

Nelson County Board of Education Regular Meeting

March 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, Bloomfield Elementary students led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Adam Wheatley read and affirmed the district's Mission Statement and Vision Statement.

II. Changes to the Agenda: No changes were requested at this time.

III. Student/Employee Performance: Bloomfield elementary students Ethan Roby, Tyler Noel, Cole Beiderman, Donovan Roswall, Amanda Koons, Katye Berry, Jessica Holmes and Eli Shewmaker read original poetry they created as part of their language arts curriculum.

IV. Student/Employee Recognition

In recognition of the death of valued employee Kathy Lee Mudd, the following proclamation was issued by the Nelson County Board of Education:

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DEATH OF KATHY LEE MUDD

WHEREAS, the Nelson County Public Schools family, with very deep regret, learned of the passing of Kathy Lee Mudd, a long-time and much beloved school bus monitor for the Nelson County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Kathy's love of life and children touched the lives of numerous children, staff members and families during her 18-year tenure with the school system; and

WHEREAS, Kathy was a wonderful, giving person who worked mainly with children with special needs, who was always ready to help her co-workers, who was always ready for a good laugh, and who was always there if somebody needed her; and

WHEREAS, Kathy had a special love for the 4-H Club and was a superb 4-H Leader who was very active in the summer camp program, the annual county fair, and was a 4-H club leader at Cox's Creek Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Kathy really believed in 4-H and believed in working together for the benefit of our youth; and

WHEREAS, Kathy took her work and her jobs seriously and who was someone who could always be relied upon to get the job done; and

WHEREAS, Kathy was a mother not only to her own child and three grandchildren but took care of all the children who she rode with on the special-needs bus route she assisted with; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Nelson County Board of Education hereby express their profound feeling of loss and wish to express their deep sympathy to Kathy's family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread on the official minutes of the Board of Education and that a copy thereof be sent to the family of Kathy Lee Mudd.

Governor's Cup Elementary District Competitions results (hosted by Boston and CCES):

Math: Kendall Roller, CCES, 1st; Grace Frederick, FH, and Marcus Bowling, BES, 2nd

Lauren Bowman, BES, 3rd; Brooke Yocum, Boston, and Braden Campbell, BES, 4th

Nathan Fell, CCES, 5th

Science: Sabastion Downs, FH, 1st; Luke Clements, CCES, 2nd; Maddie Byrd, FH, 5th

Composition: Bethany Orr, Boston and Lizzie Barnett, BES, 1st; Kendall Roller, CCES, 2nd; Jade Coulter, CCES, 3rd; Taylor Tayce, FH, and Angel White, CCES, 4th

Social Studies: Michael Riley, CCES and Samantha Guernsey, Boston, 1st; Kaylee Morris, BES, 2nd; Tanner Thompson, FH, 3rd; Valerie Cambron, FH, Luke Clements, CCES and Nathan Bugg, BES, 5th
Language Arts: Nathan Bugg, BES, 2nd; Juanita Vittitow, Boston, and Kaylee Morris, BES, 3rd
Nathan Fell, CCES, 5th

Arts & Humanities: Miles Newton, FH, 1st; Kaitlyn Wilson, FH, 2nd; Zoe Davis, BES, 3rd; Michael Riley, CCES, 4th; Valerie Cambron, FH, 5th

Future Problem Solving: 1st place Bloomfield Elementary – advance to Regionals March 19

Quick Recall: 1st Place: Cox's Creek - advance to Regionals March 19

Hume Sportsmanship Award: Boston

Final Overall Rankings: Bloomfield Elementary 1st, Cox's Creek and Foster Hts. 2nd

New Haven: The New Haven School celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday with classroom readings from several community and school board members.

Bloomfield Elementary: 5th grader Nealie Jewell won the school-wide AARP Grandparents essay.

5th grader Braden Campbell placed 7th in the county-wide Kentucky Farm Bureau Spelling Bee.

Dejarele Edwards won the school-wide conservation poster contest sponsored by the Nelson County Conservation Office. She received a cash prize for her poster and Bloomfield Elementary received a \$200 check for 100% participation in this contest.

Bloomfield Middle: One hundred thirty Bloomfield Middle students presented speeches during class. The top scoring twelve students were invited to participate in the Final Competition sponsored by Blazer Learning Center and Nelson County 4H. The top three BMS eighth graders finalists were Skyler Ballard, 14, 3rd, Kaylen Runner, 13, 2nd and Jackie Chesser, 13, 1st.

Tristan Rogers, 6th grader at BMS, finished 1st in the elementary division at the Regional Archery Tournament at St. Catherine College, and 4th in the middle school division. He qualified for the State tournament March 25 – 27 in Louisville.

March Students of the Month: 6th grade-Aaron Cook; 7th grade-Tate Stafford; 8th Grade-Houston Lanham
Bloomfield Middle School students participated in a Clean Air art project sponsored by the PATH Coalition of Nelson County and coordinated by the NESTT Family Resource and Youth Services Center. Students were asked to make art work showing why clean air is very important. One winner was chosen from each grade. Winners were Lexi Blanford, 6th grade, Ally Sharp, 7th grade and Mara Cox, 8th grade. Each winner received a gift card from Wal-Mart. Students' art work will be turned into tray liners for local fast food restaurants. Bloomfield Middle School held a community meeting hosted by the PATH Coalition March 2, 2011 at 6:PM to raise awareness about the Clean Air project. Members of Nelson County High School ROTC presented facts about the benefits of clean air.

Nelson County High School: Nelson County Archery team finished second in the regional tournament, which qualifies them for the state tournament. Eric Johnson was the third highest shooter in the region with a score of 283.

NCHS donated 218 units of blood to beat St. X and take the title of #1 blood donor in the region. Board member Mr. Adam Wheatley complimented the high school on the efficient way in which the blood drive was conducted.

NCHS wrestling team competed in the state tournament in Frankfort. Daniel Pile finished in the top 16 in the state at the 140 lbs. weight class. Matt Hillard finished 5th in the state at the 215lbs. weight class.

NCHS Ag Dept. Spencer Co. Invitational Results:

Senior Chapter Meeting- 3rd Place; Beef Impromptu- Bradley Piles 2nd Place; Floral Impromptu- Brittany Bowling 1st Place; Fruit/Vegetable Impromptu- Allie Mattingly 3rd Place; Greenhouse Impromptu- Ryan Dawson 1st Place; Goat Impromptu- Tammy Sparrow 1st Place; Nursery/Landscape Impromptu- Lindsey Lawrence 3rd Place; Prepared Public Speaking- Jessie Smith 3rd Place; Sheep Impromptu- Daniel Brussell 3rd Place; Small Animal Impromptu- Tori Gambrell 1st Place; Swine Impromptu- Melissa Schenck 1st Place; Turf/Lawn Impromptu- Nolan Miles 2nd Place; Eden Wimsett -- 4th place Horse Impromptu; Talent Contest- Brittany Bowling 3rd Place; They ended with 5- First Place Finishes, 2- Second Place Finishes and 6- 3rd Place Finishes

It was noted that this is by far the best the group had ever done at Spencer County Invitational, and these students still had two weeks to prepare for the regional contest determining who advances to state competition.

Boston: Boston School's FRYSC annual blood drive raised 20 units. Pennies for Patients raised almost \$800 last month.

A United Way grant was awarded to FRYSC for \$20 to help fund the summer program.

On March 2nd students at Boston celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by having green eggs and ham for lunch and then had community members come and read to them

8th grade EXPLORE results were in the top 20 in the state for Boston School

V. Operations Consent Agenda

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

V.A. Information: Personnel Actions

Offers of employment were extended to the following: Katrina Hayden, Instructional Asst I, OKHM; Rebecca Keefe, Transition Specialist, District; Carolyne Parkers, Bus Monitor I, District; Rosemary Rule, Inst Asst I FRYSC, New Haven; Norma Smith, Bus Monitor I, District; Sara Willett, Inst Asst I, Boston; Wesley Page, Certified Substitute teacher;

The following transfers took place: Pam Downs, Bus Monitor I to Bus Monitor II, District; John Hibbs, Custodian I to Custodian II, BMS;

The following resignations were received: Kevin Bolger, Asst Girls & Boys Basketball Coach, BMS; Trey Greenwell, Technical Specialist III, District; Cindy Roby, Instructional Asst II, OKHM;

Ted Sberna, Instructional Asst II, Horizons;

The following retirement was acknowledged: Diane Rummage, Inst Asst I, SWAMP;

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	Boston/NHS
Classified Employee	New Haven School
	OKH Middle
	Bus Garage

V.F. Minutes from Previous Meeting: Minutes from the meeting of February 15, 2011 were approved as presented.

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

The following overnight/out of state trip was approved:

John Hammond, NCHS, to take 13 students, grades 9-11, to the Washington Leadership Conference, June 21-26, 2011, in Washington, D.C.

V.H. Job Descriptions

Job descriptions were added for the following positions: Technology Integration Specialist and Transition Specialist.

VI. Student Support Services

VI.A. Construction Update

Mr. Michael Salsman, BCD, Inc. provided an update of current status of renovations and additions at Foster Heights Elementary as well as progress for Thomas Nelson High School, NCHS Athletic Renovations, and the new Preschool.

VI.B. Change Orders

VI.B.1. Change Order #1: Early Childhood Learning Center

Six support walls at the early childhood center are to be removed which then requires shoring until permanent steel support beams are installed. The maintenance department of Nelson County Schools is responsible for a list of demolition items for this project with the above included. With the time and materials necessary to complete, it was determined that this responsibility was beyond the capabilities of the maintenance department staff. BCD, Inc. will provide all labor and materials to remove and shore the six walls in question for a cost of \$7,265.76.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #1, Early Childhood Learning Center, was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.B.2. Change Order #1: NCHS Athletics Renovation

The track surface was changed from a half inch red to three eights black. With this change an eventual savings of \$19,000 was realized. Materials costs of individual vendors fluctuated as a result of the track surface change. Advanced Polymer Technology will provide the black latex for a cost of \$14,800.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #1, NCHS Athletics Renovation, was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.B.3. Change Order #7: NCHS Athletics Renovation

Plumbing plans required two drains while architectural drawings show four floor drains for the public restrooms adjacent to home bleachers. The materials cost for the extra two drains is \$170.96. Knight's Mechanical will absorb any charge for labor.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #7, NCHS Athletics Renovation, was passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.B.4. Change Order #8: NCHS Athletics Renovation

Claunch Construction encountered rock while excavating for storm drainage. Yardage removed was confirmed by project manager and paid by contract unit prices. Total cost for rock removal was \$3891.60.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #8, NCHS Athletic Renovation, was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Two areas were determined by geotechnical engineer to have unsuitable soil. M and J Construction will undercut both areas and replace with #3 stone. Cost for removal was set by a pre-determined unit price. M and J Construction will provide all labor and materials for a cost of \$993.25.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #5, TNHS Phase II, was passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Pate and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.B.6. Change Order #6: TNHS Phase II

For a structurally sound roof deck, additional steel support must be added at parapet wall. TWF, Inc. will provide all materials and labor for a cost of \$1,335.84.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #6, TNHS Phase II, was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.B.7. Change Order #7: TNHS Phase II

A limited number of gates were shown in the original documents for baseball and softball fields. Two additional gates will be installed at each field at the dugout areas to allow for quick access to the playing field. Professional Fence Company will provide all labor and materials for the four gates at a cost of \$1,472.00.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #7, TNHS Phase II, was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.C. Sewer Line Easement

The City of Bardstown has requested an easement of approximately 1000 feet on the Nelson County High School campus. The easement is necessary to connect the City of Bloomfield to the Bardstown sewer system.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the sewer line easement as requested by the City of Bardstown at Nelson County High School was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.D. KISTA Bus Sale

A Resolution to allow participation in the KISTA bus Sale Program was presented for approval.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the resolution allowing the district to participate in the KISTA Bus Sale program was passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.E. Licensing Agreement

Pel Industries is a wholesale manufacturer of high quality apparel. Local retailers, including Wal-Mart, are interested in carrying merchandise with our school name and/or logo. Pel Industries is offering an 8% royalty on the net sales price of merchandise bearing the district's school names and/or logos.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the licensing agreement between the Nelson County Board of Education and Pel Industries regarding sales of school-themed apparel was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Student Instructional Services

VII.A. 21st Century Grant: Boston School

Boston School has been awarded a 21st Century Community Learning Center (21CCLC) grant amounting to \$150,000 per year for the next three years to deliver academic and cultural enrichment programs during non-school hours. The program provides for two additional years of funding at reduced amounts provided the learning center meets requirements as stipulated by the grant. This is the second time in three years that a school in the Nelson County School District was named a recipient of one of these coveted grants. Bloomfield Middle School earned the same grant two years ago and formed Blazer Learning Center as a result. Boston Learning Center will launch this summer with an initial set of summer enrichment sessions. During the school year the center will provide homework help, intervention services for struggling students and a wide variety of enrichment activities through a broad array of community partners, including co-applicant St. Catherine College.

VII.B. EXPLORE/PLAN Test Results

The district's eighth and tenth grade students took an assessment in September 2011. The eighth graders completed the Explore assessment and the tenth graders completed the PLAN assessment. Mr. Mark Thomas provided an overview of the results from the Explore and PLAN assessments.

Board member Mr. Nicky Rapier requested a historical report of the high school's ACT scores and Mr. Damon Jackey requested that in future the board be provided with a follow up report to determine the success of OKHMS' flex scheduling and Bloomfield Middle's intervention period. Mr. Mark Thomas indicated that follow up was occurring monthly at the Leadership PLCs and that 3rd quarter results would be presented at the April board work session.

VII.C. Commonwealth Commitment to College and Career Readiness

The Nelson County Schools' Board of Education has been given the opportunity to participate in a statewide pledge. The Commonwealth Commitment to College and Career Readiness pledge includes a goal statement to increase the rate of college and career readiness of our high school graduates by 50% between 2010 and 2015.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the Nelson County Board of Education's participation in the "Commonwealth Commitment to College and Career Readiness" pledge was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Guest Comments

Mr. Don Goodin offered comments regarding the 4% tax increase the board of education has passed each year, and requested that the board consider rolling back taxes to at least the 2007 level and enact stringent cuts in expenses. He also indicated his displeasure that consent items are not available in advance, that guest comments are at the end of the agenda and limited to 3 minutes for individuals, and complained that the term "guest" in "guest comments" was not appropriate.

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. 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.

Chairperson

Superintendent