

**Nelson County Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
February 15, 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. Adam Wheatley. At this time, Mr. Wheatley led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance and 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: Cox's Creek**

Principal Jan Lanham introduced students in kindergarten through second grade who led the board members in some exercises from their "Take 10" program, which incorporates 30 minutes of vigorous physical activity with spelling and math studies. Three students also demonstrated science projects involving the study of electricity.

**IV. Student/Employee Recognition**

Superintendent Orr read the following proclamation by Governor Steve Beshear proclaiming February 20 - 26 as Gifted Education week in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in recognition of the need for increased public awareness regarding the unique needs of talented and gifted children. Students in the Gifted and Talented program at Cox's Creek School were recognized following reading of the proclamation.

Proclamation by Steven L. Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Nelson County Board of Education:

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Kentucky Association for Gifted Education recognize the need for increased public awareness regarding the unique educational, social, and emotional needs of talented and gifted students; and

WHEREAS, Exceptional abilities are present in children and youth of all cultural origins, across all economic backgrounds, and in all areas of human endeavor; and

WHEREAS, We must challenge our high-ability students to accomplish greater goals if our nation is to achieve a world-class educational system; and

WHEREAS, The economic future of Kentucky depends on developing our brightest students; and

WHEREAS, Top-performing students provide the nation with leadership in mathematics, science, writing, politics, dance, art, business, history, health, and other human pursuits; and

WHEREAS, All students, including the gifted, attain their full potential only when their special strengths are identified and supported throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, To accomplish the goal of helping all children reach their capabilities, we must enlist the help of the entire community, including policymakers, educators, business leaders, civic organizations, and parents to improve education for America's most talented students;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim February 20-26, 2011, as

GIFTED EDUCATION WEEK in Kentucky, and commend this observance to all citizens.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort

And in Bardstown, Kentucky  
This 15th day of February in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven and in the 219th year of the Commonwealth.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

ANTHONY ORR, SUPERINTENDENT  
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

ADAM WHEATLEY, CHAIR  
NELSON COUNTY

**Ky. Tech:**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual David Nuckols Memorial Invitational Welding Competition was held Jan. 22, 2011 at the HORN Corporate Training Center, Owensboro, KY

Results:

Top School:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Nelson County ATC

Top Individuals:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Craig Mattingly - Nelson Co ATC

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Elliott Williams – Nelson Co ATC

All-District Band: The following Bloomfield Middle School 8th grade students were accepted into the 2011 all-district band, Julia Taylor and Nathan Brooks. The following students from OKHMS were accepted also: Taylor Gagne, Miranda Culver, Hannah Shields, Taylor Edelen, Brittany Schweinhart, and Hunter Bradley. The all-district band weekend is scheduled for February 18th and 19th at Meade County High School. Nelson County High School student Hailey Riggs had her photography published in the Feb. issue of *Kentucky Living Magazine*.

The following student wrestlers qualified for State finals: Matthew Hillard – 1<sup>st</sup> place, Daniel Pile – 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Andrew Ackley – 4<sup>th</sup> place (7<sup>th</sup> grader at OKHMS) and Zach Plowman – 5<sup>th</sup> place.

The NCHS Winterguard and Indoor Drumline competed in their first contest of the season this past Saturday at George Rogers Clark High School in Lexington. The Indoor Drumline finished 1st in their class and the Winterguard placed 2nd.

“If I Ran Boston School...” contest winners were 8<sup>th</sup> grader Eric Brown and 5<sup>th</sup> grader Samantha Guernsey. Both of these students will be allowed to be “principal for the day”.

Old Kentucky Home Middle School teacher David Coffing was named the Middle School Instrumental Chair-elect for the state.

OKHMS had the highest student attendance in the district for the fifth month of school.

OKHMS is preparing to host the *OKHMS Author of the Year* Sharon Draper on March 15th. Sharon Draper is a five time winner of the Coretta-Scott King Literary Award, a New York Times Best-Selling Author, a six-time White House honoree, and a National Teacher of the Year honoree.

Marci Haydon, CRC at OKHMS, has secured the 2011-2012 *OKHMS Author of the Year*. Author Andrea Warren is a non-fiction author who has written many popular middle school books with the book *Surviving Hitler* as one of the most popular. The OKHMS teaching staff is focusing on the importance of teaching non-fiction reading skills to acquire new information. Ms. Warren will be the first non-fiction author chosen as the *OKHMS Author of the Year*.

Mrs. Nell Bickett, exceptional child educator at OKH has been working on a hovercraft project. This project is a continuation from a University of Kentucky, Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling and U.S. Department of Education math study.

The following Foster Heights students were winners in the “Space Poster and Essay” contest at Foster Heights and were able to write and ask questions of astronaut, Katie Coleman while in space via a Ham Radio on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Foster Hts. students were the first school group in Kentucky to have this opportunity.

**POSTER WINNERS:**

3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 1st- Cody Doig, 2nd- Sammi Howard, 3rd-Baeli Young

4th grade: 1st- Madison Wood, 2nd- Trevor Reed, 3rd- Jada Spratt

5th grade: 1st- Morgan Armstrong, 2nd- Taylor Tayce, 3rd-Bethany Deweese

ESSAY WINNERS: 3rd grade - Gage Patterson; 4th grade - Levi Greenwell; 5th grade - Tanner Thompson, Madison Mattingly, Makenzie Brady

The Bloomfield Elementary-created character “Recycle Boy” appears in the 2011 KSBA Calendar for April. Since his creation “Recycle Girl” has joined him and continues to promote recycling and green programs at Bloomfield Elementary.

Bloomfield Elementary students raised \$912.62 for the Crusade for Children by collecting 100’s of pennies to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. Mrs. Hale’s 5<sup>th</sup> grade class led the way by collecting \$157.62.

**V. Operations Consent Agenda**

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

**V.A. Information: Personnel Actions**

Offers of employment were extended to the following: Casey Barnett, Bus Monitor, District; Amanda Chladek, Instr. Assistant I, District Daycare; Kim Favour, Bus Monitor, District; Patricia Gentry, Bus Driver, District; Vicky Gordon, Bus Monitor, District; Selena Greenwell, Inst. Asst. Credit, NCHS; Veronica Kennedy, Bus Monitor, District; Cindy Roby, Inst. Asst. II, OKHM; Norma Smith, Bus Monitor, District; D. Scott Weakley, Volleyball Coach, New Haven; Tyler Wimpsett, Asst. Baseball Coach, NCHS; Offers of employment were extended to the following classified substitutes: Norma Smith; Cheryl Downs; Carolyn Parkerson;

Offers of employment were extended to the following certified substitutes: Patrina Drago (nurse); Sarah Blankenship; Angela Mitchell;

Offers of employment were extended to the following student workers: Anna Metcalfe;

Resignations were received from the following: Jena Tharp, Bus Monitor, District;

The following transfers took place: Mallory Blair from Temp. to Permanent Director, Blazer Learning Center; Joe Cecil from Computer Maintenance Tech to Tech 2; Ashley Glass from SWAMP to Instructional Asst District;

The following retirements were noted: Sara Crume, Teacher, Boston/New Haven; David Fogle, Custodian, Foster Heights;

The following termination was noted: Charles Upson, Horizons Academy;

**V.B. Treasurer's Report**

**V.C. Bills and Claims**

**V.D. MUNIS Report**

**V.E. Leaves of Absence**

The following is a list of personnel that are presently taking leaves of absence with board approval:

Medical Leave: Certified Employee, Bloomfield Middle School;  
Certified Employee, Cox’s Creek Elementary School;  
Classified Employees, 4 from Bus Garage;

Maternity Leave: Certified Employee, Foster Heights Elementary School;  
Certified Employee, Boston School;  
Certified Employee, New Haven School;  
Certified Employee, OKH Middle School;

### **V.F. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes from the meeting of January 18, 2011 were approved as presented.

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

The following overnight/out of state trips were approved:

Morgan McGuire, New Haven School, to take 14 students, grades 7 and 8, to the Ky. State FFA Convention, June 6 and 7, 2011, in Lexington, Ky.

Morgan McGuire, New Haven School, to take 7 students, grades 7 and 8, to the Middle School FFA Retreat, March 11 and 12, 2011, in Hardinsburg, Ky.

Wendy Doig, New Haven School, to take 25 students, grade 8, to Washington, DC, June 1 – 5, 2011.

Mark Monroe, NCHS, to take 7 students, grades 10-12, to All-district Band rehearsals/performance, Feb. 25 and 26, 2011, at Meade County High School.

Gavin Walls, Michelle Simpson to take 24-30 students, grades 6-8, to summer basketball camp at Lindsey Wilson College, July 24-26, 2011, in Columbia, Ky.

**V.H. 2nd Reading: New Procedure 03.113 AP.21** A new procedure (03.113 AP.21) was developed through collaboration with KSBA to be used by employees needing accommodations as required by ADA.

### **V.I. Information: Change to Procedure 03.111 AP.2**

Procedure 03.111 AP.2 for Medical Examination requires update. Change was required because our previous procedure asked for genetic information which is prohibited by GINA law.

## **VI. Student Support Services**

### **VI.A. Construction Update**

Studio Kremer representative Mr. Steven Ward updated current status of renovations and additions at Foster Heights Elementary as well as progress for Thomas Nelson High School, NCHS Athletic Renovations, new Preschool and any other construction projects.

### **VI.B. Change Orders**

#### **VI.B.1. Change Order #5: NCHS Athletics Renovation**

The fence specification was a residential grade. To upgrade to a light commercial grade an additional materials cost of \$4,100 to Stephens Pipe and Steel is required.

**Motion Passed:** Action to approve Change Order #5, Nelson County High School Athletics Renovation, was passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **VI.B.2. Change Order #6: NCHS Athletics Renovation**

Blocking was added to the softball building to make the purlins 2 on center in lieu of 32 on center. Additional work is required to ensure structural stability. BCD, Inc. will provide all labor and materials for a cost of \$1,509.36.

**Motion Passed:** Action to approve Change Order #6, Nelson County High School Athletics Renovation, was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **VI.B.3. Change Order #2: TNHS Phase II**

The track at TNHS was changed from a half-inch red surface to a three-eighths inch black surface. With the change in surfaces a materials credit of \$5000 from California Products was realized.

**Motion Passed:** Action to approve Change Order #2, Thomas Nelson High School Phase II, was passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Pate and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

**VI.B.4. Change Order #3: TNHS Phase II**

After review of the fence specification it was determined the quality was in excess of what was needed. The fence post gauge was changed to that at NCHS athletic renovation. With the change a materials credit of \$4000.00 from Stephens Pipe and Steel is realized.

**Motion Passed:** Action to approve Change Order #3, Thomas Nelson High School Phase II, was passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

**VI.B.5. Change Order #4: TNHS Phase II**

Fencing for TNHS has been revised from vinyl coated to galvanized. Galvanized fencing is used for all athletic and maintenance purposes for Nelson County Schools. With the change in fencing a materials credit of \$44,839.00 from Stephens Pipe and Steel is realized.

**Motion Passed:** Action to approve Change Order #4, Thomas Nelson High School Phase II, was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

**VI.C. Partial/Limited Waiver Request: TNHS Roof Slope**

An issue concerning improper roof slope at TNHS has recently surfaced. To correct the improper slope the use of tapered insulation is the most viable solution. (See attached letter for a full explanation) If the waiver request to use tapered insulation is approved by the Board, a copy of the Board order and the attached letter will be sent to KDE for review and final approval.

**Motion Passed:** Action to approve a waiver request to KDE to allow the use of tapered insulation to correct the issue of improper slope for a portion of Thomas Nelson High School Phase I was passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Pate and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. Motion carried 4 to 1, with Mr. Frank Hall dissenting.

**VI.D. Calendar Update**

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

Date Missed	Make-Up Day
January 21, 2011	April 29, 2011
January 24, 2011	May 31, 2011
January 26, 2011	June 1, 2011
February 8, 2011	June 2, 2011
February 10, 2011	June 3, 2011

**Motion Passed:** Action to approve amendments to the 2010-2011 school calendar as recommended was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

**VII. Student Instructional Services**

**VII.A. FRYSC/YSC Update**

Each of our Nelson County Schools are served by a Family Resource and Youth Service Centers (FRYSC) or a Youth Service Center (YSC). The centers focus on removing barriers to student achievement. They do so in a variety of ways. The centers provide services directly to the students, they provide services for the students' families, and they serve as a referral for resources needed. Center coordinators Virginia White, Lynne Potter and Christy VanDeventer provided the Board with a presentation of some of their center's work for this past year. Coordinator Doris Lewis was unavailable, but Mr. Mark Thomas provided information about the Bloomfield area center.

**VIII. Guest Comments**

Mr. Donald D. Goodin, 3265 Patton Road, Boston, Ky. provided remarks regarding his review of past minutes online. He indicated a preference for moving the guest comments section to the beginning of each meeting, and commented on the fact that the district has consistently used the same architectural firm and construction management firm for building projects. He commented on tax rates and asked the board to

consider rolling back rates to 2006 levels. He also commented that not all documentation from meetings was available online.

**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. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

**X. Convene Executive Session**

**Motion Passed:** Action to convene an Executive Session of the Nelson County Board of Education pursuant to KRS 156.577(4)(c) for the purpose of preliminary discussions relating to the evaluation of the superintendent was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

**XI. Adjourn Executive Session**

**Motion Passed:** Action to adjourn the Executive Session of the Nelson County Board of Education was passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. Reconvene Regular Session**

**Motion Passed:** Action to reconvene the Regular Session of the Nelson County Board of Education was passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Pate and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. Motion carried unanimously. At this time, it was noted that no action had been taken during the Executive Session of the Nelson County Board of Education.

**XIII. Adjourn Regular Session**

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

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Chairperson

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Superintendent