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## **Issue Paper**

**Date:** December 9, 2016

**Action/Discussion Item:** To approve an agreement between Betsy Layne High School and the Kentucky Arts Council Poetry Out Loud Program.

**Applicable Statutes or Regulation:** KRS 162.90 Powers and Duties of the local board and Floyd County Board of Education policy 03.2234

**Issue:** For the second year, our English Language Arts teacher, Patricia Hackworth, wrote and was awarded a grant through the Kentucky Arts Council for the Poetry Out Loud Program. The grant is for a total of \$650.00 to fund the teaching artist on the campus of BLHS for 3 days to instruct all students on the Poetry Out Loud program.

**Background:** BLHS teachers have always been innovative and willing to seek alternate sources of funding for their classrooms. Mrs. Hackworth has also written and received an ARI grant for her classroom this year, as well as a CEDAR Coal Study Unit Grant. This willingness to ensure that the students of BLHS have the best learning experience is a trait that sets her apart and provides excellent opportunities that our students might not otherwise receive. Last year, our state competitor finished runner-up in the state competition for Poetry Out Loud.

**Fiscal/Budgetary Impact:** There are no foreseeable costs associated with this agreement that would impact the school or district.

**Alternative:** To deny the agreement request.

**Recommended Action:** To approve the agreement between The Kentucky Arts Council and the Poetry Out Loud Program. (Copy of the Agreement and award letter is attached)

**Rationale:** Betsy Layne High School was chosen as one of 20 schools state-wide to receive this opportunity. The grant will pay for a teaching artist to come on campus and instruct all of our students as well as ensure that one of our kids will compete at the state level in the Poetry Out Loud competition. Approval will benefit all students at BLHS, as all will be required to participate in the program at the classroom level as a school winner is selected.

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### Artist Contract

This letter is a contractual agreement between artist and school.

Artist agrees to lead classes of students in "Poetry Out Loud" workshops on the following date(s): December 7, 8, and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

School agrees to pay artists \$50/class for a total of \_\$650.00\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Artist Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Representative Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Note: Poetry Out Loud Contact Teacher should fill in dates after consulting with the artist and sign and return the contract to the artist. The artist should then sign and return this contract to the Kentucky Arts Council.*

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**Due As Soon As Possible**