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| **Minutes** **BEREA INDEPENDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION** **January 22, 2024, 7:00 PM** **Kennedy Theater, Berea Middle/High School** |

The Berea Board of Education met on January 22, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Kennedy Theater, Berea Middle/High School. The following board members were present:

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| Attendance Taken at: 7:00 PM |
| Present Board Members: |
| Dr. Jacqueline Burnside |
| Mr. Van Gravitt |
| Mr. Tom McCay |
| Mr. Nathaniel Hackett |
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| Absent Board Members: |
| Rebecca Blankenship |
| **I.** CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG | |
| **II.** RECOGNITION | |
| 1. Retirement - Rita Payne 2. School Board Recognition Month - Board Members | |
| January is “School Board Recognition Month.”  It is an excellent time to show appreciationto 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. | |
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| 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 on 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 | |
| Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as written was passed with a motion by Mr.Tom McCay and a second by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside. | |
| 4 Yeas - 0 Nays | |

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Rebecca Blankenship | Absent | | Dr. Jacqueline Burnside | Yes | | Mr. Van Gravitt | Yes | | Mr. Tom McCay | Yes | | Mr. Nathaniel Hackett | Yes | |  |  | |

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| **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. |
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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Rebecca Blankenship | Absent | | Dr. Jacqueline Burnside | Yes | | Mr. Van Gravitt | Yes | | Mr. Tom McCay | Yes | | Mr. Nathaniel Hackett | Yes | |

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| **A.** Minutes |
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| Approve the minutes of the board meeting on December 18, 2023.  Requested by Kathie Ridge, Secretary, and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent. |
| **B.** Financial Reports |
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| 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. |
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| **C.** Draft Budget Presentation |
| **D.** 8th Grade Overnight Louisville, Kentucky Field Trip |
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| 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) |
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| 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 Request – Richmond Heat |
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| 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 Eric Fields and Dammian Stepp, Coaches and Kelly Caldwell, Principal and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent. |
| **G.** Out of State Field Trip |
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| Approve the field trip for the Berea Lady Pirate Girls Basketball Team to go to Indianapolis, IN on February 2, 2024.  Requested by Coach Dammian Stepp and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent. |
| **VI.** BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION |
| **A.** FRYSC Assurance Certification |
| Motion Passed: 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 passed with a motion by Mr. Tom McCay and a second by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside. |
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| 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 |
| Motion Passed: Approve the second reading of the following calendar for the 2024-2025 school year passed with a motion by Mr. Tom McCay and a second by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside. |
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| 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 |
| Motion Passed**:** Approval to adjourn the meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Van Gravitt and a second by Mr. Tom McCay. |
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| **IX.** 2024 Meeting Schedule |
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| 2024 Meeting Schedule  All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Kennedy Theater except for 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) |
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Chairperson                                                              Secretary

Claims paid for the month of January $941,167.39