

**Nelson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
January 18, 2011 05:00PM
Central Office**

Board members present: Mr. Frank Hall, Mr. Damon Jackey, Mr. Larry Pate, Mr. Nicky Rapier, Mr. Adam Wheatley

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairperson Mr. Nicky Rapier. At this time, Mr. Rapier read and affirmed the district's Mission Statement and Vision Statement.

II. Changes to the Agenda: No changes to the agenda were requested.

III. Organization of the Board

III.A. Election of Chairperson

Motion Passed: Motion to nominate and elect Mr. Adam Wheatley to the position of Chairperson of the Nelson County Board of Education for calendar year 2011 was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Adam Wheatley took over the gavel and conducted the remainder of the meeting.

III.B. Election of Vice-Chairperson

Motion Passed: Motion to nominate and elect Mr. Damon Jackey to the position of vice-chairperson of the Nelson County Board of Education for calendar year 2011 was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Student/Employee Performance: The Nelson County Area Vocational and Technical School presented information about competitions they had participated in during the previous semester. Students Cody Hilderbrandt and Chandler Young, under the direction of Principal John Sanders, provided information regarding several designs and activities they had participated in, including a vehicle designed to collect sand from lunar surfaces.

V. Student/Employee Recognition

Bloomfield Middle: 8th Grade students were treated to a visit from George Rogers Clark on Nov. 23. The Revolutionary War hero entertained the students with his stories and memories of Louisville and battles of the war. Clark was featured as part of a Nelson County Endowment Fund Grant written by Mr. Payton and Mrs. Wheeler.

Twenty one students from BMS attended the Eastern Kentucky University Middle School Honors Band During Spring Break, 32 students from Bloomfield Middle School are traveling to Washington DC under the direction of Ms. Jennifer Logsdon. Among the 32 students, are four students selected to become part of the ceremonial laying of the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Rebecca Wofford, Mariah Cobble, Courtney Lampkin, and Evelyn Tichner were selected for this prestigious honor. The ribbons on the wreath will name Bloomfield Middle School and will be decorated in our school colors.

Bloomfield Middle School raised nearly \$700 for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in a school-wide "Penny War." Each homeroom donated pennies, and Mrs. Logsdon's homeroom won the competition. 145 students attended Blazer Learning Center during Quarter 2, with average daily attendance 50 students.

NCHS: The following students were nominated as 2011 Governor's Scholar candidates: Jacob A. Ballard, Mary A. Brown, Trevor Burba, Tamara Bursac, Hayley M. Foster, Victoria N. Gambrell, Alexandra R. Mudd, Lauren A. Osbourne, Chelsea L. Perkins, Katherine J. Smith

Foster Heights: Foster Heights Students completed the "Houses for Haiti" fundraiser under the direction of teacher Micki Yonts. \$1,557.00 was split three ways, being donated to the American Red Cross, Doctors without Borders and Habitat for Humanity International to support the Haiti Relief effort.

Boston: Boston received a TIP grant for two artists in residency for February. K-3 students will be making scarves, 4th grade making Appalachian quilts, and 5th grade will be making ceremonial masks. Then students will be learning ceremonial dances for a culminating presentation.

Students raised a little over \$1000 for the Nelson County Humane Society during a "Pennies for Max" drive. Dr. Ballard's homeroom class brought in the most money and received a short assembly from the Humane Society in which they got to make a dog toy to send back to the Humane Society for the animals. Mr. Orr, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Hash, Mr. Thompson, and Ms. Lewis celebrated a reading day on Dec. 10th at Boston School in which they read a story to different elementary classrooms.

Senator Higdon and Representative Floyd visited Ms. Maldini's 5th grade classroom on Dec. 8th, 2010

Patrick Skees was the school winner of the AARP grandparent essay contest

Students of the Month: Primary student-Gavin Vittitow; Intermediate student-Kathleen Pfeiffer; Middle School student- Martin Ehman; Staff Member of the month- Belinda Hartsell; Boston Believe Bee winner- Isabel Felker

Tammy Newcome, Boston School principal was selected to be a rater in a research study with the National Science and Mathematics Foundation to correlate effective teaching to student achievement. This project is receiving funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and will directly affect the UTeach program that is stationed at 6 Universities across the United States that focuses on teacher preparation programs in mathematics and science.

Horizons Academy: The arts and humanities class at Horizons received certificates from the Kentucky dept of transportation for participating in the Adopt a Highway poster contest.

OKHMS: After the mid-year STARS reading test, 66 students were reading at the 12th grade and higher reading level: sixth graders, 7; seventh graders, 22; eighth graders, 37;

Proclamation Honoring the members of the Nelson County Board of Education during the 2011 observance of School Board Member Recognition Month

TO all whom these presents shall come:

WHEREAS one of the many qualities that instills pride in and respect for this community is the reputation of our local public school system; and

WHEREAS Mr. Frank Hall, Mr. Damon Jackey, Mr. Larry Pate, Mr. Nicky Rapier and Mr. Adam Wheatley contribute greatly to the reputation of our school district by virtue of their service on the Nelson County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS these decision makers are responsible for maintaining strong, effective budgetary oversight, high standards for employment and a safe, well-managed set of school facilities; and

WHEREAS our school board members have demonstrated an unwavering commitment that the children of this community will receive an education that will benefit them for the rest of their lives, and set them on paths to being solid citizens of this or any other community; and

WHEREAS January 2011 marks Kentucky's observation of the contributions by these outstanding leaders and their colleagues across this great Commonwealth;

THEREFORE, I, Anthony Orr, Superintendent, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2011 throughout this community as School Board Member Recognition Month and urge all citizens to honor Mr. Frank Hall, Mr. Damon Jackey, Mr. Larry Pate, Mr. Nicky Rapier and Mr. Adam Wheatley for their service.

VI. Operations Consent Agenda

Motion Passed: Motion to approve consent items as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.A. Information: Personnel Actions

Offers of employment were extended to the following: Ballard, Patricia J., Instr Asst I, Foster Heights; Elizabeth Elms, Teacher, New Haven; Shannon R. Hardin, Instr Asst I, Bloomfield Elem; Jamie Meece, Student Services, NCHS; Bob Morris, Volleyball Coach, Boston; C. Noel Perkins Teacher, Cox's Creek; John Reiter, Athletic Director, Cox's Creek;

An offer of employment were extended to the following Classified Sub: Brenda Peake

Offers of employment were extended to the following Certified Substitute Teachers: Heather McChesney; Larry Schreiner; April Harrison; Christopher Coulter; Cliff Hicks; Constance Graham;

Offers of employment were extended to the following Student Workers: Samuel Crepps;

Resignations were received from the following: Cherie Herald, Teacher, Foster Heights; Donna Morris, FRYSC Inst Asst., Bloomfield; Jeanie St. Clair, Bus Monitor, Bus Garage;

The following retirement was noted: Lisa Allen, Guidance Counselor, NCHS;

VI.B. Information: Activity Accounts

Up to date balances were provided for all school activity accounts as of end of year.

VI.C. Treasurer's Report

VI.D. Bills and Claims

VI.E. MUNIS Report

VI.F. Leaves of Absence

The following personnel are presently taking leaves of absence with board approval:

Medical Leave:

Classified Employee, Bloomfield Elem/Bloomfield Middle

Classified Employee, Bus Garage

VI.G. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the meeting of December 21, 2010 were approved as presented.

VI.H. Overnight/Out-of-State Trips

The following overnight and/or out of state trips were approved:

Dianna Williams, Anne Zabenco, Virginia White, NCHS, to take 150 students, grades 10 - 12 to the Frist and Cheekwood Museums, Parthenon, Music Hall of Fame and dinner theater, March 18, 2011, in Nashville, Tenn.

Mitzi Avritt, Shelly Tucker, OKHMS, to take 9 students, grades 6 - 8, to the Ky. Jr. Beta Club Convention, Feb. 24 and 25, 2011, in Louisville, Ky.

VI.I. Procedure Updates

A new procedure (03.113 AP.21) was developed through collaboration with KSBA to be used by employees needing accommodations as required by ADA.

VII. Student Support Services

VII.A. Management Audit Results

Dr. Jack Herlihy, professor at Eastern Kentucky University, presented an overview of findings from the management audit conducted in November and December, 2010. Among his findings:

Some confusion exists in the district with regard to organizational structure, and reporting lines need to be restructured. As a result, job descriptions will need to be updated.

The district needs to emphasize a focus on instruction and student success, and people need to constantly focus on students as the reason everyone is here.

The climate in the district is good, but culture needs to take more of a focus on instruction and on making all students successful.

Technology needs to be more focused on instruction, integrated fully into classrooms, and student access to technology must be insured.

The district needs more integration of both special needs and gifted/talented technology.

At strategic plan that spans the next 3-5 years needs to be developed and should cover everything from preschool to dual-credit courses in high school. This should include a comprehensive plan for athletics in the district.

The Central Office needs to provide more support of special programs.

Some work groups feel isolated and effort must be taken to incorporate all groups into district plans and activities.

Superintendent Orr indicated that some of these recommendations are already in process of being implemented, including a February meeting to start developing a comprehensive district technology plan, and dates in June set aside to start developing a strategic plan for the district as a whole.

Dr. Herlihy indicated that the audit results had not yet been finalized, but when completed would be sent to the Superintendent for review by the school board members.

VII.B. Construction Update

Representatives from Studio Kremer and BCD, Inc. provided updates regarding the current status of renovations and additions at Foster Heights Elementary as well as progress for Thomas Nelson High School, NCHS Athletic Renovations, and construction of the new preschool.

VII.C. Change Orders

VII.C.1. Change Order #2: NCHS Athletic Renovations

The track at NCHS was changed from a half inch red surface to a three-eighths inch black surface. An ultimate deduct of \$19,000 will be realized. However, with the change of specifications some individual materials costs will increase. Re-Tek Products will supply black rubber for an additional cost of \$1700.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #2, Nelson County High School Athletic Renovations, was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.C.2. Change Order #1: TNHS

The track at TNHS was changed from a half inch red surface to a three-eighths inch black surface. With change in specifications a labor and materials deduction of \$31,355.00 from Tennis Technologies, inc. will be realized.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #1, Thomas Nelson High School, was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.C.3. Change Order #17: TNHS

A test well drilled was found to be unacceptable. Knight s Mechanical drilled a well at an acceptable depth for a cost of \$3,830.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #17, Thomas Nelson High School, was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.C.4. Change Order #31: TNHS

In various locations bar joists were added or reduced as determined by the structural engineer. A credit of \$1071 from Badget Contractors was realized for labor.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #31, Thomas Nelson High School, was passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.C.5. Change Order #32: TNHS

With a reduction in bar joists, as determined by the project engineer, a materials credit of \$1,299.00 from Vulcraft was realized.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #32, Thomas Nelson High School, was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.C.6. Change Order #33: TNHS

The field house foundation must rest on either all rock or all soil. 75% of the area involved was rock which required the remaining 25% to be cleaned and lean filled with concrete. MJ Construction will provide all labor and materials for a cost of \$3,920.40.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #33, Thomas Nelson High School, was passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Pate and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.C.7. Change Order #35: TNHS

An exterior wall in Phase I becomes an interior wall in Phase II. With wall status change a credit for metal siding from Kalkeuth Roofing for \$664.32 was realized.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #35, Thomas Nelson High School, was passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.C.8. Change Order #36: TNHS

Fox Painting will provide all labor and materials required to finish a wall that was changed from an exterior to interior for a cost of \$714.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #36, Thomas Nelson High School, was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.C.9. Change Order #38: TNHS

Change Order is for two separate issues. The first is for rock excavation. All rock is moved at a unit price. Total for rock excavation to Knight s Mechanical was \$2600. The second issue is also to Knight s Mechanical for pipe installation. Installation had to be completed now in order to avoid wall demolition later. Additional cost is \$6,561.04. This is a cost shifting from Phase II to Phase I.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #38, Thomas Nelson High School, was passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Pate and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.D. Staffing Formula

The staffing formula for fiscal 2011-2012 is unchanged for site based positions. Added was language regarding special education positions.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the staffing formula as presented for fiscal 2011 - 2012 was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.E. Draft Budget

Recommendation: that the Nelson County Board of Education approve one of the attached Draft budgets for 2011-2012. Option A assumes a compensating tax rate. Option B assumes a 4% tax rate. A motion was made by Mr. Nicky Rapier to adopt a compromise budget with a 2% tax rate increase, but failed to find a second

Motion Passed: A motion was made by Mr. Nicky Rapier to adopt a compromise budget with a 2% tax rate increase, but failed to find a second. Following further discussion, an action to approve the draft budget version A, the compensating rate, as presented for fiscal 2011 - 2012 was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion then carried unanimously.

VII.F. Student Nutrition Report

Information was presented by Food Services manager Charlotte Lewis regarding the annual assessment and evaluation of the district's nutrition program.

VII.G. School Calendar

The recommendation for make-up days missed due to snow is as follows:

Date Missed	Make-Up Day
December 7, 2010	February 18, 2011
December 13, 2010	February 21, 2011
December 16, 2010	March 23, 2011
December 17, 2010	March 24, 2011
January 11, 2011	March 25, 2011
January 12, 2011	May 6, 2011

Motion Passed: Action to approve the changes to the school calendar for school year 2010-2011 due to snow makeup days was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Student Instructional Services

VIII.A. Program Review Process Overview

An overview of the Program Review Process (Writing Program, Arts & Humanities Program, and Practical Living / Vocational Studies Program) was presented by Dr. Jan Lanham, Cox’s Creek Elementary principal. The Nelson County Schools, in compliance with the requirements of Senate Bill 1, have begun the process of completing Program Reviews in the areas of: Writing, Arts & Humanities, and Practical Living / Vocational Studies. The schools are not required to complete the mandated program reviews until 2011-2012. However, they have chosen to begin the process a year ahead of the required time frame. The Board was provided with a presentation of the process for completing Program Reviews.

VIII.B. ARC Chairpersons

A revised list of approved Nelson County District Representatives for 2010 – 2011 was presented, due to the resignation of Lisa Allen, NCHS guidance counselor.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the update to the list of ARC Chairpersons was passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

Cox’s Creek

Jan Lanham, Principal
Susan Santa Cruz, Guidance Counselor

Boston

Tammy Newcome, Interim Principal
Pam Johnson, Guidance Counselor

Foster Heights

Donna Paulin, Principal
Lori Indalecio, Assistant Principal
Brooks Thomas, Guidance Counselor

Bloomfield Elementary

Tim Beck, Principal
Mikki Brady, Guidance Counselor

Nelson County High School

Curt Haun, Principal
Penny Bradley, Assistant Principal

Old Ky. Home Middle

Ryan Clark, Principal
Paige Woods, Assistant Principal

Keith Graham, Assistant Principal
Steven Webb, Assistant Principal
Jamie Meece, Guidance Counselor

Michael Reinkle, Guidance Counselor

Bloomfield Middle

Glenn Spalding, Principal
Rodney Morgenson, Assistant Principal
Julia Thomas, Guidance Counselor

New Haven

Jason Detre, Principal
Cindy Hanson, Guidance Counselor

Horizons Academy

Scottie Collier, Principal

All Preschools/Head Start/Private Schools

*Angie Chandler, School Psychologist
Education
Cheryl Pile, District Itinerant Sp Ed. Teacher

All Schools

Beverly Henderson, Director of Special
Education
Cheryl Pile, District Itinerant Sp Ed.
Teacher

VIII.C. Interim Grants Report

An update on the status of grants received and grants pending was provided by Tom Dekle, District Grantwriter:

FY 11 - Grants Activity since May, 2010

Applications:	10 / \$1,617,917
Pending:	5 / \$1,425,000
Funded:	5 / \$192,917
Continued Funding:	2 - \$273,000 *

* current year receipts for multi-year, previously reported grants

FY 09-10 - Grants Activity

Applications:	16 / \$2,378,782
Funded:	8 / \$30,180

All Grants Activity since 10/2007

Applications:	60 / \$6,150,153
Funded:	29 / \$1,372,499
Pending:	5 / \$1,425,000

VIII.D. Grants

VIII.D.1. WHAS Crusade Grant

The Nelson County and Bardstown Independent School Districts are jointly applying for a \$100,000 grant from WHAS Crusade for Children for the following:

Assistive/Augmentative Devices/Equipment/Student Advocacy Training Classes

Consultants to work with teachers that have students with behavior concerns.

Parent Resource Center for parents of children with disabilities (Plans would include hiring a parent to be available a few hours a week for parents to come in and checkout materials, look up things on the computer, and socialize with other parents that have students with disabilities.)

Motion Passed: Action to approve the WHAS Crusade for Children grant request was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Guest Comments

Mr. Tom Carpenter, Louisville, presented comments regarding the elimination of an elm tree at the site of the new construction for Foster Heights. Mr. Carpenter indicated that he felt the tree, approximately 150 years old, should have been saved, despite the danger it represented due to proximity to the school buildings and students.

Mr. Don Gooden, Nelsonville, presented comments regarding the lack of an American flag in the board room, and indicated he felt each meeting should start with the Pledge of Allegiance.

X. 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. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously. At this time, it was noted that there was no need for an Executive Session of the Nelson County Board of Education.

Chairperson

Superintendent