

FORT THOMAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Fort Thomas City Building – 130 N. Fort Thomas Avenue

Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075

March 11, 2024

6:30pm

Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Jeff Beach

Mr. Clem Fennell IV

Mrs. Sarah Foster

Mrs. Ann Meyer

Absent Board Members:

Julie Kuhnhein

I. OPENING OF MEETING

Board Chair Ann Meyer 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:

- Swim and Dive combined State Runner-ups
- HHS Boys Basketball V & JV Regional Champions
- HHS Forensics State Champ - Sophie Uhl
- HMS Forensics State Runner - Caedmon Rossini
- 2024 Golden Apple Winners - Kevin Listerman, Betsy Beimesche and Jillian Booth
- HHS Girls Wrestling had 4 of 5 wrestlers on the podium
- HHS Boys Wrestling State Runner-up - Rilen Pinkston
- HHS TSA Regional Champions
- Campbell County Conservation poster winner - Nolan Hughes
- HHS Winter Guard and Percussion finished in 1st place last weekend
- HMS Spelling Bee winner, George Weghorst, finished runner-up in the Regional Spelling Bee
- HHS Musical, "Damn Yankees", will open March 21 and run through March 24
- Congratulations to Peter Winkler, Moyer Elementary's next principal
- ACT is March 19
- Spring Break is just around the corner

2. KSBA Banner Designer

HHS senior Nick Gross created the artwork for the district's KSBA Conference banner. The theme for this year's banner was "Keys to Success". The banner is displayed at the annual KSBA Conference. The Board thanked Nick for his work and gave him a "Rich in Tradition" t-shirt.

3. National Merit Finalists

The following HHS seniors were named Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program:

- Bradley Groneck
- Ryan Groneck
- Sophia Scherrer
- Connor Wehby
- Jackson Wilson

The Board congratulated the students on their achievement and presented each with a Certificate of Achievement.

4. KMEA Winners/Results

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to KMEA All-State:

HHS Orchestra:

- Noah Huber - Symphony
- Abigail McKinley - Commonwealth
- Elliot Martin - Commonwealth

HHS Choir:

- Garrett Cutajar - TTBB
- Weston Higgason - TTBB
- Sylvie Martin - SATB
- Rafe Pinkston - TTBB
- Eva Sarakatsannis - SSAA
- Evan Stuart - SATB
- Caroline Weber - KJHC

HMS Choir:

- Hannah Bere - Kentucky Children's Choir
- Amelia Crozier - Kentucky Children's Choir
- Elyse Hart - Kentucky Children's Choir
- Beatrice Landon - Kentucky Children's Choir
- Ella Kate Reynolds - Kentucky Junior High Treble Choir
- Lucy Schill - Kentucky Junior High Mixed Choir
- Edie Twehues - Kentucky Children's Choir
- Kit Valentine - Kentucky Junior High Treble Choir

MES Choir:

- Genevieve Deinlein - Kentucky Children's Choir

WES Choir:

- Norah Dillon - Kentucky Children's Choir
- Lily Hobson - Kentucky Children's Choir

Students selected for KMEA All-State were recognized and congratulated for their accomplishments. Each was given a Certificate of Achievement.

C. Student Showcase - JES: 100 Years

Johnson 3rd-grade students presented on the Johnson 100 Year Celebration. To celebrate this momentous occasion, students designed and made ornaments to be sold at the celebration in March. Proceeds will go to Kentucky Wild and the World Wildlife Fund. Students presenting were:

- Cooper Adkins
- Evelyn Brossart
- Georgia Frase
- Natalie Menninger
- Lincoln Pinello
- Keaton Rust
- Andrea Truta
- Milo Wilhelm

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

D. Community Forum

Adam Schmidt thanked the board for supporting the wrestling program and shared the wonderful results the HHS wrestling program achieved this year.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract (GESc)

1. Project Update

Jerry Wissman shared that 98% of new equipment is hooked up and operational. The project is in the final stages of retrofitting and is expected to be complete soon.

2. CMTA Pay Application #12

Order #2512 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay Application # 12 to CMTA, Inc. in the amount of \$72,087.44 for the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract program 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	Absent
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Yes

B. Cleaning Services Pilot - First Green Building Services

Order #2513 - Motion Passed: Approval to authorize the superintendent to enter into a cleaning services pilot agreement with First Green Building Services at Johnson Elementary 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	Absent
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Yes

C. RFP for Custodial Supplies

Order #2514 - Motion Passed: Approval of the RFP for Custodial Supplies 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	Absent
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Yes

D. RFP for Auditing Services

Order #2515 - Motion Passed: Approval to conduct an RFP for auditing services 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	Absent
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Yes

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Highlands Athletic Complex at Tower Park Renovation

1. Project Update

Jerry Wissman shared that Phase 1 is under way. Riegler is working on relocating the section of Sergeant Avenue and the River Road access is temporarily unavailable. Superintendent Brian Robinson shared the district is hopeful a design will be ready for the April 8 board meeting.

B. Board Committee Updates

Board members shared the following:

- Salary and Budget committees will be meeting in the next few weeks
- FTEF Parents' Night Out was a success

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Order #2516 - 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	Absent
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Yes

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 12, 2024 and Working Meeting of March 7, 2024

B. Financial Report for Month of February 2024

C. Food Service Report for February 2024

D. Attendance Report for 6th Month of 2023-24

E. Authorization for Payment of Claims

F. WesBanco Depository Agreement Extension

G. Notification and Approval of School-wide Fundraiser

Approval of the following additional school-wide fundraiser:

JES

Johnson 100th Birthday Ornaments

H. Notification and Approval of Student Trips

1. HHS Wrestling Teams - Lexington, KY - February 14-17, 2024
2. HHS Swim & Dive - Lexington, KY - February 22-24, 2024
3. HHS TSA - Louisville, KY - March 18-20, 2024
4. HHS FCCLA - Louisville, KY - March 26-29, 2024
5. HHS Softball - Pigeon Forge, TN - April 1-4, 2024
6. HHS Envirothon - Dawson Springs, KY - April 11-12, 2024
7. HHS We The People - Washington, D.C. - April 12-16, 2024
8. HMS 8th Grade - Washington, D.C. - April 18-21, 2024
9. WES 4th Grade - Columbus, OH - April 25, 2024
10. HHS Softball - Georgetown, KY - April 26-27, 2024
11. HHS Softball - Lexington, KY - May 10-11, 2024

I. Personnel Action Taken Since February 12, 2024

Transfer of the following Certified Employee

Peter Winkler - Assistant Principal at MES to Principal at MES (effective July 1, 2024)

Transfer of the following Classified Employees

Tim Barth - Custodian at HMS to Building Supervisor at JES
Matt Schnelle - Custodian at JES to Custodian at HMS

Employment of the following Classified Employees

Melissa Ofori-Attah - Cafeteria I - HHS
Alicia Starks - Cafeteria I - HHS

Employment of the following Extra-Curricular Employee

Jessica Eades - Unified Sports Coach - WES

Employment of the following Paraprofessional Positions

Sable Bender - Girls on the Run Sponsor - WES
Ellison Fangman - Engineering Club Sponsor - JES
Jennifer Schmidt - Cross Country Coach - HMS

Retirement of the following Certified Employee

Brian Mercer - Digital Learning Coach - HHS

Resignation of the following Classified Employee

Ashley Chomyszak - Instructional Assistant - JES

Termination of the following Classified Employee

William Fey - Building Supervisor - JES

Resignation of the following Extra-Curricular Employee

Jennifer Flynn - Engineering Club Sponsor - JES

J. Grant Extended Leave

- 1. Chastity Ogle (Medical - Approximately February 19 through March 12, 2024)**
- 2. Kathy Burgin (Medical - April 5 through May 29, 2024)**

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Ann Meyer adjourned the meeting at 7:18pm.

Chairperson

Superintendent