

**Nelson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
February 21, 2012 05:00 PM
Central Office**

Board Members present:

Mr. Frank Hall, Mr. Damon Jackey, Mr. Nicky Rapier, Mr. Larry Pate and Mr. Adam Wheatley.

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 05:00 PM by Chairperson Mr. Damon Jackey. At this time, Mr. Jackey 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

IV. Student/Employee Performance

Seventeen Cox's Creek Elementary students performed their interpretation of the book, James and the Giant Peach.

V. Student/Employee Recognition

Dane Pike, Jesse Chowning and Corey Kieslich from Bloomfield Middle School auditioned for the Nelson County High Schools spring musical, Hello Dolly; all were chosen to be in the cast. They are all in the men's chorus and are understudying some roles. On Saturday, January 21, the Bloomfield Middle School Academic team competed at the district level with the following results: First place writing composition: Taryn Roby, Second place writing composition: Mackenzie Donoho, Fifth place math: Cody French, Third place science and social studies: Dane Pike, and Second place arts and humanities: Clara Pozgay. The team as a whole was the recipient of the Katherine Hume Sportsmanship Award. This award is voted on by the students. The above students will now advance to the regional competition in two weeks. I'm proud to announce that two Bloomfield Middle School students; Clara Pozgay, seventh grade, earned a fourth place medal in the Arts and Humanities category and Dane Pike, eighth grade, earned a second place finish in the science category. Both of these students will be advancing to the state competition in March. Lori Allen (sophomore) earned second place in the Regional Composition Competition for Governor's Cup and will compete at State in March. Congratulations to the following Nelson County High School Band members who were selected to perform in the 2012 All-District Concert Band: Spencer Goff, Flute; Taylor Gagne, Clarinet; Miranda Culver, Clarinet; and Hunter Bradley, Trumpet. The wrestling team participated at the State tournament in Lexington on Friday and Saturday. Senior Dennis Swift lost two hard fought matches, but 8th grader Andrew Ackley and Sophomore Zach Lawson finished in the top 12 in their respective weight classes. Over 750 pairs of jeans were collected recently at NCHS during a "Teens for Jeans" drive. The donated jeans will go to homeless teens in our state. The Nelson County High School winter guard placed first in class A-3 this weekend at the Grant County High School Tri-state Circuit Contest. This was the first weekend for most winter guards around the region. This class included 11 other groups from Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana and Ohio. The group is under the artistic direction of Mr. Matthew Thomas and the Director of Bands at Nelson County High School is Mr. Marc Monroe. Shelby Dones, a 7th grader, at Boston School is heading to the state Governor's Cup competition in Language Arts.

VI. Operations Consent Agenda

Motion Passed: Motion to approve operations consent items as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Adam Wheatley.

VI.A. Information: Personnel Actions

Offers of employment were extended to the following: Teresa Doerr, Academic Coach, OKHM; Nicole Harlow, I A I 21st Century, Boston; Larry Mattingly, Custodian I, BMS; Larry Schreiner, I A II, NCHS; Keith Thomas, Maintenance, District and Jessica White, I A II, NCELC.

The following transfers were made: Kenny Humphrey from Custodian I to Custodian II at Boston.

Offers of employment were extended to the following certified substitute teachers: Holly Mattingly, Kent Parrish, Anna Newton, Nick Ackley, Brian Wilburn, Jennifer Osborne and Edward Howell.

The following resignation was accepted from: K. Denise Cecil, Bus Driver, District.

VI.B. Treasurer's Report

January 2012 Treasurer Report

VI.C. Bills and Claims

January 2012 Warrant Report

VI.D. MUNIS Report

January 2012 MUNIS Report

VI.E. Leaves of Absence

The following personnel are presently taking leaves of absence with board approval: Classified Employees; New Haven – Secretary, Bus Garage – Driver, NCHS – Custodian, Bus Garage – Monitor, OKH Middle – Instructional Asst II and Certified Employees; OKH Middle – Teacher, NCHS – Teacher and NCHS – School Psychologist.

VI.F. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the meeting of January 17, 2012 were approved as presented.

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

The following overnight and/or out of state trips were approved: Susannah Taylor, OKHMS, to take 45 students, grades 7th and 8th, to the Holiday World Music Festival in Santa Claus, IN on May 12, 2012. David Sparrow, NCHS, to take 22 students, grades 10th-12th, to Walt Disney World in Florida on March 31-April 7, 2012. Dianna Williams and V. While, NCHS, to take 110 students, grades 9-12, to Nashville, TN on May 11, 2012. Jason Detre, NH, to take 55 students, 8th grade, to Holiday World in Santa Claus, IN on May 21, 2012. Sarah Rogers, NH, to take 6 students, 7th grade, to the STLP State Competition in Lexington, KY on March 22-23, 2012.

VI.H. Policy and Procedure Updates

(2nd Reading) Policy 09.124 changes language for out of district tuition to be paid by first day of each semester to match the language in procedure.

(2nd Reading) Policy 08.2323 Access to Electronic Media allows students to use personal networks while at school.

(2nd Reading) Policy 09.4261 Telecommunication Devices allows students to use personal networks while at school.

Procedure 02.442 AP.2 School Improvement Planning Presentation to Board – removes the word “Comprehensive”.

(1st Reading) Policy 02.4231 School Council Relationships – Deletes requirement for a Communication Council, which is not a legal requirement.

VII. Student Support Services

VII.A. Construction Update

Representatives from Studio Kremer and BCD, Inc. provided updates regarding the current status of renovations and additions at NCELC, New Haven, Foster Heights and the progress for Thomas Nelson High School. Mr. Salsman stated that BCD, Inc. has applied for a residency application for TNHS. He also told the board that the roof work at New Haven school was completed. They were waiting for it to dry out to do the outside cleanup. Mr. Rapier stated that he wants to see before and after pictures of the roof at New Haven. Mr. Salsman will get these to the board.

The Safe Routes to Bloomfield Schools Sidewalk Easement states that it is the specific intention of the Grantor(s) to convey a permanent easement in and to the property described above as for the purpose of construction and perpetually maintaining a pedestrian walkway that will allow the children from Blazer Heights suburb to safely walk to Bloomfield Elementary and Bloomfield Middle School. Construction should begin when the ground thaws.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the Safe Routes to Bloomfield Schools Sidewalk Easement Grant was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.B. Change Orders

VII.B.1. Change Order # 20 for Foster Heights Phase 2

After removal of the ceilings it was determined that there is not enough structure to support the new canopy at the corridor entrance. Acoustical ceiling will need to be demolished and replaced in order to add structural reinforcement. Bennett's Carpets will provide all labor and materials for \$411.96.

Motion Passed: Action to approve change order # 20 for Foster Heights Phase 2 was passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.B.2. Change Order # 56 for Thomas Nelson High School Phase 1

Due to the location of the auditorium which will be part of Phase 3 construction; a portion of the side walk in Phase 1 will not need to be placed. This prevents installation and demolition of sidewalk, resulting in a savings of \$4,450.60 from M & J Construction on Bid Package #3.

Motion Passed: Action to approve change order # 56 for Thomas Nelson High School Phase 1 was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.B.3. Change Order # 59 for TNHS Phase 1

The interior of the athletic field house is part exposed concrete and part exposed block. In order to have a smooth continuous surface where tile is placed on walls, cement board and furring will need to be added. BCD Inc. will provide labor and materials for \$1,845.81.

Motion Passed: Action to approve change order #59 for Thomas Nelson High School was passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.B.4. Change Order # 61 for Thomas Nelson High School Phase 1

For a better overall seal around the perimeter of windows, it has been determined that insulation should be added, neither Phase 1 or Phase 2 plans called for this insulation. BCD, Inc. will provide labor and materials for \$789.93.

Motion Passed: Action to approve change order # 61 for Thomas Nelson High School was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.B.5. Change Order # 62 for Thomas Nelson High School Phase 1

After review of the floating sleeper system that was placed in Foster Heights Gym, it was decided that for Thomas Nelson High School a fixed sleeper system would be preferred. Martin Flooring Co. will provide labor and materials for \$15,551.00.

Motion Passed: Action to approve change order # 62 for Thomas Nelson High School was passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.B.6. Change Order # 18 for Thomas Nelson High School Phase 2

Bearing plate extensions need to be placed on Phase 1 wall in order to accommodate Phase 2 bar joists. This is required to provide structural integrity of the building. TWF Inc. will provide labor and materials for \$418.76.

Motion Passed: Action to approve change order # 18 for Thomas Nelson High School was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.B.7. Change Order # 19 for Thomas Nelson High School Phase 2

A glass was broken out of a window in the gymnasium, cause unknown. Due to insurance deductible being more than the cost to replace, it was recommended to move forward with the replacement. W R Cole and Associates will provide labor and materials for \$1000.00.

Motion Passed: Action to approve change order #58 for Thomas Nelson High School was passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.C. Construction Final Payout, BP #1-Claunch Construction (Site Work), Foster Heights Phase 2

Claunch Construction has completed all contractual obligations for the bid package # 1 listed and has applied for final payment. All work has been inspected by architects, construction manager, and owners and found acceptable. Final payment is \$15,322.32.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the final payment for the vendors listed was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.D. Construction Final Payout, BP #3-River City Development (Masonry), Foster Heights Phase 2

River City Development has completed all contractual obligations for the bid packages listed and has applied for final payment. All work has been inspected by architects, construction manager, and owners and found acceptable. Final payment is \$21,782.25.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the final payment for the vendors listed was passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Pate and a second by Mr. Adam Wheatley. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.E. Construction Final Payout, BP #8-Bennett's Carpets (Acoustical/Drywall), Foster Heights Phase 2

Bennett's Carpets has completed all contractual obligations for the bid packages listed and has applied for final payment. All work has been inspected by architects, construction manager, and owners and found acceptable. Final payment is \$6,207.00.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the final payment for the vendors listed was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.F. Construction Final Payout, BP # 10-Bennett's Carpets (Floor Covering), Foster Heights Phase 2

The following vendor has completed all contractual obligations for the bid packages listed and have applied for final payment. All work has been inspected by architects, construction manager, and owners and found acceptable. Final payment is \$2,400.00.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the final payment for the vendors listed was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Adam Wheatley. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Student Instructional Services

VIII.A. District Improvement Plan; Implementation and Impact Checks

As a means to provide the Board of Education an update on the implementation and impact of the district's improvement plan a presentation will be provided to the Board Members. A brief synopsis of the work that has taken place, up to this point, was provided by Mr. Mark Thomas.

VIII.B. Grants

VIII.B.1. America's Farmers Grow Rural Education (AFGRE) Grant

The America's Farmers Grow Rural Education (AFGRE) grant program is an initiative to strengthen math and science education in rural areas. Sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, the program allows farmers to nominate a public school district to compete for a grant of either \$10,000 or \$25,000. Nelson County is one of 30 eligible counties in Kentucky. To participate, an eligible school district must first be nominated by an eligible farmer, after which the application process may begin. We have been nominated and the application process has begun. One \$10,000 grant will be awarded to a school district in each of Kentucky's 4 eligible CRDs. One \$25,000 grant will be awarded to one school district in each eligible state or region, for states with fewer than 75 eligible counties. Kentucky will compete in the mid-south region, which includes Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and Kentucky. There are 39 eligible states. Applications are due by April 15. No matching funds are required. An application can be submitted for either amount, but not both. It was a general consensus that the schools would apply for the \$10,000 grant because the odds are better to obtain the \$10,000 grant. The board members asked Mr. Tom Dekle to present the board with the goals of this grant before then next general meeting.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education (AFGRE) Grant request was passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Mr. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII.C. Lowes Toolbox for Education Grant

Lowes Toolbox for Education allows schools to apply for up to \$5,000 to support one-time projects that improve the school environment for children. New Haven School and Boston School each have projects in mind that fit the parameters of this grant program. New Haven School wishes to pursue a project geared toward beautifying the school with inviting landscaping. Boston School wishes to pursue a grant application that would focus on another footbridge for the nature trail located on school property behind the school.

Motion Passed: Action to approve the Lowes Toolbox for Education Grant request was passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Mr. Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Guest Comments

No guest comments were offered.

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. Frank Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Convene Executive Session

XII. Adjourn Executive Session

XIII. Reconvene Regular Session.

XIV. Adjourn Regular Session

Chairperson

Superintendent