

Nelson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
March 20, 2012 05:00 PM
Central Office

Board Members present:

Mr. Frank Hall, Mr. Damon Jackey, Mr. Nicky Rapier, Mr. Larry Pate and Mr. Adam Wheatley.

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 05:00 PM by Chairperson Mr. Damon Jackey. At this time, Mr. Jackey read and affirmed the district's Mission Statement and Vision Statement.

II. Changes to the Agenda:

No changes to the agenda were requested.

III. Student/Employee Performance

Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Cox have presented a presentation that included their 5th grade students: Chase Stevens, Chase Clan, Ethan Roby, Dylan Morris, and Kelly Hall debating the Boston Tea Party. Students were asked questions by the board members about the debate.

IV. Student/Employee Recognition

Ali Conder and Rachel Tichenor have qualified for the national BETA convention with their projects they submitted at the recent state BETA convention. Ali placed second in the state with her t-shirt design. Rachel placed first in the state with her digitally enhanced photography

Phyllis Gentry, the school nurse at NCHS has been selected as the Lucille Ross School Nurse of the Year 2012!

The NCHS Dance team received Grand Championship over all and placed 1st place in Pom and Hip hop at the Bethlehem competition. Individual winners included 1st place: Allie Wood, 2nd Place: Dessie Warner and 3rd place: Erin Newton. Duet team, Haley Boblitt and Alexis Southard won 1st place. Also in a competition in Lexington the ladies as a team placed 2nd in Pom and 1st in Hip Hop. Best overall Choreograph for Hip Hop Routine. Individual winners were 1st place Jazz: Allie Wood, 1st place Props: Erin Newton, 1st Place Acrobatic: Dessie Warner, Best overall choreograph routine: Allie Wood and best freestyle: Haley Boblitt. 2nd place Funky Jazz Duet winners were Haley Boblitt and Alexis Southard.

The NCHS Archery Team finished in 2nd place at the 5th Region this weekend. They advance to the State in April.

The Nelson County High School Performing Arts Department had another successful weekend as they hosted their first Tri-State Circuit Competition, hosting over 38 groups from Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio on Saturday March 10. The NCHS Winter Guard placed second in Scholastic Class A-3 and the NCHS Indoor Percussion Ensemble placed first in Scholastic Class B. On Sunday both groups traveled to Elizabethtown High School and they each claimed the first place trophy. Each group will compete in the Tri-State Championships on Saturday March 24, 2012 at Ryle High School in Union Kentucky.

V. Operations Consent Agenda

Motion Passed: Motion to approve operations consent items as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

V.A. Information: Personnel Actions

Offers of employment were extended to the following: Shelia Bartley, Tech Support, NCHS; Mike Hanson, Boys Asst. Basketball, New Haven; Vivian Fleenor, Endowment Fund, District; Michael Edelen, Asst. Softball coach, NCHS.

The following transfers were made: David Coulter, Custodian from Foster Heights to Bloomfield Middle. Offers of employment were extended to the following classified substitute staff: Justin Lafollette, Sarah Mack, and Shelia Embry.

The following resignation was accepted from: Laura Anderson, Teacher, Cox's Creek; Sherry Draper, Bus Monitor, District; Larry Mattingly, Custodian, Bloomfield Middle.

The following retirements were noted: Sharon Cissell, Custodian, Boston and Randy Foutch, Teacher, Bloomfield Middle.

Suspensions/Reprimands/Terminations: Kim Hettinger

V.B. Treasurer's Report

February 2012 Treasurer Report

V.C. Bills and Claims

February 2012 Warrant Report

V.D. MUNIS Report

February 2012 Munis Report

V.E. Leaves of Absence

The following personnel are presently taking leaves of absence with board approval: Classified Employees; District – Mechanic, District – Bus Driver, District - Nurse

Certified Employees; Foster Heights-Teacher-Intermittent, New Haven-Principal-Intermittent, New Haven-Teacher, Boston-Teacher-Intermittent

The following people are presently taking a maternity leave with board approval: Certified Employee; Foster Heights-Teacher.

V.F. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the meeting of February 21, 2012 were approved as presented.

V.G. Overnight/Out-of-State Trips

The following overnight and/or out of state trips were approved: Mitzi Avritt, Bloomfield MS, to take 16 students, grades 6th-8th overnight and out of state, to the National Junior Beta Convention in Greensboro, NC on June 22-26, 2012. Daniel Martin, Bloomfield MS, to take 51 students, in grade 6, out of state, to the Derby Dinner Playhouse in Clarksville, IN on March 22, 2012 to see Smokey Joe's Café-Musical Revue. Yvette Martin, Foster Heights Elementary, to take 132 students, 4th grade, out of state, to the Derby Dinner Playhouse in Clarksville, IN on March 22, 2012 to see Smokey Joe's Café-Musical Revue. David Coffing, NCHS, to take one student, 11th grade, overnight, to the KySTE Conference, at the Galt House in Louisville, KY on March 6th-9th, 2012.

V.H. Policy and Procedure Updates

(2nd Reading) Policy 02.4231 School Council Relationships – Deletes requirement for a Communication Council, which is not a legal requirement.

V.I. Amend 2012 Board of Education Calendar

A revision of the 2012 Board of Education Calendar was required due to the April 5, 2012 board work session at New Haven School meeting falling during spring break. It was recommended that it be changed to March 29, 2012 at New Haven School. Also, it was recommended that the November 1, 2012 board work session be moved from Boston School to Old KY Home Middle School due to OKHMS not being on the 2012 schedule.

Thursday, March 29, 2012	Working	11:00am	NH **
Tuesday, April 17, 2012	Decision	5:00pm	CO
Thursday, May 3, 2012	Working	11:00am	FH
Tuesday, May 15, 2012	Decision	5:00pm	CO
Thursday, June 7, 2012	Working	11:00am	CO
Tuesday, June 19, 20	Decision	5:00pm	CO
Thursday, July 5, 2012	Working	11:00am	CO
Tuesday, July 17, 2012	Decision	5:00pm	CO
Thursday, August 2, 2012	Working	11:00am	CO
Tuesday, August 21, 2012	Decision	5:00pm	CO
Thursday, September 6, 2012	Working	11:00am	TNHS
Tuesday, September 18, 2012	Decision	5:00pm	CO
Thursday, October 4, 2012	Working	11:00am	CCES
Tuesday, October 16, 2012	Decision	5:00pm	CO
Thursday, November 1, 2012	Working	11:00am	OKHMS**
Tuesday, November 20, 2012	Decision	5:00pm	CO
Thursday, December 6, 2012	Working	11:00am	NCHS
Tuesday, December 18, 2012	Decision	5:00pm	CO

VI. Student Support Services

VI.A. Construction Update

Representatives from Studio Kremer and BCD, Inc. provided updates regarding the current status of renovations and additions at New Haven and the progress for Thomas Nelson High School. Mr. Salsman stated that the indoor cleanup from the roof work at New Haven school would be completed during spring break. Also that the site contractor was coming back to repair the damage to the road in front of the school. The complete inspection would occur on March 29, 2012. Johnny Ball spoke about the before, during and after pictures of the roof at New Haven. Mr. Salsman said the construction trailer at Thomas Nelson High School has been removed from the grounds. He explained that the contractors were trying to lay the track down if the weather holds out. He noted that next week was going to be the Phase 2 walkthrough for Thomas Nelson High School.

VI.B. Change Orders

VI.B.1. Change Order #21 for Thomas Nelson High School Phase 2

After seeing the completed geothermal system it was determined that isolation valves needed to be added. This will allow the system to be shut down in different areas without shutting down the entire system. Knights Mechanical will provide labor and materials for a cost of \$2390.00.

Motion Passed: Action to approve change order # 21 Thomas Nelson High School Phase 2 was passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Mr. Nicki Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.B.2. Change Order # 60 for Thomas Nelson High School

There will be solid surface window sills installed at the baseball, softball, and soccer press boxes. This will provide a finished durable surface for the coiling doors to close to. BCD Inc. will provide labor and materials for a cost of \$1906.01.

Motion Passed: Action to approve change order # 60 for Thomas Nelson High School was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.B.3. Change Order # 64 for Thomas Nelson High School

It was decided by administration that they did not want lockers as designed in the football field house. This results in a credit of \$550.00 from Toadvine Enterprises.

Motion Passed: Action to approve change order #64 for Thomas Nelson High School was passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.B.4. Change Order # 66 for Thomas Nelson High School

The dumpster enclosure had to be revised to coordinate with phase 2 construction. This results in a savings of \$501.68 from BCD Inc.

Motion Passed: Action to approve change order # 66 for Thomas Nelson High School was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.C. Final Payments

VI.C.1. Construction Final Payout, BP #13-Toadvine Enterprises (Athletic), Foster Heights Phase 2

The following vendor has completed all contractual obligations for the bid packages listed and have applied for final payment. All work has been inspected by architects, construction manager, and owners and found acceptable. Final payment is \$ 3,116.60

Motion Passed: Action to approve the final payment for the vendors listed was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Adam Wheatley. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.C.2 Construction Final Payout, BP #12-Hawkins Development (Synthetic Infill-turf), Nelson County Athletics

The following vendor has completed all contractual obligations for the bid packages listed and have applied for final payment. All work has been inspected by architects, construction manager, and owners and found acceptable. Final payment is \$20,837.60

Motion Passed: Action to approve the final payment for the vendors listed was passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.C.3. Construction Final Payout, BP #4-Atlas Companies (Doors/Frames/Hardware), Nelson County Early Learning Center

The following vendor has completed all contractual obligations for the bid packages listed and have applied for final payment. All work has been inspected by architects, construction manager, and owners and found acceptable. Final payment is \$20,067.00

Motion Passed: Action to approve the final payment for the vendors listed was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.C.4. Construction Final Payout, BP #1-BCD, Inc. (General Trades), Nelson County Early Learning Center

The following vendor has completed all contractual obligations for the bid packages listed and have applied for final payment. All work has been inspected by architects, construction manager, and owners and found acceptable. Final payment is \$7,500.00.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the final payment for the vendors listed was passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.C.5 Construction Final Payout, BP #5-Green River Glass (Glass/Glazing), Nelson County Early Learning Center

The following vendor has completed all contractual obligations for the bid packages listed and have applied for final payment. All work has been inspected by architects, construction manager, and owners and found acceptable. Final payment is \$3,430.85.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the final payment for the vendors listed was passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Pate and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.D. Price Increase for School Meals

This agenda item was tabled until April's board meeting due to questions that Mr. Frank Hall had. The information that he requested was not available for this board meeting.

Motion Passed: Action to table this agenda item was passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.E. Amended 2012-2013 School Calendar

This is the revised calendar for 2012-2013 that was presented. This calendar moves the 4 day weekend in February 2013 from February 8 and 11 to February 15 and 18. This change allows the 4 day weekend to fall on Presidents Day weekend.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the revised 2012-2013 school year calendar was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Student Instructional Services

VII.A. Overview of the Nelson County Schools' English/Language Arts and Math Content Network Sessions

Mr. Mark Thomas spoke about the District's Improvement Plan (DIP): Goal 2 – Rigor, our district has been providing ongoing sessions focusing on the areas of English / Language Arts and Mathematics. The sessions have been designed to provide opportunities for the teachers to work collaboratively to develop their knowledge in order to create Literacy Design Collaboration (LDC) modules related to the English / Language Arts Common Core standards and Formative Assessment Lessons (FAL) related to the Mathematics Common Core standards. The collaborative work has provided our Kindergarten – 12th Grade teachers' opportunities to work with each other. A presentation was presented that portrayed an overview of the monthly work completed at the Content Network Meetings to the Board Members by the following instructional coaches; Mrs. Dana Heines, Mrs. Dana Cull, Ms. Marci Haydon and OKHMS principal, Dr. Jennifer Miller.

VII.B. Nelson County Schools' Scope of Work for "Race to the Top Round 3 Funds"

Mr. Mark Thomas explained that Kentucky was awarded Race to the Top 3rd (RTTT3) Round funds. The Kentucky Department of Education has allocated \$28,503 to the Nelson County School District. The intent of this money is to use it to support the implementation of the Continuous Instructional Improvement Technology System (CIITS) project. In order to receive the funds the district must develop a Scope of Work. The Scope of Work must include a set of assurances that the district agrees to and an action plan for how the district will achieve a set of performance measures regarding the implementation of CIITS. Mr. Orr described it as a "one-stop shop for teachers to get curriculum resources". He reiterated that this helps us to follow our

philosophy of “Work Smarter not Harder”. Mr. Orr stated that the State and our District staff are also on a learning curve.

The Board was provided with a presentation of the district’s RTTT3 Scope of Work for their approval by Mr. Mark Thomas.

Motion Passed: Approval of the Nelson County Schools action plan for the RTTT3 Scope of Work funds was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Guest Comments

Susan Santa-Cruz, Boston, KY, spoke in support of the related arts and physical education at Cox’s Creek Elementary School. She asked how educators can keep up quality education without teachers or money. She claimed that related arts and physical education maybe the only thing that might provide “Hope” to some children. Mr. Orr stated that “the board makes staffing allocations based on the number of students per grade level in a school and must do so equitably for all schools in the district. The site based councils must make the decisions about how those positions are used within the school”.

Kindra Hite, Bardstown, KY, spoke about the loss of the related arts and physical education teachers at Cox’s Creek Elementary School. She asked why we couldn’t use construction money to pay for staffing. Mr. Jackey explained that construction money can only be used for district construction. Mr. Hall stated that New Haven School had lost their arts program two years ago. Ms. Hite’s requested a parent forum at Cox’s Creek Elementary School so that Mr. Orr could answer further questions. Mr. Orr agreed to have it set up.

Earl Kirkpatrick, Bardstown, KY, was here to represent Mary Spalding, retired art teacher. He quoted Steve Jobs, by saying “Art does play an important role into science”.

Brian Clements, Bardstown, KY, has two children at Cox’s Creek Elementary School and stated that it was unacceptable to cut arts and physical education teachers. He said that not just anybody can teach a specific skill.

Phil Bennett, a KEA representative, encouraged the district to look elsewhere for money instead of cutting busing and custodial positions.

Angela Ford, Fairfield, KY, read a letter written by Mary Spalding. Ms. Ford also presented the board with a petition stating other ways to find the money needed.

Amy Risner, Bardstown, KY asked the board why all the related arts and physical education programs are not being cut across the district. She stated that we are regressing in education.

Paul Monin, Bardstown, KY spoke about the moral being low among the bus drivers.

June Berry, Bardstown, KY stated that she is concerned about transportation cuts.

Mr. Jackey reiterated that no decision has been made yet and that the board appreciates the passion from staff. Mr. Hall commended staff for the good work throughout the district.

IX. Adjourn Regular Session

Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn the Regular Session of the Nelson County Board of Education was passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Convene Executive Session

XI. Adjourn Executive Session

XII. Reconvene Regular Session.

XIII. Adjourn Regular Session

Chairperson

Superintendent