

Nelson County Board of Education Regular Meeting

April 19, 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, Chairperson Mr. Adam 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

Students from Boston School presented information about how they tied work by Dr. Seuss into monthly academic activities relating to the school-wide theme "Oh, the places you'll go... at Boston School."

IV. Student/Employee Recognition

Superintendent Anthony Orr introduced and welcomed Mr. Wesley Bradley, new principal at Thomas Nelson High School. Mr. Bradley will assume his new duties effective July 1, 2011.

The following students were recognized for their success at the Governor's Cup Elementary Regional Competition:

Math:

Ken Ryumae, New Haven, 3rd; Marcus Bowling, BES, 3rd; Nathan Fell, CCES, 4th; Grace Frederick, FH, 5th; Kendall Roller, CCES, 5th

Social Studies: Samantha Guernsey, Boston, 2nd; Tanner Thompson, FH, 5th

Science: Luke Clements, CCES, 1st; Sabastion Downs, FH, 2nd

Language Arts: Juanita Vittitow, Boston, 4th

Composition: Bethany Orr, Boston, 1st; Taylor Tayce, FH, 3rd; Jade Coulter, CCES, 4th

Arts & Humanities: Valerie Cambron, FH, 1st; Michael Riley, CCES, 3rd; Morgan Dent, NH, 3rd; Zoe Davis, BES, 4th

Future Problem Solving: New Haven, 2nd

Horizons was awarded \$1000 as a result of all certified staff completing the TELL Survey.

Vocational and Technical School:

3 Vocational and Technical School students who competed in the statewide HOSA competition will be advancing to national competition in Anaheim, Ca.:

Krista Cundiff – 1st place

Courtney McCauley and Kayla Clark – tied for 3rd place

Charlotte Humes, Gatton Academy, scored a perfect "36" on the ACT.

The Nelson County High School Concert Band received a Distinguished rating at the District Concert Band Festival on April 15 at Western Kentucky University. This marks the third consecutive Distinguished rating for the NCHS Concert Band since 2009 and qualifies them to

perform at the KMEA State Concert Band Festival on the campus of the University of Louisville in May.

NCHS AFJROTC received the Headquarters JROTC Distinguished Unit with Merit Award, for the 2nd year in a row, for their positive impact on cadets, the school, and community.

Nelson County High School senior Josh Mabrey was rated in the top 10 in a national Risk Management Essay contest for FFA and will compete in Washington DC.

Nelson County FFA had their best year ever with 8 speakers qualifying for state competition and the senior parli team winning the region. The students advance to state competition in June.

Student David Collins won the 4-H essay contest 2011, placing #1 in the state at 4H at Large.

The following students received honors in the Bardstown Women's Club annual Art Competition: Photography:

Tiffany Ballard - 1st place; Lizzy Saunders - 2nd place; Anna Metcalfe - 3rd place;

Computer Art: Tiffany Ballard - 2nd place; Lizzy Saunders - 3rd place;

Relief Sculpture: Ryan Godbey - 1st place; Trevor Burba - 2nd place; Kayla Williams - 3rd place

Weaving: Devon Elliot - 1 & 2nd place; Ying Chan - 3rd place;

Airbrushing: Justin Boone - 1st & 2nd place; Eddie Auge - 3rd place;

Bloomfield Middle School's Blazer Learning Center hosted a Tae Kwon Do Competition involving other community Tae Kwon Do classes. More than 100 people competed, ranging in age from 5 years to adult.

Foster Hts. is eligible to earn an Energy Star rating. While Thomas Nelson high School was designed specifically to earn an Energy Star rating by achieving a score of 90, Foster Heights will earn this rating with a score of 98, an excellent score considering this is an all-electric building.

Old Ky. Home Middle School was the winner of the Kentucky Directors of Pupil Personnel Regional High Attendance Day award for region 5.

Six seventh grade students at OKHMS recently took the ACT. Students Jacob Newton and Chandler Delaney received scores that qualified them for Academy of Summer Studies.

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. Damon Jackey, with a dissenting vote cast by Mr. Nicky Rapier..

V.A. Information: Personnel Actions

Offers of employment were extended to the following: Wesley Bradley, Principal, TNHS; Ada Clark, Bus Monitor, District; Jamy Tolliver, Instructional Asst II, NCHS; Ronnie Weakle, Custodian I, Foster Heights;

An offer of employment were extended to the following classified substitute: Margaret Johnson

An offer of employment were extended to the following certified substitute: Sarah Hedrick

Offers of employment were extended to the following student workers: Becca Hall; Jake Draper; Taylor Gilkey;

The following transfers took place: Dee Haycraft, Inst Asst II, from District to Horizons; Veronica Kennedy, from Bus Monitor to Bus Driver;

The following resignations were received:

Michael Bray, Head Boys' Basketball Coach, New Haven; David Civello, Chemistry Teacher, NCHS; Alan Miller, Head Girls' Basketball Coach, BMS; Missy Price, Instructional Asst II, NCHS; Terri Unseld, Instructional Asst II, NCHS;

The following retirements were announced:

Shelia Bartley, Media Specialist, NCHS; David Bickett, Bus Driver, District; John Casper, CRC, New Haven; Connie Mouser, Teacher, New Haven;
The following employees received suspensions/reprimands: Michele Inghram; Michael Johnson; Ruth Ann Mattingly; Brandee Wilson;

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, Classified Employees: District, Cox's Creek, and Bus Garage

V.F. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the meeting of March 15, 2011 were approved as presented.

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

The following overnight/out of state trips were approved:

Mallory Blair, Bloomfield Middle Blazer Learning Center, yo take 30-40 students, grades 6 – 8, to the Holiday World K'NEX Physics and Math Camp, June 16, 2011, in Santa Claus, In.

John Hammond, NCHS, to take 1 student, grade 12, to national FFA Risk Management Competition, May 4 – 8, 2011, in Washington, DC.

V.H. ARC Facilitator/Chairperson Positions

Three (3) Special Education positions were requested to facilitate ARC meetings for the purpose of ensuring compliance with State and Federal Regulations and Requirements, Monitoring and Maintenance of Student and District Records and Data for Accuracy and to provide support and training to school administration and staff regarding regulations, service, instruction, and curriculum for student with disabilities.

VI. Student Support Services

VI.A. Construction Update

Representatives from Studio Kremer and BCD, Inc. provided an update 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 the new Preschool.

VI.B. Change Orders

VI.B.1. Change Order #9: NCHS Athletic Renovations

An above ceiling access panel in the restroom building was added for future maintenance use. BCD, Inc. will provide all labor and materials for a cost of \$360.49.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #9, Nelson Co. High School Athletics Renovations, was passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.B.2. Change Order #10: NCHS Athletic Renovations

Rock was encountered by Claunch Construction while installing storm drains. Unit price was pre-determined while amounts removed were closely monitored by project manager. Claunch has submitted an additional cost of \$2,529.00.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #10, Nelson Co. High School Athletic Renovations, was passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Pate and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.B.3. Change Order #28: TNHS

Extensive rock removal for foundation, trench, and site work was necessary. Unit price was pre-determined while amounts removed were closely monitored by project manager. With rock removal completed to date Kelsey Construction, LLC has submitted an additional cost of \$197,605.90.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #28, 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.4. Change Order # 41: TNHS

Specifications did not require an exposed foundation wall in a classroom to have a finish that matched the other classroom walls. BCD, Inc will provide all materials and labor to insulate and finish with drywall. It was also determined that certain mechanical room areas did not need finished walls as specified. After mechanical room credit is deducted a cost of \$2433.25 remains.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #41, Thomas Nelson High School, was passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.B.5. Change Order # 8: TNHS Phase II

A section of unsuitable soil, as determined by the geotechnical engineer, was removed and replaced with #57 stone. MJ Construction will provide all labor and Materials for a cost of \$195.00.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #8, Thomas Nelson High School Phase II, was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.C. New Haven Roof Replacement: Elementary Wing

The roof at the elementary wing of New Haven School has an original 1972 roof. That roof was last extensively repaired by over laying in 1989. The roof has since been patched and repaired a number of times and is now due for replacement.

Motion Passed: Action to approve initiation of procedures to replace the elementary roof at New Haven School was passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.D. Approval of Auditor

Recommendation: the Nelson County Board of Education approve the audit contract as submitted by Smith & Company, CPAs, for fiscal 2011-2012.

Motion Passed: Action to approve Smith & Co. CPA's as the auditor for fiscal 2011 - 2012 was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

V.I.E. NCELC Preschool Opening Schedule

Pre-school students will attend the new Early Childhood Development Center as dictated by the construction schedule. The schedule will allow Foster Heights and Boston students to attend August, 2011. It is projected that at the October break the facility will be completed and could then accommodate the pre-school students at Cox s Creek, Bloomfield Elementary, and New Haven. Mr. Frank Hall requested that the board consider leaving preschool at New Haven School, rather than move students to the new center. Mr. Damon Jackey reminded the group that a name still needs to be determined for the new preschool. Superintendent Orr suggested that the board request community input regarding these issues. He also indicated that it was important that, as the opening of the new preschool gets closer, construction status should be reviewed and information given to families to help them prepare for the moves.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the plan as recommended for opening of the new Nelson County Early Learning Center was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Student Instructional Services

VII.A. Memorandum of Agreement: Head Start

Each year the Board of Education is asked to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Nelson County Board of Education and Central Kentucky Head Start for Special Education services for the school year. Ms. Beverly Henderson, Director of Special Education Services, indicated that the district works closely with Central Kentucky Head Start to ensure full utilization of Head Start services, and indicated that currently 33 district students are involved with this program.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Nelson County Board of Education and Central Kentucky Head Start for Special Education services for the 2011-2012 school year was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.B. Grants

VII.B.1. Fresh Fruit Grant

Federal funds are available through the Kentucky Dept. of Education to provide fresh fruits and vegetables for free distribution in qualifying elementary schools.

Elementary schools that represent Kentucky s highest free and reduced price enrollment are eligible to participate in the program and are given priority for being selected due to a high need level.

Based on these criteria, all Nelson County elementary schools are eligible to participate. The purpose of the program is to increase fresh fruit and vegetable consumption in elementary schools.

Selected schools must offer free fresh fruits and vegetables to students during the school day.

Selected schools must make free fresh fruits and vegetables available to students at times other than at meal service periods. Funds are to be used primarily to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables to be made available at no charge to students.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the Fresh Fruit grant application for district elementary schools was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.C. New State Assessment System

Under Senate Bill 1 (passed into law in 2009) it suspended Kentucky’s current assessment system and required a new test design as well as a new accountability system to classify schools and districts. The Board of Education was presented with an overview of the proposed new state accountability system for next year s testing in spring 2012.

VII.D. Policies/Procedures Updates

Second reading of the following policies/procedures:

Policy/Procedure	Action
03.13211 Employee Cell Phone Usage	Approved – new policy
09.427 Dress Code Policy	Approved as amended
09.11 AP.21 School Attendance	Approved as amended

Motion Passed: Action to approve policy/procedure additions/revisions as recommended was passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Guest Comments

Mr. Gary Clifton, Bardstown, president of Kentucky Home Bank, representing parents of special needs students, read a letter concerning the special education program at Nelson County High School. Mr. Clifton made reference to concerns regarding a specific teacher, to classroom size and to the Peer Tutor program.

Mr. Anthony Nalley, Bloomfield, also spoke with regard to special education issues.

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. At this time it was determined that there was no need for an Executive Session of the Nelson County Board of Education.

Chairperson

Superintendent