

FORT THOMAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

Board of Education Regular Meeting

20 N. Grand Avenue – 1st Floor Convening Room

Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075

February 7, 2022

6:30PM

Attendance Taken at 6:19 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Jeff Beach

Mrs. Lisa Duckworth

Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Bradley Fennell

Mrs. Ann Meyer

I. OPENING OF MEETING

Board Vice-Chairperson Lisa Duckworth called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Recognitions

1. KMEA All-State

The Board recognized and congratulated the following students who were selected for KMEA All-State.

HHS students:

- Logan Holbrook - Piano
- Adam Pawlak - Viola
- Caden Schroeder - Violin
- Kathryn Buschle - Women's Chorus
- Jameson Zoller - Men's Chorus
- Evan Stuart - Men's Chorus

HMS students:

- Norah Shadwell - KY Junior High Chorus
- Lucy Schill - KY Children's Chorus
- Kit Valentine - KY Children's Chorus

Johnson students:

- Maggie Hair - KY Children's Chorus

Moyer students:

- Maggie Frimming - KY Children's Chorus
- Avni Jani - KY Children's Chorus

- Ella Kate Reynolds - KY Children's Chorus
- Brielle Stanford - KY Children's Chorus
- William Twehues - KY Children's Chorus

Each student was given a Certificate of Achievement and a "Rich in Tradition" t-shirt.

2. KSBA Banner

HHS senior Kendall Neundorfer created the artwork for the district's KSBA Conference banner. The theme for this year's banner is "Connect the Dots". This banner is displayed during the KSBA Annual Conference February 25-27, 2022.

The board thanked Kendall for her work on the banner. She was given a check for \$50 and a "Rich in Tradition" t-shirt.

3. Tradition of Excellence Awards

Cindy Graves, Moyer 3rd grade teacher, was recognized and given a Tradition of Excellence award in recognition of her qualities of positive leadership and exemplifying the Portrait of a Graduate competencies.

4. Board Bravos and Updates

Board members shared the following accolades and reminders

- Girls Bowling team won the regionals
- HMS musical School of Rock was an outstanding production
- Students from HHS and HMS won Scholastic Writing Awards with the middle school having an amazing number of students (53) winning awards.
- HMS student Brady Smith won the Spelling Bee and will represent HMS at the WCPO Regional Spelling Bee in March.
- Counselor Appreciation Week is this week - February 7-11
- FTEF Annual Dance is March 5

Brian Robinson shared the following upcoming events

- WES Art Show
- JES will host regional Academic team competition
- MES Talent Show - February 12
- HMS Talent Show - February 25

C. Student Showcase: JES - Genius Hour and Enrichment

Students from Johnson Elementary presented about the Genius Hour and Enrichment programs and shared examples of their experiences in the programs. Students presenting were:

- Bailey Richey
- Rex Schlarman
- Emma Claire Shaffer

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

D. Healthy at School Update

Jamee Flaherty provided an update on the COVID positive/quarantine numbers, noting that our absences for both students and teachers have greatly declined since the beginning of January.

She also reviewed the updated protocol for masking optional procedures which will go into effect when the number of active positive cases in FTIS is less than 25 AND the incidence rate for 41075 is less than 50 (per 100,000).

E. Community Forum

Twelve parents and community members individually addressed the Board with their comments regarding current masking requirements. One parent addressed the Board with their comments regarding comments made in the Community Forum portion of the January meeting.

FTEA president Kelly Pratt-Booth recognized the following teachers:

Jenny Miller-Horn, Moyer Elementary, is one of the lighthouse coordinators for the Leader in Me program at Moyer. She is helping the teachers set their Wildly Important Goals at each grade level which are the non-negotiable targets for students to reach in order to ensure their success. Mrs. Miller-Horn has put in the work to set up scoreboards to show teachers' progress towards their goals. Her commitment to helping her colleagues succeed in serving our students is deeply appreciated by her colleagues and the students at Moyer.

Miki Beier, HMS, has put a great deal of time into our 8th graders' growth in their writing skills. As a result of Ms. Beier's work with these students, the middle school had 53 students that were recognized for their Scholastic Writing Pieces. She has been instrumental in taking writing at HMS to the next level and provided opportunities for our students to showcase their amazing work.

Megan Boimann-Hennies, HHS, for her outstanding work with her We the People classes. This course pushes students to dive deep into the Constitution and answer complex questions from a panel of judges. Under her leadership since she started at HHS our students have consistently advanced past the state level to compete at nationals every year. Ms. Boimann-Hennies has set a standard of excellence for our students and her colleagues. Her tireless work continues to push our students to be fully engaged citizens that are ready to participate fully in the democratic process when they leave the Nest.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Staffing Guidelines for 2022-23

Order #2309 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Staffing Guidelines for 2022-23 passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein and a second by Mr. Jeff Beach.

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

B. Amend 2021-22 School Calendar

Order #2310 - Motion Passed: Approval to amend the 2021-22 School Year Calendar to reassign the February 16 late arrival day to February 14; designate the first snow make-up day as June 3; designate the second snow make-up day as March 14; and move the flexible PD day from March 14 to May 17 passed with a motion by Mr. Jeff Beach and a second by Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein.

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

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Johnson Elementary Replacement

1. Project Update

Jerry Wissman provided an update noting that we are not closing this project as KDE has suggested we complete additional remedial work under the project. Additionally, the sewer gas smell is still an issue and KLH is currently working on a permanent solution.

B. HHS Title IX Report

Jamee Flaherty presented the Title IX report for 2021, sharing that we again met the criteria to pass and remain in compliance.

C. STAR Winter Benchmark Data Report

Bill Bradford shared and explained data from the winter STAR benchmark report. Comparisons of current data with Fall 2021 and the 2020-21 school year show favorable advancement.

D. Board Committee Updates

Lisa Duckworth reported that she attended meetings for FTEF and Technology.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Order #2311 - 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 Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein and a second by Mr. Jeff Beach.

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

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 10, 2022; Special Joint Meeting of January 11, 2022; and Working Board Meeting of February 3, 2022

B. Financial Report for Month of January 2022

C. Food Service Report for January 2022

D. Attendance Report for 5th Month of 2021-22

E. Authorization for Payment of Claims

F. Notification and Approval of Student Trips

- 1. HHS Dance - Orlando FL - March 3-7, 2022**
- 2. HHS Robotics - California PA - March 16-19, 2022**
- 3. HHS FCCLA - Louisville KY - March 22-25, 2022**

G. Personnel Action Taken Since January 10, 2022

Employment of the following Classified Employee

Eric Stamper - Custodian - MES

Employment of the following Extra-Service Positions

Katie Leftin - STLP Co-Sponsor - JES

Natalie Woeste - STLP Co-Sponsor - JES

Employment of the following Paraprofessional Positions

Jonathon McKenzie - Freshman Girls Track Coach - HHS

Michelle Woods - Varsity Volleyball Coach - HHS

Resignation of the following Classified Employee

Jason Linkous - Custodian - HMS

Resignation of the following Paraprofessional Position

Adrienne Hundemer - Assistant Girls Track Coach - HHS

H. Grant Extended Leave

- 1. Stacey Behrensmeyer (Medical - Approximately January 18 through February 14, 2022)**
- 2. Stephanie Laake (Medical - Approximately January 26 through March 9, 2022)**

I. Approval of Superintendent Travel

- 1. Supt. Cohort/KSBA Conference - Louisville KY - February 23-25, 2022**
- 2. Supt. Cohort - Lexington KY - March 17-18, 2022**

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Brian Robinson recognized Dr. Fred Carter of KASA for his role in mentoring new superintendents and thanked him for attending the Board meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Board Vice-Chairperson Lisa Duckworth adjourned the meeting at 8:48pm.

Vice-Chairperson

Superintendent