

FORT THOMAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
Board of Education Regular Meeting

Fort Thomas City Building – 130 N. Fort Thomas Avenue
Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075
February 12, 2024
6:30pm

Attendance Taken at 6:25 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 6:31pm.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Recognitions

1. Board Bravos and Updates

Board members shared the following information:

- Girls Wrestling Team finished 3rd in Regionals and qualified for state
- HHS Cheer placed 9th in the nation
- HMS Cheer celebrated wins in all categories
- HMS performance of Matilda broke attendance records
- HMS Academic Team placed 4th and has a 6th grader going to state
- Highlands hosted their first archery tournament with over 400 archers competing
- School Spelling Bee winners George Weghorst, Louie White and Genevieve Deinlein will represent our district at the Scripps Spelling Bee
- HHS Mock Trial are Region Champs and will move on to state
- HMS Forensics Team won Regionals
- Moyer's Got Talent was a success
- JES Academic Team won Regionals
- SRO Appreciation Day is February 15
- Moyer Circus is February 29

2. We The People State Champions

Congratulations to the following We The People participants on their state championship:

- Chanuthmi Abeysinghe
- Paige Barber
- Owen Borden

- Henry Campbell
- Hailey Cavanaugh
- Treiston Collins
- James Davis
- John Dougherty
- Cohen Gessner
- Bradley Groneck
- Ryan Groneck
- Samantha Heilman
- Kaylee Humphress
- Lilly Leising
- Anna McCoy
- Deven McKim
- Reagan McPhedran
- William Oldiges
- John Street
- Lucas Tinkler
- GraceAnne Wissman

The Board recognized and congratulated the students on their accomplishment. Each was given a Certificate of Achievement and a "Champions" t-shirt.

3. Tradition of Excellence

a. Katy Wall

Katy Wall was nominated for a Tradition of Excellence award by community member Nick Fite for leadership both in and out of the classroom.

b. Angelina Gintonio

Angelina Gintonio was nominated for a Tradition of Excellence award by teacher Jennifer Nash for being a courageous leader, empathic collaborator and creative problem solver.

C. Student Showcase - Moyer - 5th Grade Broadcasting Crew

The Moyer Broadcasting Crew members presented on how the Broadcasting program works, their favorite parts and shared a video. Students presenting were:

- Eloise Baker
- Josie Barrett
- Alejandra De Leon Mundo
- Henry Griffith
- Janie Holmes
- Landon Horan
- Ione Meade
- Kali Smith

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

D. Community Forum

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Staffing Guidelines 2024-25

Order #2508 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Staffing Guidelines for 2024-25 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

B. Highlands Roof Replacement

1. Project Update

Jerry Wissman shared the roof project is now complete.

2. Imbus Roofing Pay Application #8

Order #2509 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay Application #8 to Imbus Roofing in the amount of \$71,360 for the Highlands Roof Replacement project 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

C. Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract (GESc)

1. Project Update

Jerry Wissman provided the Board with an update, noting that he and Superintendent Robinson will be meeting with CMTA on Thursday, February 15 to review the outstanding work and a timeline for completion.

2. CMTA Pay Application #11

Order #2510 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay Application #11 to CMTA, Inc. in the amount of \$47,477.27 for the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract program 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

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Highlands Athletic Complex at Tower Park Renovation

1. Project Update

Jerry Wissman updated the Board on the work being done by the utility companies. Superintendent Brian Robinson shared that the district plans to put Phase II out to bid in April with a June 1 or July 1 start date. Superintendent Robinson also shared that St. Elizabeth and OrthoCincy are donating a combined \$1 million to this project.

B. Solar Eclipse

Superintendent Brian Robinson shared the district plans to hold elementary students until 3:30pm on April 8 to ensure safe viewing of the solar eclipse. A parent email will go out at the end of February to begin communication of the district plan.

C. Board Committee Updates

Board members shared the following:

- Parents' Night Out is March 2
- Nominations for the Sports Hall of Fame are due by March 15
- Nesties will be celebrated April 11

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Order #2511 - 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 8, 2024; Board and SBDM Councils Joint Meeting of January 17, 2024; and Working Board Meeting of February 6, 2024

B. Financial Report for Month of January 2024

C. Food Service Report for January 2024

D. Attendance Report for 5th Month of 2023-24

E. Authorization for Payment of Claims

F. Notification and Approval of School-wide Fundraiser

Johnson Elementary:

The Water Project (penny war)

G. Section 504 Procedures 2024

H. Notification and Approval of Student Trips

- 1. HMS Forensics - Lexington, KY - February 23-34, 2024**
- 2. HHS We The People - Washington, DC - April 12-16, 2024**
- 3. HHS Strings - New York, NY - October 3-6, 2024**

I. Personnel Action Taken Since January 8, 2024

Transfer of the following Classified Employees

Jessica Delaney - Cafeteria Worker to Cafeteria Manager - HMS
Nick Kalonda - Custodian at WES to Custodian at HHS
Jason Moore - Custodian at HHS to Custodian at HMS

Employment of the following Classified Employee

Mary Scott - Instructional Assistant - MES
Employment of the following Extra-Curricular Position
Leah Fryman - 6th Grade Volleyball Coach - HMS

Employment of the following Paraprofessional Employee

Nick Dill - JV Baseball Coach - HHS

Retirement of the following Certified Employees

Dawn Laber - Principal - MES
Amy Klepeisz - Teacher - HMS

Resignation of the following Classified Employees

Evangeline Ainsworth - Instructional Assistant - WES
Luciey Garland - Instructional Assistant - MES
Laura Haas - Instructional Assistant - MES
Cathy Kelly - Cafeteria Manager - HMS
Jacob Myers - Custodian - JES
Dalton Schroeder - Custodian - HMS
Nona Stevenson - Cafeteria Worker - HHS

Resignation of the following Paraprofessional Employees

Jonathon McKenzie - Cross Country Coach - HMS
Matt Reed - Assistant Football Coach - HHS

J. Grant Extended Leave

- 1. Annie Gold (Maternity - Approximately August 8 through October 20, 2024)**
- 2. Chastity Ogle (Medical - Approximately January 22 through February 16, 2024)**

K. Approval of Superintendent Travel

- 1. Frankfort, KY - February 13, 2024**
- 2. KSBA Conference - Louisville, KY - February 29-March 2, 2024**

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Board Vice Chair Julie Kuhnhein adjourned the meeting at 7:21pm.

Chairperson

Superintendent