

Nelson County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
October 20, 2009 05:00PM
Central Office

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 5:01 p.m. by Chairperson Frank Hall. At this time Mr. Hall 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: Foster Hts.

Student from Yvette Martin's class who were selected for 4th District Treble Choir presented a selection from their performance in Meade County.

IV. Student/Employee Recognition

Cox's Creek Elementary was recognized for achieving proficiency (100) on the KCCT Spring 2009 State Assessment. Principal Jan Lanham and staff were recognized with flowers and presented with a banner to be hung in the school lobby acknowledging their accomplishment. At this time it was also noted that CCES had the highest attendance rate of any school.

Other recognitions:

New Haven School had over 200 people join their students for lunch on Friday, September 18 for "Important Person Day." The school thanked Mr. Greg Hash for his help with serving our guests that day and making it the most successful "Important Person Day" ever!

Raena Hubbell was selected to participate in the All-State Jr. High Chorus.

The following New Haven School students were selected to attend the National FFA Convention the week of October 19: Ryan Bray, Brett Dones, Sydney Varney, Kayla Boone, Michelle Hanson, Ashley Norman, McKenzie Clark, Grant Ross

Several Bloomfield Middle School students were selected for All-State Choir.

Junior High Choir: Dylan Moran, Aleah Graham, Alyssa Graham, Nathan Brooks

Children's Choir: Corey Kieslich, Hayley Eisenberg, Michaela Sanders, Madeline Kays, Dane Pike

The BMS football team defeated Bardstown Middle School 32-0 and defeated Spencer Co. Middle school 26-0 to win the conference championship. This is the first ever conference championship in football for Bloomfield Middle School. They moved on to the state middle school state tournament where they were defeated by West Hardin Middle School, score 14-12. They end their season with a record of 10-5. Congratulations to the players and Coach Payton and the entire staff.

On Tuesday, October 20th Bloomfield Middle School is hosting a Fall festival for the first time in 10 years. This was made possible through their 21st century grant. Over 450 students, parents, and community members are registered to participate.

The following Bloomfield Middle students participated in the Kentucky State Fair during August.

Bailey Bertrand Blue Class Champion in Scrapbooking, Jennifer Jacky, Blue Class Champion in photography, and Abby McKim, Leadership division.

The Nelson County High School Band of Pride traveled to Green County High School to compete in the Captains' Classic Marching Band Contest. In Prelims, the band received first place in Class 5A with a proficient rating, as well as Best Percussion and Best Color guard and the band placing 3rd overall. In Finals competition the band received Reserved Grand Champion with a proficient rating, while the color guard maintained their title of Best Overall Color guard. In competition at the Louisville Male Classic, the band received first place in its class with Best Percussion and second in percussion, with a proficient rating.

The Nelson Co. Volleyball team took the 5th District title, advancing to regional competition, where they beat Central Hardin.

Nelson County High School student Shauna Stone was voted 5th Region Player of the Year and Coach John Rogers was voted 5th Region Coach of the Year by the Ky. Volleyball Coaches Association. Shauna also received the MaxPrep.com/American Volleyball Coaches' Association "Ky. Player of the Week" award for the week of Oct. 4-11.

Bloomfield Elementary had the highest number ever of Proficient/Distinguished scores for 3rd-5th in reading and math on the 1st round of Discovery Assessment Testing since they began administering this assessment.

PTA membership has gone from 22 members total in 08-09 to over 100 members already in 09-10. For continuous growth to our 101.83 science index score we earned on KCCT, students and staff have formed a new Earth Science Club to broaden their understandings of the effects of human interactions with the environment in both the local and global communities.

The first football season at Boston School was a great experience for the students and a great start to building the tradition of football in that end of the county.

The students and staff of Boston school would like to thank John Ball, Kevin Mattingly, Mike Yaden, Tom Dekle and Larry Pate for all of their efforts and energy in getting the Nature Trail and Outdoor Classroom Project started. They have been instrumental in creating such a great opportunity for "real life" educational opportunities for the students of Boston School.

Several 4th and 5th grade students from Foster Hts. were selected to participate in 4th District Treble Choir in Meade County in September: Madison Faulkner, Ike Johnson, Kaitlyn Wilson, Miles Newton, Grace Fredrick, Naomi Rios, Lauren Paulin, Paula Marie Gagne, Alexis Devers, Amelia Byrd, Kelsie Head.

OKHMS had the following 6th grade students in 4th District Treble Choir: Jacob Newton, Haley Harned.

V. Operations Consent Agenda

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

V.A. Information: Personnel Actions

Offers of employment were extended to the following:

Becky Collins, Special Education Teacher, District; Rana Kaissieh, Instructional Assistant II, Boston; Ann Avis, Bus Monitor Alison Clark, Cook/Baker, OKH Middle; Sean McCarthy, Head Wrestling Coach, NCHS; Nick Ackley, Assistant Wrestling Coach, NCHS; Leslie Chesser, Cook/Baker, Bloomfield Middle; Reece Grubbs, Teacher, Horizons; Amanda Nord, Teacher, Bloomfield Middle; Joyce Yates, Instructional Assistant I, Bloomfield Middle; Stephanie Wimpsett, Speech/Language Path, District; Paula Procter, Assistant AD, District; Chuck Thompson, DPP/Const/Maint Liaison, District; Curt Scifres, Volleyball Coach, Bloomfield Middle; Bill Bennett, Think Tank, NCHS; Matt Hicks, Freshmen Football Coach, NCHS; Matt Hoyes, Assistant Track Coach, NCHS; Grant Litton, Assistant Tennis Coach, NCHS.

The following transfers took place: Leah Mattingly, Childcare Director, NH/Bloomfield; Emily Ralston, Childcare Director, Cox's Creek.

Offers of employment were extended as follows:

Classified Substitute: Robin Mudd.

Certified Substitute Teachers: Judith Carmine; Amanda Doty; Rebecca Patrick; Frederick Lee.

Student Worker: Sara Bell.

Resignations were received from the following: Harry Van Why, Teacher, Horizons; Trey Greenwell, STLP Coach, NCHS; Deborah Seely, Cook/Baker, Bloomfield Elementary.

The following retirement was announced: Micki Clark, District.

The following suspension was noted: Tara Boone.

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: Cindy Ethington, NCHS (Intermittent Leave);

Maternity Leave: Shelley Breeding, Cox's Creek.

V.F. Minutes from Previous Meeting: Minutes from the meeting of September 15, 2009 were approved as read.

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

The following out of state trip was approved: Betty Harned, New Haven, to take 66 students, grades 1 & 2, to the Derby Dinner Playhouse stage production "Jack Frost" on November 30, 2009, in Clarksville, Ind.

V.H. Job Descriptions

The following job description was approved: Director of Pupil Personnel/Construction & Maintenance Liaison

VI. Student Support Services

VI.A. Construction Update

Michael Salsman, BCD, Inc., provided an update on construction at Foster Heights Elementary. He indicated that Philcon Excavating had done an exceptional job of keeping on schedule despite the bad weather.

VI.B. Change Orders

VI.B.1. Change Order # 24: Foster Heights

Sight windows were added to various classroom doors at the new addition to Foster Heights. Old Castle Glass will provide all glass, glazing tape and caulking for a cost of \$167.00.

Primary Motion Passed: Action to approve Change Order #24, Foster Heights, was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Adam Wheatley. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.C. 2008-2009 Final Audit Report

The final audit report for 2008-2009 was presented for approval. Only minor issues were noted. Improvements in the school activity accounts were attributed to the increased experience of the school bookkeepers, and a mid-year pre-audit conducted by the Finance Department. Board member Jackey raised the issue of a fixed-asset inventory. Hockensmith noted that this is labor-intensive and expensive. Finance will provide board members with a copy of the last audit, any additional bids, and research other comparable districts' policies.

Primary Motion Passed: Action to approve the 2008 - 2009 final audit report as provided by Brown & Company was passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.D. 2009 Post Audit Annual Financial Report

The 2009 post-audit financial report was presented for approval. Finance Director Tim Hockensmith noted that there was minimal change to this report as a result of the annual audit. Improvements in the school activity accounts were attributed to the increased experience of the school bookkeepers, and a mid-year pre-audit conducted by the Finance Department. Board member Jackey raised the issue of a fixed-asset inventory. Hockensmith noted that this is labor-intensive and expensive. Finance will provide board members with a copy of the last audit, any additional bids, and research other comparable districts' policies.

Primary Motion Passed: Action to approve the 2009 post-audit Annual Financial Report was passed with a motion by Larry Pate and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.E. KISTA Refinance

The Nelson County School District has the opportunity to participate in the KISTA Bus Refinance Program, offering savings of approximately \$4,000 to the district.

Primary Motion Passed: Action to approve the proposed resolution allowing district participation in the KISTA bus refinance program due to a recent drop in interest rates was passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.F. Bid Approval: Thomas Nelson High School

Michael Salsman, BCD, Inc. provided bid information for the construction of the new Thomas Nelson High School. He noted that the bids represent an approximate 10% savings in anticipated costs. Mr. Damon Jackey recognized Mr. Salsman's efforts in this process.

The following bids were recommended for approval for the construction of the first phase of Thomas Nelson High School:

Bid Package #1 Sitework	Kelsey Construction	\$1,431,596.52
Bid Package #2 Asphalt Paving	Bardstown Asphalt	\$560,000.00
Bid Package #3 Concrete/Carpentry	M & J Construction	\$2,092,300.00
Bid Package #4 Masonry	River City Devel.	\$2,053,305.00
Bid Package #5 Structural Steel	Badgett Constructors	\$883,716.00
Bid Package #6 Roofing/Sheet Metal	Kalreuth	\$1,048,350.00
Bid Package #7 Alum. Entrances/Glazing	Contract Glazing	\$528,343.00
Bid Package #8 Doors/Frames/Hardware	Atlas Metal	\$129,000.00
Bid Package #9 Ceramic Tile	Mazzoli & Assoc.	\$56,900.00
Bid Package #10 Acoustical/Gypsum Drywall	BCD, Inc.	\$517,420.00
Bid Package #11 Painting	Fox Painting	\$193,500.00
Bid Package #12 Misc. Specialties	Schiller Hardware	\$89,715.00
Bid Package #13 Floor Covering	CDI	\$119,204.00
Bid Package #14 Wood Flooring	Martin Flooring	\$84,484.00
Bid Package #15 Metal Lockers	Toadvine Enterprises	\$107,511.00
Bid Package #16 Casework	Atlas Metal Products	\$139,000.00
Bid Package #17 Athletic Equip./Bleachers	Toadvine Enterprises	\$889,000.00
Bid Package #18 Food Service Equipment	C & T Design	\$329,415.00
Bid Package #19 Elevator	D-C Elevator	\$43,800.00
Bid Package #20 Plumbing/HVAC	Knights Mechanical	\$3,210,000.00
Bid Package #21 Fire Protection	Brown Sprinkler	\$383,300.00
Bid Package #22 Electric	Knight Electric	\$3,022,600.00
Bid Package #23 Irrigation	Hord Landscaping	\$43,135.01
	Total	\$17,955,594.53

Primary Motion Passed: Action to approve bid packages as follows 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. Grants

VII.A.1. TIP Grant: New Haven

New Haven School is requesting a Teacher Initiated Program (TIP) grant from the Kentucky Arts Council in the amount of \$540. The grant requires matching funds in the amount of \$285. This grant will fund a 5-day residency next Spring at New Haven of theater artist Kathi E.B. Ellis for a project linking historical studies of the Civil War period with creation of a dramatic presentation.

Primary Motion Passed: Action to approve the TIP Grant application for New Haven School was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.A.2. TIP Grant: Boston

Boston School is requesting a Teacher Initiated Program (TIP) grant from the Kentucky Arts Council in the amount of \$540. The grant requires matching funds in the amount of \$285. This grant will fund a 5-day residency next spring at Boston of visual artist and “paper engineer” Jane McTeigue.

Primary Motion Passed: Action to approve the TIP Grant application for Boston School was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.A.3. 21CCLC Grant: OKHMS, NH, Boston

Old Kentucky Home Middle School, New Haven School and Boston School each wish to seek a 21st Century Community Learning Center (21CCLC) grant to launch a program to deliver academic and cultural enrichment programs during non-school hours.

Primary Motion Passed: Action to approve the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant application for Old Kentucky Home Middle, New Haven and Boston Schools was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.A.4. 21CCLC Grant: Childcare Program

The Nelson County Childcare Program is seeking continuation funding through the Kentucky Department of Education as part of the 21st Century Community Learning Center federal grant Program. The program originally received a CCLC grant in 2002 and has the opportunity to apply for continuation funding for the next five years. The maximum award for the first year of that period is \$75,000, with a decrease of 10 percent each year up to five years.

Primary Motion Passed: Action to approve the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant application for the Nelson County Childcare Program was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.A.5. NGA "Hooked on Hydroponics" Grant: NH

New Haven School is requesting approval of an application to the National Gardening Association (NGA) for a “Hooked on Hydroponics” grant to support a hydroponics program at the school. This grant program, sponsored by “The Grow Store” through the NGA, would provide a “WaterFarm Controller Kit and associated equipment, along with curricula and reference books.

Primary Motion Passed: Action to approve the National Gardening Association "Hooked on Hydroponics Grant for New Haven School was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.A.6. MAC Grant: New Haven

New Haven School is requesting approval of an application to McDonald's Restaurants of Kentuckiana for a 2009 McDonald's MAC (Make Activities Count) grant in the amount of \$500. This grant is meant to support "meaningful, hands-on activities to enhance the learning process for students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades."

Primary Motion Passed: Action to approve the McDonald's MAC Grant application for New Haven School was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.A.7. VSA Arts Grant: Boston

Boston School is requesting approval of an application to VSA Arts of Kentucky arts inclusion grant in the amount of \$1,200. This grant program is designed to give schools the opportunity to provide experiential learning through the arts for children with and without disabilities in an inclusionary setting.

Primary Motion Passed: Action to approve the VSA Arts Grant application for Boston School was passed with a motion by Mr. Frank Hall and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.B. Boston Trail Update

The Boston nature trail and outdoor classroom project is moving forward at a steady pace. The trail is located on approximately 20 acres of forested Board property behind Boston School. The trail was conceived as a two-phase project consisting of a 2,300-foot main trail to be developed in phase one and four side trails to be added in phase two. Cost for the first phase was estimated at about \$20,600, and phase-two, an additional \$18,000.

The project also involves installation of three bridges along the main trail, a bird observatory and an amphitheater big enough to accommodate 300 children for outdoor programs and events.

VII.C. District Improvement Plan

Asst. Superintendents Mr. Greg Hash and Mr. Mark Thomas discussed the Nelson County School District's District Improvement Plan, reviewing overall district goals, strategies, action steps and timelines.

Primary Motion Passed: After careful study of the supporting documentation provided, action to accept the Nelson County School District's District Improvement Plan was passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Adam Wheatley. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.D. CATS Assessment Report

Asst. Superintendents Mr. Greg Hash and Mr. Mark Thomas provided current district data regarding No Child Left Behind (NCLB) results and Kentucky Core Content Test (KCCT) results in specific content areas. Trends and academic index comparisons were provided for review.

VIII. Guest Comments: No guest comments were offered.

IX. Adjournment

Primary Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Convene Executive Session

Primary Motion Passed: Action to convene an executive session of the Nelson County Board of Education to discuss legal, real estate and personnel issues in accordance with KRS 61.810,

subsections b, c and f, was passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Adjourn Executive Session

Primary Motion Passed: Action to adjourn the executive 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.

XII. Reconvene Regular Session

Primary Motion Passed: Action to reconvene the regular session of the Nelson County Board of Education was passed with a motion by Mr. Adam Wheatley and a second by Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously. At this time it was noted that no action had been taken during the executive session.

XIII. Adjourn Regular Session

Primary 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. Adam Wheatley. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson

Superintendent