

Nelson County Work Session
January 10, 2013 11:00AM
Bloomfield Elementary

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Damon Jackey at 11:01am. Present were Damon Jackey, Larry Pate, Frank Hall, Diane Berry, and Nicky Rapier who was in attendance until 1:10pm.

II. Oath of Office: Reelected/New Board Members

Board members Larry Pate, Damon Jackey and Diane Berry were sworn in by board secretary, Mrs. Ruby Osbun.

III. Changes to the Agenda

There were not any changes to the agenda.

IV. Student Support Services

IV.A. Construction Update

Steven Ward, Studio Kremer, updated the board members on the status of the softball/baseball fields at TNHS. He said that his office was waiting on the bid figures, which should be available by 1/22/13. The project should be completed around mid February 2013.

IV.B. Final Payouts

Atlas Companies-BP#36, Casework-\$4,170.61

TNHS is going to be one of the most economical buildings in Kentucky. Mr. Rapier commented that the Nelson County District built a 145,000 square foot building for an estimated \$ 30 million dollars. It was shared that Mr. Bradley, principal at TNHS had been quoted in the NY Times in regards to the type of furniture that had be selected for TNHS. The board members requested that a facilities update be presented at the next board work session.

IV.C. OKHMS Energy Audit Update

Todd Sanders, Mike Salsman, and Kevin Mattingly discussed the energy efficiencies at OKHMS. Salt River Electric conducted an energy audit of the facility. Energy efficiencies can be gained by replacing insulation behind the soffit overhangs around the building exterior. New insulation will be blown in from the exterior. Efficiencies can also be attained by upgrading the lights in the gymnasium.

IV.D. Staffing Formula/Draft Budget

Staffing-Tim Hockensmith explained that the district is encouraging booster clubs to move their funds into the school activity accounts managed by the school bookkeeper. New school accounting procedures will require booster volunteers to be bonded and insured to manage their own financial records. Transferring that responsibility to school staff will be more economical for the boosters and more manageable for school and district staff. However, the management of these additional accounts should be supported by a half-time bookkeeping position at each of the two high schools. With the opening of school next year, Thomas Nelson High School will have all four grades, requiring the addition of one assistant principal position. No other changes to the district staffing formula will be recommended.

2013-2014 Draft Budget-Mr. Hockensmith estimates that SEEK money for next year will decrease by \$400,000. The district's KTRS payment will increase approximately \$85,000 for teachers. The average step

for certified staff is 1.45% (\$300,000). He also explained that CERS rates will drop about \$28,000. He stated that we really need to wait until federal funding issues are resolved to finalize our district budget projections. There is a possibility that the district will have to dip into contingency funds by the end of the school year or next fall. Mr. Hockensmith explained that he is in the process of locating a bank that will offer the district interest on accounts. He will present an update at the May board work session.

IV.E. 2013-2014 School Calendar

Ms. Sara Wilson explained the two draft choices for the 2013-2014 school calendar and preschool calendar.

Ms. Wilson was asked to see if there will be a primary election in May 2014, which might affect the calendar.

V. Student Instructional Services

V.A. District Improvement Plan

V.A.1. Executive Summary

There was no discussion in regards to the Executive Summary of the district improvement plan.

V.A.2. Goals and Action Steps

Ms. Koontz shared that two schools in the district were designated focus schools through the K-PREP assessment.

V.B. Focus School Plan Overview

Jim Beavers, principal at Bloomfield Middle School described strategies for improvements. He stated that BMS has seen improvement in the second round of MAP testing.

Mr. Rapier stated that he feels that we need to emphasize that teachers need to keep grades updated in Infinite Campus for the sake of parents and students.

Eric Gilpin, principal at NCHS presented a slideshow explaining strategies for improvements at NCHS. He explained that the PLAN scores have increased. The 9th-11th grades are taking periodic practice ACT tests to give them familiarity. Mr. Gilpin stated that there will be a CKEC review of the math department and a review of teaching techniques. Mr. Gilpin and his staff are in the process of creating a College Application Week to encourage seniors to apply.

V.C. WHAS Crusade Grant

Cheryl Pile, Director of Special Education presented the WHAS Crusade Grant which will be used for installing a play ground base, equipment, and a sensory integration room at the Nelson County Early Learning Center. She explained that there will not be any matching money with this grant.

VI. Guest Comments

There were no guest comments.

VII. Adjourn Regular Session

Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn the Regular Session was passed by Larry Pate and seconded by Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Convene Executive Session

Motion Passed: Motion to convene the Executive Session per KRS 61.810 (1) (f), in regards to the superintendent’s formative evaluation was passed by Frank Hall and seconded by Diane Berry. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Adjourn Executive Session

Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn the Executive Session of the Nelson County Board of Education was passed with a motion by Frank Hall and a second by Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously. At this time it was noted that no action had been taken during the Executive Session.

X. Reconvene Regular Session

Motion Passed: Motion to reconvene the Regular Session of the Nelson County Board of Education was passed with a motion by Larry Pate and a second by Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Adjourn Regular Session

Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn the Regular Session of the Nelson County Board of Education was passed with a motion by Diane Berry and a second by Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson

Date

Superintendent

Date