

# **FORT THOMAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS**

## **Board of Education Regular Meeting**

Fort Thomas City Building – 130 N. Fort Thomas Avenue

Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075

February 13, 2023

6:30PM

### **Attendance Taken at 6:35 PM:**

#### Present Board Members:

Mr. Jeff Beach

Mr. Clem Fennell IV

Mrs. Sarah Foster

Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein

#### Absent Board Members:

Mrs. Ann Meyer

### **I. OPENING OF MEETING**

Board Vice Chair Julie Kuhnhein called the meeting to order at 6:36pm immediately following close of the Finance Corporation meeting.

#### **A. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **B. Recognitions**

##### **1. Board Bravos and Updates**

Board members shared the following:

- Recognition of our counselors for National School Counselor Week
- We the People again advanced to nationals
- Mock Trial advanced to state
- FTEF Parents Night Out is March 4
- Congratulations to HMS on their Cinderella production
- Wrestling had a Region 5 winner
- Booster Bash raised over 13K to support athletics
- Moyer Kindergarten circus is February 23
- Swim team competes at state this weekend
- HMS Speech (Forensics) will compete at state February 24-25

##### **2. Tradition of Excellence Awards**

###### **a. Emma Hood**

Emma Hood was nominated for a Tradition of Excellence award by teacher Kelly Booth for demonstrating the Portrait of a Graduate competencies of Courageous Leader and Empathetic Collaborator.

###### **b. Jillian Booth**

Jillian Booth was nominated for a Tradition of Excellence award by parent Lana Jreisat for her dedication to providing exceptional experiences and opportunities for students.

### 3. KMEA All-State

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to KMEA All-State:

HHS	Avni Jani
Chorus:	Grace Manning
Katie Buschle	Brielle Stanford
Connor Defevers	William Twehues
Addie Littner	
Sylvie Martin	Junior High Chorus:
Rafe Pinkston	Lela Bach
Norah Shadwell	Lucy Schill
Grace Shuley	Kit Valentine
Evan Stuart	
	Johnson
Symphony Orchestra:	Children's Chorus
Caden Schroeder – violin	Hannah Bere
Jazz Ensemble:	Moyer
Logan Holbrook - piano	Children's Chorus
	Amelia Crozier
HMS	Beatrice Landon
Children's Chorus:	Parker Shipman
Alice Hair	Edie Twehues
Maggie Hair	

Students selected for KMEA All-State were recognized and congratulated for their accomplishments. Each was given a Certificate of Achievement.

### C. Student Showcase: Johnson - Project Droplet

Johnson 5th-grade students presented on Project Droplet which they organized after reading the books Thirst and A Long Walk to Water and learning about the water crises in other countries. Their project raised \$1581 which will be donated to H2O for Life. Students presenting were:

Lily Clarke	Drew Kampschmidt	Hannah Poteet
Blake Deaton	Maggie Meyers	Reagan Sand
Dean Fangman	Aiden Poage	

The board thanked the students for their presentation and gave each a “Rich in Tradition” t-shirt.

### D. Community Forum

A parent addressed the board with concerns about SB150 and the need to support LGBTQ+ students.

A parent addressed the board to celebrate teachers Beth Brubaker, Emily Haffey and Katie Leftin and to thank them for their positive impact on students.

## II. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract (GESc)

#### 1. Award of Contract

**Order #2397 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract with CMTA passed with a motion by Mrs. Sarah Foster and a second by Mr. Jeff Beach.

Mr. Jeff Beach	Yes
Mr. Clem Fennell IV	Yes
Mrs. Sarah Foster	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Absent

#### 2. BG-1

**Order #2398 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the BG-1 in the amount of \$5,530,000.00 for the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract project passed with a motion by Mr. Clem Fennell IV and a second by Mrs. Sarah Foster.

Mr. Jeff Beach	Yes
Mr. Clem Fennell IV	Yes
Mrs. Sarah Foster	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Absent

#### 3. BG-2s

**Order #2399 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the BG-2s for the Board of Education, 2504 Memorial Parkway, Highlands High School, the Fieldhouse, Highlands Middle School, Johnson Elementary School, Moyer Elementary School and Woodfill Elementary School passed with a motion by Mr. Jeff Beach and a second by Mr. Clem Fennell IV.

Mr. Jeff Beach	Yes
Mr. Clem Fennell IV	Yes
Mrs. Sarah Foster	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Absent

### B. Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Energy Conservation Revenue Bonds

**Order #2400 - Motion Passed:** Resolution of the Board of Education of the Fort Thomas Independent School District, approving a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract with CMTA, Inc.; and approving the plan of financing the cost of said project; authorizing and approving the execution of a contract, lease and option with the Fort Thomas Independent School District Finance Corporation and any further necessary instruments, authorizing and approving the execution of a supplement to the continuing disclosure procedures and the execution of tax compliance procedures passed with a motion by Mrs. Sarah Foster and a second by Mr. Clem Fennell IV.

Mr. Jeff Beach	Yes
Mr. Clem Fennell IV	Yes
Mrs. Sarah Foster	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Absent

## **C. Highlands Roof Replacement**

### **1. Project Update**

Jerry Wissman gave an update on the status of this project.

### **2. Owner-Architect Agreement**

**Order #2401 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the Owner-Architect Agreement with Robert Ehmet Hayes & Associates for the Highlands Roof Replacement project passed with a motion by Mr. Jeff Beach and a second by Mrs. Sarah Foster.

Mr. Jeff Beach	Yes
Mr. Clem Fennell IV	Yes
Mrs. Sarah Foster	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Absent

### **3. BG-2 and BG-3 for Specifications and Design Development**

**Order #2402 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the BG-2 and BG-3 for Specifications and Design Development for the Highlands Roof Replacement project passed with a motion by Mr. Clem Fennell IV and a second by Mr. Jeff Beach.

Mr. Jeff Beach	Yes
Mr. Clem Fennell IV	Yes
Mrs. Sarah Foster	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Absent

### **4. Municipal Advisory Services Agreement**

**Order #2403 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the Agreement with RSA Advisors LLC for the Highlands Roof Replacement project passed with a motion by Mrs. Sarah Foster and a second by Mr. Jeff Beach.

Mr. Jeff Beach	Yes
Mr. Clem Fennell IV	Yes
Mrs. Sarah Foster	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Absent

## **D. Staffing Guidelines for 2023-24**

**Order #2404 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the 2023-24 Staffing Guidelines passed with a motion by Mr. Clem Fennell IV and a second by Mrs. Sarah Foster.

Mr. Jeff Beach	Yes
Mr. Clem Fennell IV	Yes
Mrs. Sarah Foster	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Absent

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. Board Committee Updates**

Jeff Beach shared that the Budget and Salary committees had upcoming meetings in February and March.

Julie Kuhnhein advised that the Hall of Fame committee is still accepting nominations.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Order #2405 - 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. Sarah Foster and a second by Mr. Clem Fennell IV.

Mr. Jeff Beach	Yes
Mr. Clem Fennell IV	Yes
Mrs. Sarah Foster	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Absent

#### **A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 9, 2023; Board and SBDM Councils Joint Meeting of January 18, 2023; and Working Board Meeting of February 9, 2023**

#### **B. Financial Report for Month of January 2023**

#### **C. Attendance Report for 5th Month of 2022-23**

#### **D. Authorization for Payment of Claims**

#### **E. Revised Job Descriptions**

##### **1. Teacher - Job Description**

#### **F. Transportation Memorandum of Understanding**

#### **G. Notification and Approval of Student Trips**

- 1. HHS Boys Basketball - Jackson KY - February 11, 2023**
- 2. HMS Speech - Lexington KY - February 24-25, 2023**
- 3. HHS Dance - Orlando FL - March 2-6, 2023**
- 4. HHS Mock Trial - Lexington KY - March 3-5, 2023**

#### **H. Personnel Action Taken Since January 9, 2023**

Employment of the following Classified Employee

Kelly Griffith - Cafeteria - HHS

Employment of the following Paraprofessional Employees

Alyssa Dixon - Softball Field Maintenance (1/2 split) - HHS

Jeremy Donelan- Boys Track Coach - HMS

Hannah Jones - Winter Percussion Instructor - HHS  
McKinlee Miller - Softball Field Maintenance (1/2 split) - HHS  
Dustin Preble - Boys Assistant Track Coach - HHS

Termination of the following Classified Employee

Cameron Davis - Cafeteria Staff Member - HMS

Resignation of the following Extra-Curricular Positions

Ryan Mahoney - Assistant Freshman Coach (1/4 split) - HHS  
Mike Lipscomb - Girls Golf Coach - HHS

Resignation of the following Paraprofessional Employees

Dave Bibb - Assistant Freshman Coach (1/3 split) - HHS  
Eric Fessler - Soccer Goal Keeper Coach (Boys/Girls) - HHS  
Milt Horner - Softball Field Maintenance - HHS  
Josh Mohr - Boys Assistant Track Coach - HHS

**I. Grant Extended Leave**

- 1. Kristin Wilson (Maternity - Approximately April 11 through June 3, 2023)**
- 2. Mary Ryan (Maternity - Approximately April 25 through June 3, 2023)**
- 3. Amanda Wagner (Maternity - Approximately August 15 through September 27, 2023)**

**J. Approval of Superintendent Travel**

- 1. KSBA Conference - Louisville KY - February 24-26, 2023**

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Vice Chair Julie Kuhnhein adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm.

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Chairperson

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Superintendent