**Minutes**

**BEREA INDEPENDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**February 20, 2023 7:00 PM**

**Kennedy Theater, Berea Middle/High School**

The Berea Board of Education met on February 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Kennedy Theater, Berea Middle/High School. The following board members were present:

Attendance Taken at : 7:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Rebecca Blankenship

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside

Mr. Van Gravitt

Mr. Tom McCay

Mr. Jarred Penn

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

II. RECOGNITION

A. African American History Month - Dr. Carter G. Woodson

“Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history.”

These are the words of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, distinguished black author, editor, publisher, and historian (December 1875-April 1950). Known as the “Father of African American History,” Dr. Woodson holds an outstanding position in early 20th Century American History. He wrote numerous books and articles in order to present a more accurate view of African American’s history and accomplishments. Dr. Woodson received his Bachelor of Literature degree from Berea College during the years 1900-1903. In 1915, he co-founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in Washington, D.C. This organization initiated Negro History Week in 1926. The celebration of African American History Month was proclaimed by President Gerald Ford in 1976 and this year marks the 43rd anniversary. Schools, churches and businesses celebrate African American culture and contributions during African American History Month.

B. School Counselor Recognition Week February 6-10, 2023

National School Counseling Week 2021, "Celebrate School Counseling," was celebrated from February 6-10, 2023, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by American School Counselors Association, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. National School Counseling Week is always celebrated the first full week in February. Thank you to our counselors, Cindy Richardson (Elementary School), Mary Lewis (Middle School) and Eef Fontanez (High School).

C. Human Development Institute (HDI) Project Grant

Mary Lewis and her daughter Chloe applied for and received grant through the Human Development Institute Project

D. National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day - February 15

Officer Brent Bradley

School Resource Officers (SRO) are full-time law enforcement officers with sworn law enforcement authority, trained in school-based policing and crisis response and assigned by an employing law enforcement agency to work with schools using community-oriented policing concepts.

SROs bridge gaps between youth and law enforcement and embrace a triad concept of school policing, serving in informal counseling, education and law enforcement roles to support the students and communities they serve. It also describes SROs as “valuable and essential members of the education community” who “deserve unwavering respect and support from the public in the pursuit of keeping schools and students safe.”

E. National Public Schools Week: February 27-March 3, 2023

National Public Schools Week February 27-March 3, 2023. Celebrating all the amazing things that happen every day in public schools to promote access, opportunity, equitable outcomes and student success. We appreciate all that everyone does. It takes a village to educate a child. Sincere appreciation and thanks to board members, teachers, administrators, district and support staff, parents, business, industry, post secondary and community leaders who strive to make a positive impact day in and day out for students.

F. Career Technical Education Month

G. Family Resource Youth Services Center (FRYSC) Day

Family Resource Youth Services Centers across the state are being recognized the week of February 6-10, 2023 (FRYSC Day 2023 is February 8). These centers are designed to address the needs of children by developing partnerships with school, family and community to help all public school students reach proficiency. Recent surveys report that educators, parents and community partners feel that the Family Resource and Youth Services Centers are a “necessary component of Kentucky educational programming and “a program vital to students, empowering families, and helping to improve schools.” Thank you to Natasha Johnson and Marilyn Benton for your dedication to our students and families.

H. Gifted and Talented

Gifted and Talented (GT) Lori McCay

III. COMMUNICATION

A. Audience Comments

B. Board Report

1. Superintendent Report

2. Financial Report

3. Attendance and Enrollment

C. School Reports

1. Elementary

2. Middle School

3. High School

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as written was passed with a motion by Mr. Tom McCay and a second by Rebecca Blankenship.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

V. BUSINESS/CONSENT ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

Motion Passed: Approval of the Business/Consent Items for Board Consideration passed with a motion by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside and a second by Mr. Tom McCay.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

A. Minutes

Approve the minutes of the board meeting on January 3, 2023 and January 17, 2023. Requested by Kathie Ridge, Secretary, and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

B. Financial Reports

Approve the financial reports of the Elementary, Middle School, High School, Food Service and General Fund, including the Orders of the Treasurer. Requested by Tony Tompkins, Director of Operations and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

C. 8th Grade to Louisville, KY

Per Berea Board of Education Policy 09.36, approve the 8th Grade students to travel to Louisville, Kentucky April 2 and April 3, 2023. While in Louisville they will visit the Louisville Slugger Museum, Muhammed Ali Museum, the Science Museum and the Louisville Zoo. They will travel on a charter bus with Gold Shield. Approval is contingent upon the receipt of liability insurance from the transportation company. Requested by Casey Poynter, Principal and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

D. Senior Trip to Cincinnati, Ohio

Approve the Senior Trip to Cincinnati, Ohio May 12 and May 13, 2023. The students will travel by Berea Independent school busses to Cincinnati to visit the zoo, go bowling, BB Riverboat for dinner and then Kings Island. Requested by Roger Trussell, Senior Sponsor and Emily Reed, Principal and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

E. Senior Trip Contribution

Approve the Board Contribution of $500 for the Senior Trip to help pay for bus driver(s) and the fuel for the trip. Requested by Roger Trussell, Senior Sponsor and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

F. Certified Appeals Panel Appointment - Jennifer Whitt

Per Berea Board of Education Policy 03.18, approve Jennifer Whitt to serve as the board appointed member of the Certified Evaluation Appeals Panel. Requested and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

G. Classified Appeals Panel Appointment - Tony Tompkins

Per Berea Board of Education Policy 02.4331, approve the staffing allocation in order to be compliant with KRS 157.360 and KRS 160.345. Requested and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

VI. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. 2023-2024 District Calendar

Motion Passed: Approve the first reading of the following calendar for the 2023-2024 school year passed with a motion by Mr. Tom McCay and a second by Rebecca Blankenship.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

Approve the first reading of the following calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. Requested by Kyle French, DPP and the Calendar Committee and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

B. CDL Examiner's Contract - Laurel County

Motion Passed: Approve the contract with Laurel County for Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Examinations passed with a motion by Rebecca Blankenship and a second by Mr. Tom McCay.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

Approve the contract with Laurel County for Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Examinations. Requested by Charlie Owens, Director of Transportation and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

C. 2023-2024 School Staffing Allocations

Motion Passed: Per Berea Board of Education Policy 02.4331, approve the staffing allocation in order to be compliant with KRS 157.360 and KRS 160.345 passed with a motion by Mr. Tom McCay and a second by Mr. Jarred Penn.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

Per Berea Board of Education Policy 02.4331, approve the staffing allocation in order to be compliant with KRS 157.360 and KRS 160.345. Requested and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

D. House Bill 9, Charter Schools

Motion Passed: IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berea Board of Education authorizes Superintendent Diane Hatchett to take all necessary steps to support the Council for Better Education, Inc. ("CBE"), in its legal challenge to the unconstitutionality of House Bill 9, and the payment of $998.01 in dues or assessments related to this school district's membership in CBE or its support of the referenced legal challenge passed with a motion by Rebecca Blankenship and a second by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

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Requested and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

E. Memorandum of Understanding JAG Program - Middle School

Motion Passed: Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) program for the Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year The JAG program provides $40,000 funding to hire a Certified Teacher or $35,000 for an Adjunct Instructor qualified to fulfill the responsibilities of a JAG Specialist passed with a motion by Mr. Tom McCay and a second by Mr. Jarred Penn.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

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F. Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) JAG Program - High School

Motion Passed: Approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) program for the High School for the 2023-2024 school year The JAG program provides $40,000 funding to hire a Certified Teacher or $35,000 for an Adjunct Instructor qualified to fulfill the responsibilities of a JAG Specialist passed with a motion by Mr. Tom McCay and a second by Mr. Jarred Penn.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

Approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) program for the High School for the 2023-2024 school year The JAG program provides $40,000 funding to hire a Certified Teacher or $35,000 for an Adjunct Instructor qualified to fulfill the responsibilities of a JAG Specialist. Requested by Jennifer Whitt, Director of Exceptional Children and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Passed: Approval to adjourn the meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Van Gravitt and a second by Mr. Tom McCay.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

IX. 2023 Meeting Schedule

All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Kennedy Theater with the exception of the work session meetings and those noted which will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Central Office.

Tuesday, January 27, 2023 Central Office (5:30 p.m.)

Monday, February 20, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, March 20, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, April 17, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, April 24, 2023 Central Office (5:30 p.m. Budget- Work Session)

Monday, May 15, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Thursday, June 22, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, July 17, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, August 21, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, September 18, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, October 9, 2023 Central Office (5:30 p.m. Assessment -Work Session)

Monday, October 16, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, November 20, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, December 18, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 Central Office (5:30 p.m. Elect Chair and Set Meeting Dates-Work Session)

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Chairperson Secretary

Claims paid for the month of February 2023 $325,272.15