

FORT THOMAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

Board of Education Regular Meeting

20 N. Grand Avenue – 1st Floor Convening Room

Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075

September 13, 2021

6:30PM

Attendance Taken at 6:28 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Lisa Duckworth

Mr. Bradley Fennell

Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein

Mrs. Ann Meyer

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Jeff Beach

I. OPENING OF MEETING

Board Chair Ann Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Student Showcase - Kindness Challenge - JES

Johnson Elementary 4th-grade students in Mrs. Jill Booth's class gave a presentation about why kindness is important and explaining their individual examples of extending kindness to others in the Pillars and Pathways program Kindness Challenge.

Students presenting were:

- Dominic Ciani
- Zoe Dikeos
- Finley Duke
- Dean Fangman
- Olivia Fromm
- Zoey Hren
- Linus Jones
- Drew Kampschmidt
- Maddy Rhorer
- Jane Ryan
- Mollie Smith

The Board thanked the students for their presentation and gave each a "Rich in Tradition" t-shirt.

C. Community Forum

Six parents and three students addressed the Board to voice their thanks and appreciation of the decision to continue the requirement of masking for all students/staff/visitors.

One parent requested that the Board consider removing the mask requirement and giving the decision of masking to parents.

Community member Elizabeth Allegrini addressed the Board with comments regarding gates at Tower Park, the KDE vaccine incentive program, community conversations, and alternative spaces for students during lunch.

Parent Jade Stanford addressed the Board with her concerns regarding books accessible to elementary students on a school reading app.

FTEA president Kelly Pratt-Booth addressed the Board to recognize three teachers (one from each level - elementary, middle, high) who were recognized by their FTEA colleagues for their outstanding efforts. The teachers are: Ann Snider, (elementary); Scott Pahren, (middle); and Jason Gay, (high).

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Johnson Elementary Replacement

1. Project Update

Jerry Wissman updated the Board on the current status of the project noting that we continue to work on the final "punch list" items and address any issues that have been found since occupancy.

2. Pay Application to Morel Construction

Order #2273 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay Application #30 to Morel Construction in the amount of \$140,331.20 for the Johnson Elementary Replacement project passed with a motion by Mrs. Lisa Duckworth and a second by Mr. Bradley Fennell.

Mr. Jeff Beach	Absent
Mrs. Lisa Duckworth	Yes
Mr. Bradley Fennell	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Yes

B. Working Budget for 2021-22

Order #2274 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Working Budget for 2021-22 passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein and a second by Mr. Bradley Fennell.

Mr. Jeff Beach	Absent
Mrs. Lisa Duckworth	Yes
Mr. Bradley Fennell	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Yes

C. Approval of Legal Counsel

Order #2275 - Motion Passed: Approval of Mary Ann Stewart with the law firm of Adams Law, PLLC to continue to provide legal counsel passed with a motion by Mr. Bradley Fennell and a second by Mrs. Lisa Duckworth.

Mr. Jeff Beach	Absent
Mrs. Lisa Duckworth	Yes
Mr. Bradley Fennell	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Yes

D. 2021-22 Continuous Improvement Diagnostic

The comprehensive school and district improvement plan process is outlined in 703 KAR 5:225. The requirements included in the administrative regulation are key components of the continuous improvement process in Kentucky and ultimately fulfillment of school, district, and state goals under the Kentucky State Plan as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The Continuous Improvement Diagnostic documents a commitment by the Superintendent that the district will implement a continuous improvement processes with fidelity to support student achievement and student growth and to eliminate achievement gaps among groups of students.

Order #2276 - Motion Passed: Approval of the 2021-22 Continuous Improvement Diagnostic passed with a motion by Mrs. Lisa Duckworth and a second by Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein.

Mr. Jeff Beach	Absent
Mrs. Lisa Duckworth	Yes
Mr. Bradley Fennell	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Yes

E. District Funding Assurances

Order #2277 - Motion Passed: Approval of the District Funding Assurances for 2021-22 passed with a motion by Mr. Bradley Fennell and a second by Mrs. Lisa Duckworth.

Mr. Jeff Beach	Absent
Mrs. Lisa Duckworth	Yes
Mr. Bradley Fennell	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Yes

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Professional Development Update

Bill Bradford shared information on professional development requirements as well as the district and school level plans that provided many opportunities to our teachers this year.

B. School-Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council Update

Bill Bradford informed the Board that all SBDM legal requirements in KRS 160.345 have been met and shared the council members elected for each school.

He also shared that all SBDM council information, meeting dates, agendas and minutes are available on each school's SBDM webpage.

C. Assessment and Accountability Update

Bill Bradford presented information about Assessment and Accountability, sharing that beginning this year, K-PREP has been replaced by the Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA).

Additionally, assessment results for 2020-21 will be available to present and review at our October meeting.

D. COVID Update

Jamee Flaherty provided the Board with an update and overview of current status and protocols surrounding COVID. She also introduced the new "Test to Stay" option now offered to asymptomatic students who were exposed at school. Detailed information can be found on the Healthy at School webpage.

E. Board Committee Updates

There were no committee meetings during the past month.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Order #2278 - Motion Passed: With all Board members having had the opportunity to review and pursue any questions about all of the items contained therein, approval of the consent agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Bradley Fennell and a second by Mrs. Lisa Duckworth.

Mr. Jeff Beach	Absent
Mrs. Lisa Duckworth	Yes
Mr. Bradley Fennell	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Yes

A. Minutes of Special Meeting of August 16, 2021; Tax Hearing Meeting of August 26, 2021; Special Meeting of August 26, 2021; and Special Working Meeting of September 10, 2021

B. Financial Report for Month of August 2021

C. Attendance Report for 1st Month of 2021-22

D. Authorization for Payment of Claims

E. Notification of Changes to Procedure

1. Procedure 9.36 AP.212 - Transportation Requests

F. Notification of School Activity Fund Budgets for 2021-22

G. Personnel Action Taken Since August 16, 2021

Employment of the following Classified Employees

Gina Passarella Auer - Instructional Assistant - JES

Ashley Chomyszak - Instructional Assistant - JES

Employment of the following Extra Service Positions

Mary Bose - Special Education Dept. Chair - HHS

Katie Carelock - Math Honor Society - HHS

Karrie Chajkowski - Journalism Club Sponsor - WES

Matt Gessner - Freshman Basketball Coach - HHS

Jillian Hurtt - Chess Club Co-Sponsor - MES

Amber McDowell- Chess Club Co-Sponsor - MES

David Rockel - Chess Club Sponsor - WES

Employment of the following Paraprofessional Employees

Terri Cain - Varsity Assistant Softball Coach - HHS

McKenzie Goyert - Girls Soccer Freshman Head Coach - HHS

Dave Matteson - JV Softball Coach - HHS

Dayne Merkley - Freshman Softball Coach - HHS

Employment of the following Certified Substitutes

Cindy Cotton

Keith D'Ambra

Pamela Johnson

Ramona Lee

Dalton Mallery

Patricia Mullins

Bridget Smith

Resignation of the following Extra Service Position

Whitney McKay - Girls on the Run Sponsor - JES

Resignation of the following Paraprofessional Employee

William Herald - Freshman Basketball Coach - HHS

H. Grant Extended Leave

- 1. Chris Capal (Medical - Approximately August 12 through December 12, 2021)**

I. Approval of Superintendent Travel

- 1. KASA New Supt. Training - Frankfort KY - September 7-9, 2021**
- 2. KASA New Supt. Training - Frankfort KY - September 30-October 1, 2021**

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Superintendent Brian Robinson reminded everyone of the following upcoming events:

- Community Conversation at Highlands High School on September 16 from 6-7pm
- Spaghetti Dinner Night at Woodfill Elementary on Friday, September 17
- Big Top Festival at Woodfill Elementary on Sunday, September 19, from 12-6pm

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Ann Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm.

Chairperson

Superintendent