

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**MARCH 10, 2014
6:00 P.M.**

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP

The Christian County Board of Education met in the Board room at the Central Office on Glass Avenue on March 10, 2014, 6:00 P.M. for a Special Board Meeting/Workshop.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Linda Keller, Chairperson
Ms. Sara Shepherd, Vice-Chair
Mr. Barry D. Cornelius
Ms. Teresa Moss

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Mary DeBow

Ms. Mary Ann Gemmill, Superintendent and Board Secretary

Also present: Mr. Jack Lackey, Jr., School Board Attorney; Administrators, Media and Guests

ACTION/ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Keller, Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**#196 APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Cornelius, second by Ms. Shepherd, to approve the Board Agenda as presented (A copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference).

Voting yes: Mr. Cornelius, Ms. Shepherd,
Ms. Moss and Ms. Keller

Voting no: NONE

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- #197 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL TO
SELL USED
BUSES
THROUGH
KISTA**
- Following presentation by Mike Brumley, Director of Transportation, motion by Ms. Moss, second by Ms. Shepherd, to approve to sell used buses through KISTA (A copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference).
- Voting yes: Ms. Moss, Ms. Shepherd,
Mr. Cornelius and Ms. Keller
Voting no: NONE
- #198 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
TO ACCEPT
BID FOR
ELECTRICAL
EQUIPMENT
FOR THE
PEMBROKE
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
PROJECT**
- Following presentation by Keith Sharp, Architect, motion by Ms. Shepherd, second by Mr. Cornelius, to accept bid for Electrical Equipment for the Pembroke Elementary School Project from Cayce Mill Supply at a cost of \$51,595 (A copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference).
- Voting yes: Ms. Shepherd, Mr. Cornelius,
Ms. Moss and Ms. Keller
Voting no: NONE
- #199 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
DIRECTOR OF
ELEMENTARY
EDUCATION
POSITION AND
JOB
DESCRIPTION**
- Following presentation by Amy Wilcox, Chief Instructional Officer, motion by Ms. Moss, second by Ms. Shepherd, to approve the Director of Elementary Education Position and Job Description (A copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference). {Ms. Wilcox explained that the Gifted and Talented State Grant would pay $\frac{3}{4}$ of the positions' salary with the district paying $\frac{1}{4}$ and that the position would be that of a Director on the Certified Administrative Index as a 1.23}.
- Voting yes: Ms. Moss, Ms. Shepherd,
Mr. Cornelius and Ms. Keller
Voting no: NONE

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| <p>#200 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL REDUCTION OF TWO (2) CONTRACT DAYS FOR ALL STAFF TO ALIGN WITH 2014-2015 CALENDAR APPROVED BY THE BOARD AT FEBRUARY 6, 2014 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING/ WORKSHOP</p> | <p>Following presentation by Vicki Myers, Director of Personnel, motion by Mr. Cornelius, second by Ms. Shepherd, to approve Reduction of Two (2) Contract Days for All Staff to Align with 2014-2015 Calendar Approved by the Board at February 6, 2014 Special Board Meeting/Workshop (A copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference).</p> <p>Voting yes: Mr. Cornelius, Ms. Shepherd, Ms. Moss and Ms. Keller</p> <p>Voting no: NONE</p> |
| <p>#201 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL AMENDING POLICIES #03.122 AND #03.222 (PAID HOLIDAYS) - FIRST READING</p> | <p>Motion by Mr. Cornelius, second by Ms. Shepherd Amending Policies #03.122 and #03.222 (Paid Holidays) - First Reading (A copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference).</p> <p>Voting yes: Mr. Cornelius, Ms. Shepherd, Ms. Moss and Ms. Keller</p> <p>Voting no: NONE</p> |
| <p>#202 DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL TO AMEND THE 2013-2014 CALENDAR TO RESCHEDULE THE FEBRUARY 17 AND MARCH 28</p> | <p>Following presentation by Melanie Barrett, Director of Pupil Personnel, motion by Ms. Shepherd, second by approve to Amend the 2013-2014 Calendar to Re-schedule the February 17 and March 28 Professional Development Days (as flex PD Days to March 31 and April 1, 2014). (A copy of which is attached and the terms of which are incorporated by reference).</p> |

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

**#203 DISCUSSION/
APPROVAL
OF THE
LETTER OF
INTENT FOR
PURCHASE OF
EQUIPMENT
FOR ENERGY
CONTRACT**

(Mr. Jaggars provided the Board member with an update on the Trane Energy Performance (A copy of which is attached to the minutes)).

DISTRICT DATA SNAPSHOT

Ms. Wilcox stated that the snapshots would be presented three times a year with the next update in June and then in October.

Ms. Gemmill, Superintendent and Jessica Darnell provided financial information for the Board on developing a shared vision for the Christian County Public Schools for the future.

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Ms. Gemmill's presentation was centered on the Board being visionary. Ms. Gemmill stated that in the face of tax reform, the school district needed to have the same kind of vision as Steve Jobs when he saw revolutions in technology before they happened. Ms. Gemmill asked the Board to think very hard about its' long-term facilities plan. She told the Board that she believed and thought that the community also believed that we need to look at long-term facilities planning.

Ms. Gemmill stated that we, as a district, needed to watch over the bonding capacity and the potential of having to bring up the recallable nickel tax again in the near future. She noted that although we are hesitate on raising taxes, it will take a unified decision to enact change and put the district on solid footing. She stated that the vision that the Board plans for in the next few months will influence many boys and girls for many year to come.

The following are areas that were presented:

Facilities & Maintenance:

- Draft Budget FY15
- All of FSPK Building Funds to be used for debt payments
- \$443,313 will be available from Capital Outlay Funds for smaller projects per facilities plan
- Not enough for roofing project of an elementary school

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- **Types of Nickels**
- Facilities Support Program of Kentucky
- Original Growth Nickel
- Second Growth Nickel
- Recallable Nickel
- Equalized Facility Funding Nickel
- BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) Nickel
- Category 5 Nickel

- **Facilities Support Program of Kentucky**
 - Enacted in 1990
 - All Districts levy FSPK Nickel
 - Only 4 districts in the state do not receive equalization of this nickel
 - Christian County's local portion \$1,688,138
 - Christian County's state portion \$1,265,422
 - This nickel and equalization are combined into our FSPK Building Fund

- **Original Growth Nickel**
 - Enacted 1994
 - Public hearing required prior to levying the nickel

 - For Districts with growing student population, must meet all four criteria:
 - *Growth of at least 150 students in ADA and 3% overall growth for the 5 preceding years

- Bonded debt to maximum capacity of at least 80% of Capital Outlay and local and state FSPK
- Current student enrollment in excess of available classroom space

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Local school facility plan approved by Kentucky Board of Education and certified to SFCC

***** Christian County does not meet requirements***

- **Second Growth/Equalized Growth Nickel**

- * Provided in 2003 and 2005 through budget language
- For Districts that continued to meet the growth criteria the option to levy a second growth nickel was given
- General Assembly provided an equalization funding for Districts that levied both the original growth and second growth nickel
- Not subject to recall

- **Recallable Nickel/Retroactive Equalization**

- * Provided through budget language 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2009
- General Assembly allows all districts the opportunity to levy a nickel for building needs that is subject to recall via public petitions.
 - * Previous House Bills have allowed equalization of the recallable nickel

- **Equalized Facility Funding Nickel**

- Enacted in 2005

Eligible districts must meet following criteria:

- *At least 10-cent equivalent rate for buildings or debt service of 10-cent equivalent as of 2/24/05
- * Have not received equalized growth
- * Have not received retroactive facility funding (recallable)
- *Has received approval by commissioner

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- **Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Nickel**
 - * Enacted in 2008
 - * If a district that imposes BRAC has not received equalization of the first or second growth nickel, the BRAC would be equalized, pending General Assembly funding
 - * May levy additional five cents if following criteria are met:
 - Local school district is in a county that will have more students as a direct result of the new mission established for Ft. Knox by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) in 2005
 - The Commissioner of Education has determined that the projected increased number of students is sufficient to require new facilities or the major renovation of existing facilities and has approved the imposition of the additional levy.
- **Category 5 Nickel**
 - * Enacted in 2010
 - * Category 5 refers to poorest condition schools upon certification of eligibility by Kentucky Board of Education
- - * Designed to replace or renovate Category 5 schools
 - * Two options for Category 5 Nickel: with recall provisions or without recall provisions
 - * Must meet certain conditions:
 - * Debt service
 - * New construction
 - * Or major renovation

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- **Recallable Nickel**

- * There are 29 School District in Kentucky that have the Recallable Nickel

Recallable Nickel

- * Additional Nickels must be included in the regular property tax approval and advertisements
- * KDE recommends any District approving an additional Nickel to approve the 4% Increase Property Tax Rate
- * Due to advertising requirements for hearings to approve property tax rates, it is difficult to approve an additional Nickel and levy it in the same year
- * KDE must receive certified property value assessment information from the KY Department of Revenue and then KDE calculates the options for property tax rates for all school districts. This usually occurs by July 31.
- * Property tax rates must be to the county Treasurer's office by September 1 in order to print property tax bills.
- * We cannot officially levy the additional Nickel until 45 days after the hearing date
- * During this 45 days, a petition committee could file a petition against the Nickel.
- * If the petition is deemed sufficient by the County Clerk, the Recallable Nickel would be placed on the ballot at the next regular Election to be voted on by the citizens of the county.
- * Because of this timeline, it is difficult to meet the requirements to approve and levy the Recallable Nickel in the same year.

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- **Bonding Capacity**

- * Current projection with 40% of Capital Outlay
\$ 9,585,000

- * Projection with 40% Capital Outlay, Recallable
Nickel and Equalization
\$ 58,440,000

(Mr. Cornelius asked if information could be secured about Occupational or Payroll Tax)

UPDATE ON HIGHLAND AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

Kathy Hancock, Chief Operations Officer asked the Board for guidance in how they wanted to dispose of the Highland building and property. She said it could be done through accepting sealed bids with minimum reserve or with an auction. She noted that if an auction was to be done the commission for those doing the auction would be 65.

The Board asked Ms. Hancock to proceed with sealed bids for the building and the grounds (the contents of the building would be put with other surplus property that would be auctioned this Spring).

REDISTRICTING

Kathy Hancock, Chief Operations Officer and Barry Combs, District System Support provided a power point presentation of the proposed school zones for the 2015-2016 school year for all elementary, middle and high schools. Since Lacy, Holiday and Belmont will be closed at the end of the 2013-2014 school year, their zones were incorporated into the other elementary school zones. The new North Drive Elementary School zone was also provided.

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#204 ADJOURNMENT Motion by Ms. Shepherd, second by Mr. Cornelius,
to adjourn (8:00 P.M.)

Voting yes: Ms. Shepherd, Mr. Cornelius,
Ms. Moss and Ms. Keller

Voting no: NONE

APPROVED CHAIRPERSON _____

APPROVED SECRETARY _____