anthem played once before each game, but only in situations where there are two teams playing, i.e. a boy's varsity soccer game following a girl's varsity soccer game with the anthem played before each game.

Dr. Ramsey informed the board that the following items will be placed on the regular board meeting agenda:

- A. A building usage request from Joshua Lowery and Next Level Athletics to use the high school gym for a benefit basketball camp for Kathy Kendall .
- B. A substitute paraprofessional approval for Porter McMath

The work session was adjourned at 8:56pm.

Cory Gress called for an executive session for personnel reasons.

The executive session adjourned at 9:24pm.