AGENDA

BEREA INDEPENDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 22, 2024, 7:00 PM

Kennedy Theater, Berea Middle/High School

Mission: To engage students, families and the community in creating a safe, innovative learning environment that nurtures, challenges and educates each student to be a fulfilled, responsible citizen in a diverse society.

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

II. RECOGNITION

A. Retirement - Rita Payne

B. School Board Recognition Month - Board Members

January is “School Board Recognition Month.” It is an excellent time to show appreciation to our school board members while at the same time showing our community how our board and school district are focused on improving student achievement. Kentucky law requires school board members to receive professional development annually. The Kentucky School Board Academy of Studies is a comprehensive school board in-service training organization designed specifically for local school board members.

The Academy of Studies has the following levels of achievement:

Level I Basic Studies 30 hours

Level II Advanced Studies 60 hours

Level III Excellence 90 hours

Level IV Distinction 120 hours

Level V Certificate of Leadership

**Recognition of the Following Board Members:**

**Jackie Burnside,** Academy Level V (295.75 hours of training)

Dr. Burnside was sworn in on March 19, 2001. She filled the vacancy created when Howard Asher was elected in November 2000 and resigned before taking the oath of office. Dr. Burnside has been subsequently re-elected, and her current term runs from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026. She has served on the Board for 23 years.

**Van Gravitt**, Chairperson-Academy Level V (282.75 hours of training)

Mr. Gravitt was elected in November 2002. He was first sworn in as a board member on November 18, 2002, for a two-year, two-month term that ran from November 5, 2002 to December 31, 2004. Mr. Gravitt has been subsequently re-elected, and his current term runs from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024. He has served on the Board for 22 years.

**Tom McCay** Vice-Chairperson (188.25 hours of training)

Mr. McCay was elected in November 2018 and was sworn in January 1, 2019. He has been re-elected and his current term runs from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026. Mr. McCay also served on the Board from 1995-2002. Mr. McCay has served on the Board for a total of 12 years.

**Rebecca Blankenship** (14.25 hours of training)

Ms. Blankenship was elected in November 2022 and was sworn in January 3, 2023. She is currently serving a four-year term ending December 31, 2026. She has served on the Board for 1 year.

**Nathaniel Hackett** (10 hours of training)

Mr. Hackett was sworn in on October 9, 2023. He filled the vacancy when Jarred Penn resigned. He will serve the remainder of the term, ending December 31, 2024.

III. COMMUNICATION

A. Audience Comments

B. Board Report

1. Superintendent Report

2. Financial Report

3. Attendance and Enrollment

4. FRYSC Plan

C. School Reports

1. Elementary

2. Middle School

3. High School

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

V. BUSINESS/CONSENT ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. Minutes

Approve the minutes of the board meeting on (insert date). 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. Draft Budget Presentation

D. 8th Grade Overnight Louisville, Kentucky Field Trip

Per Berea Board of Education Policy 09.36, approve the 8th Grade students to travel to Louisville, Kentucky March 15-16, 2024. They will travel on a charter bus. Approval is contingent upon the receipt of liability insurance from the transportation company. Requested by Casey Poynter, Middle School Principal, and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

E. Acceptance of Offer of Assistance from the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC)

Approve the SFCC Offer of Assistance dated January 9, 2024. Pursuant to KRS 157.622, the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) has extended an official Offer of Assistance to the Berea Independent Board of Education. This offer, in compliance with House Bill 1 of the 2022 Session of the General Assembly, includes an annual debt service amount of $18,382.01. These funds are designated for construction or major renovation projects as outlined in the district's most recent approved facility plan. Requested by Nathan Sweet, District Finance Officer, and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

F. Facilities Use – Richmond Heat

Approve the Facilities Use Request from Robert Clark with Richmond Heat to use the Singleton Gym and the Conkin Gym for AAU Tournaments.  Dates between January 22, 2024, and June 30, 2024 to be arranged with the school.  Richmond Heat will provide Berea Independent Schools with a Certificate of Liability Insurance for each date they use the facilities.  Requested by Rober Clark with Richmond Heat, Eric Fields and Dammian Stepp, Coaches and Kelly Caldwell, Principal and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

G. Out of State Field Trip

Approve the field trip for the Berea Lady Pirate Girls Basketball Team to go to Indianapolis, IN on February 2, 2024. Requested by Dammian Stepp, Coach, and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

VI. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. FRYSC Assurance Certification

Approve the FRYSC (Family Resource and Youth Services Center) Assurance Certification for 2024-2026. Requested by Natasha Johnson, FRYSC Director, and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

B. 2024-2025 District Calendar - Second Reading

Approve the second reading of the following calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. Requested by Kyle French, DPP and the Calendar Committee and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

2024 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.

Monday, January 22, 2024 Kennedy Theater

Monday February 19, 2024 Kennedy Theater

Monday, March 18, 2024 Kennedy Theater

Monday, April 15, 2024 Kennedy Theater

Monday, May 20, 2024 Kennedy Theater

Monday, June 17, 2024 Kennedy Theater

Monday, July 15, 2024 Kennedy Theater

Monday, August 19, 2024 Kennedy Theater

Monday, September 16, 2024 Kennedy Theater

Monday, October 21, 2024 Kennedy Theater

Monday, November 4, 2024 Central Office (5:30 p.m. Assessment – Work Session)

Monday, November 18, 2024 Kennedy Theater

Monday, December 16, 2024 Kennedy Theater

Monday, January 6, 2025 Central Office (5:30 p.m. Elect Chair and Set Meeting Dates-

Work Session)