

Nelson County Regular Meeting
November 17, 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 5:00 PM 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: An addition to the agenda was noted: item VI.F was added to allow board members to vote to allow certain rebids for Thomas Nelson High School. In addition, it was noted that Michael Salsman was expected to be late, and that item VI.C might have to be moved to later in the agenda to allow him time to arrive.

III. Student/Employee Performance

Horizons Academy students in Michelle Gosser's class presented information about what they are learning about practical living skills such as managing their money, job hunting and managing a household. Student presenters included Patrick Anderson, Jacob Greenwell, Miranda Newton, Blake Nichols, Jonathan Higgs, and Evan Hack.

IV. Student/Employee Recognition

For the past 12 years, KSBA's has conducted the OASIS (Outstanding Achievement in School Information Services) Professional Development Program in conjunction with the Kentucky School Public Relations Association (KYSPRA), recognizing the special work in various types of communications: publications, web sites, community engagement programs, news release, photography, videos, special events and more.

This year, KSBA added a new element – a Sweepstakes Award to recognize district programs that represent excellence across a spectrum that includes printed materials, writing, electronic and program communications. In each of four enrollment-based classes, KYSPRA members selected three of their eligible entries, representing three of those four general areas.

Brad Hughes, KSBA Member Support Services, was present at the meeting to present this new Sweepstakes Award to the Nelson County School District. Public Relations staff Bruce England and Tom Dekle, whose excellent efforts earned this honor, were present to accept the award.

Nelson Co. High School: Music/Drama teacher Marc Monroe has been asked to serve on an Alumni Endowment Committee for the School of Music at Campbellsville University.

The FFA Agricultural Issues Team was a semi-finalist at Nationals and the Marketing team was 3rd in the nation.

Janna Houck received her American Degree.

Charlotte Humes was selected as the Nelson County High School Sophomore HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth) Ambassador, and Trevor Burba was selected as the alternate representative.

Bloomfield Middle School: Zak MacIntire was selected as first team all state in the middle school football division. And Eli Clark and Jacob Hood were selected for honorable mention in the football division and were part of the Mid Kentucky Conference Championship team at Bloomfield Middle School.

The following football players have been selected by the Kentucky Middle School Football Association to play in the 2009 East vs. West All star game scheduled for November 27-29 at Kentucky State University: Zack MacIntire, Ben Jones, Jacob Hood This was the first time ever for such recognition for the school.

BMS Students of the month: 6th Grade, Dane Pike; 7th Grade, Dean Hendricks; 8th Grade, Jacob Hood

Bloomfield Elementary School: Three Bloomfield Elementary students were selected out of the 600+ who auditioned for the 200 voice All-State Children's Choir Sponsored by the Kentucky Chapter of the American Choral Director's association. Selected were: Clara Pozgay, Whitney Seigle, and Joanna Whitis.

The canned food drive for Family Literacy Night raised 6,894.20 ounces of canned food. This was donated to Kimberly's Kitchen in Chaplin. The first annual BES fall festival was a tremendous success and our October family literacy night saw over 200 families.

The Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation and Kentucky Association of Conservation District Soil and Conservation poster contest was won at the school level by Morgan Clark, Logan Downs, and Dawson Curtsinger.

New Haven: Raena Hubbell attended KY All-State Fall Convocation, performing at the Singletary Center for the Arts in Lexington. She will sing the National Anthem for New Haven's Veteran's Day Celebration November 11th and is a member of Elizabethtown Sacred Community Choir which will perform selections from Handel's "Messiah" on Dec. 13th

New Haven Guitar Club performed for New Haven's Veteran's Day Celebration November 11th FFA and Guitar Club are joining together to build a float for New Haven's Christmas Parade, and will carol in the town of New Haven.

FRYSC: 114 New Haven children and 65 Boston students are currently served by FRYSC Corps. FRYSC Corps members work in small groups and one-on-one with students to make steps toward proficiency. Students are progressing and FRYSC personnel are very pleased to be able to work with AmeriCorps to bring services to district schools.

Boston School is very grateful to all who took part in the 93rd annual Boston Oyster Supper. The turn out was high and the event went very smoothly.

Foster Heights School Conservation Poster Winners were Grace Frederick, Ashley Smith, and Madeline Sims. Their posters will go on to district competition.

V. Operations Consent Agenda

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

V.A. Information: Personnel Actions

Offers of employment were extended to the following:

Bryan Hurst, Head Football Coach, Boston/New Haven; Jessica Rogers, Asst Girls' BB Coach, New Haven; Mike Bray, Head Girls' BB Coach, New Haven; Sheila Bartley, STLP Coach, NCHS; Angie White, Think Tank, NCHS; Savannah Craddock, Teacher, NCHS; Tim Beck, Principal, Bloomfield Elem; Dewayne Hogan, Asst Girls' BB Coach, NCHS.

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: Catherine Lydian, Bus Garage; Sara Jones, Foster Heights; Amonda Riley, Foster Heights; James McCauley, Bus Garage;
Maternity Leave: Rachel Scholes, Foster Heights; Kristin Thompson, Cox's Creek.

V.F. Minutes from Previous Meeting: Minutes from the meeting of October 20, 2009 were approved as read.

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

The following overnight/out of state trips were approved:
Sean McCarthy, NCHS, to take 10-14 students, grades 9-12, to the State Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 17-20, 2010, at Farnham Dungeon, Frankfort, Ky.
Darrell Parks, Bloomfield Elementary, to take 18 students, grades 5-8, to the KY-ACDA All-State Chorus on November 5-7, 2009, in Lexington, Ky.

VI. Student Support Services

VI.A. In-service Credit Hours

On Tuesday, October 6, 2009, Board of Education members participated in a work session for one (1) hour to review test scores and school improvement issues. On Tuesday, November 10, 2009, Board of Education members participated in the "Boot Camp Café" for three hours with the members of the SBDM Councils from each of the schools (see attached agenda). As noted in 702 KAR 1.115, the Board needs to take formal action to approve the earning of four (4) hours of local in-service credit for these educational opportunities.

Primary Motion Passed: Action to approve four hours of local in-service credit for each Board Member on October 6 (1 hour) and November 10 (3 hours), 2009 was passed with a motion by Larry Pate and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.B. Roofs: CCES & old Central Office Bldg.

The roofs at both Cox's Creek and the old Central Office have lasted beyond their projected life spans and have numerous leaks. To prevent building damage extensive roof repairs or possible replacement is needed.

Primary Motion Passed: Authorization to evaluate the Cox's Creek Elementary roof and the former Central Office building roof, and to make a recommendation as to whether repair or replacement is required, was passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Adam Wheatley. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.C. Construction Update

Note: This item was postponed until Mr. Salsman arrived, and discussed after item VII.C on the agenda.

Mr. Salsman indicated that the Foster Heights renovation was going well, that several cost-savings had been realized so far in this project, and that progress was being made at the TNHS site.

VI.D. Change Orders: No change orders were submitted.

VI.E. BG4 Final Payment: Zero Company

The Zero Company has completed all contractual obligations for Bid Package 6, Roofing and Sheet Metal, for the renovation of Nelson County High School and Area Technology Center. All work has been inspected by architects, construction manager, and owners and found acceptable. Final payment is \$84,418.21.

Primary Motion Passed: Action to approve final payment to the Zero Company in the amount of \$84,418.21 for Bid Pkg. # 6, Roofing/Sheet Metal, for Nelson County High School and the Area Technology Center was passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Jackey and a second by Larry Pate. Motion carried unanimously.

VI.F. Rebids: Construction of TNHS

In accordance with KDE requirements, bid packages as follows must be rebid for the construction of Thomas Nelson High School:

- Bid Package #7 Aluminum Frames and Glazing
- Bid Package #14 Wood Flooring
- Bid Package #21 Fire Suppression System
- Bid Package #22 Electrical

Primary Motion Passed: Action to approve rebidding of Bid packages #7, 14, 21 and 22 for the construction of Thomas Nelson High School in accordance with KDE requirements 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. Grants

VII.A.1. EETT Grant: District

The major purpose of the Enhanced Education Through Technology (EETT) program is to assist school systems in improving student academic achievement in high need areas. Grant funding, made available from the Kentucky Department of Education Office of Education Technology through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will serve to enhance ongoing efforts to improve teaching and learning through the use of technology. This grant application will pay particular attention to improving student achievement through the use of technology; assisting every student to become technologically literate by the end of the 8th grade; and encouraging the effective integration of technology. Nelson County is eligible to apply for \$67,500 in EETT grant funding to address program requirements.

Primary Motion Passed: Action to approve the Enhanced Education Through Technology (EETT) grant application in the amount of \$67,500 for the Nelson County School District was passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. Motion carried unanimously.

VII.B. China Trip Presentation: Tom Clark, NCHS

Nelson County High School teacher Tom Clark presented an overview of his 28 day trip to China as part of a Fulbright-Hays program. He noted that, due to the H1N1 flu, none of the participants was able to meet with students at any time during the visit, but he felt that this was “a trip of a life time” and thanked Superintendent Lantz for recommending him for this wonderful opportunity. Dr. Lantz indicated that administrators Mark Thomas and Donna Paulin are in process of preparing for a 10-day visit to China.

VII.C. School Improvement Plans: BES, BMS, Bos, CCES, Horizons, NCHS, NH, OKHMS

Each year all district schools prepare a School Improvement Plan (SIP) as a guide to goal setting and decision making in order to increase student achievement. An instructional team at each school has taken into consideration all planning areas including: assessment, curriculum, instruction, equity, leadership, school culture, family and community involvement, professional development, and technology. Each plan is a reflection of the schools’ top priorities and initiatives that will guide their work throughout the school year. Mr. Mark Thomas provided an overview of the critical elements in each school’s SIP, and indicated that, due to the merger of Old Kentucky Home Intermediate into Foster Heights, Foster Heights’ SIP was still a work in progress, which would be submitted separately at the December 2009 board meeting.

Primary Motion Passed: Action to approve the School Improvement Plans (SIPs) as presented for Bloomfield Elementary School, Bloomfield Middle School, Boston School, Cox's Creek Elementary, Horizons Academy, Nelson County High School, New Haven School and Old Kentucky Home Middle School was passed with a motion by Mr. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Adam Wheatley. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Guest Comments

During this time, Superintendent Lantz addressed the meeting to indicate her plan to retire at the end of the current school year. She thanked board members and staff for their support and hard work, and stated that she plans to continue in her partnership with St. Catherine College, where she will be involved with the teacher education program.

IX. Adjourn

Primary Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn passed with a motion by Mr. Nicky Rapier and a second by Mr. Adam Wheatley. 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 real estate and personnel issues pursuant to KRS 61.810 subsections b 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. Damon Jackey and a second by Mr. Nicky Rapier. 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 Larry Pate and a second by Mr. Adam Wheatley. At this time it was indicated that no actions had been taken during the executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

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. Adam Wheatley and a second by Mr. Damon Jackey. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson

Superintendent