

Pikeville Independent Board of Education Regular Meeting

April 15, 2025 6:00 PM

John Waddell Administration Building

Attendance Taken at 6:04 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Ashley Brown

Mrs. Brittany Ratliff

Mr. Bill Staggs

Mr. Joe Ray Thornbury

Absent Board Members:

Dr. Kevin Pugh

I. Call to Order

Chairman Joe Ray Thornbury called the meeting to order and began with a moment of silence afterward, leading attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Public Comment

None Given

III. Student Achievement

A. Student/Staff Recognition

None Given

B. PES Principal's Report

Principal Glenda Adkins shared with a brief recap of activities of both academic and athletic achievements.

C. PHS Principal's Report

Principal Brandon Blackburn shared with a brief recap of activities of both academic and athletic achievements.

D. District Administrator Reports

Instructional Supervisor Kim Clevinger provided an update on several key initiatives. She discussed the progress and implementation of Individual Learning Plans (ILPs), highlighting their role in personalizing student learning and improving educational outcomes. Kim also reported on the Leader in Me Lighthouse meeting, emphasizing its focus on fostering leadership skills and a positive school culture. Additionally, she outlined the activities of the Science Professional Learning Community (PLC), which is dedicated to enhancing science instruction through collaborative efforts. Lastly, she shared the science plan, which aims to align curriculum with state standards and incorporate innovative teaching strategies to engage students.

Director of District Programs/DAC Taffie Wells provided insights into several key areas. Mrs. Well presented the Career and Technical Education (CTE) End-of-Program (EOP) results, highlighting achievements and areas for improvement. She also outlined the schedules for the Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) and Advanced Placement (AP) testing, ensuring alignment with educational goals. Additionally, she described the "Portrait of a Learner" initiative, which integrates various educational programs, such as Amanda Robinson's innovative approach to teaching coding and pollination to 1st graders. Also mentioning the "Debt and Destiny" program for 8th and 12th graders, which prepares them for future financial literacy and career planning. Furthermore, she discussed the upcoming 6th-grade trip to the science challenge center, emphasizing how these activities connect with the "Portrait of a Panther," Leader in Me, and Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) to create a cohesive educational experience.

Ashla Vanhoose, Director of Special Education/Preschool Director shared updates on several key initiatives. She discussed the outcomes of the recent spring leadership meeting, focusing on strategic goals for preschool education. Ashla highlighted the Preschool GMAP, emphasizing its role in assessing and improving preschool program effectiveness. She also mentioned Brenda King's training on progress monitoring, which aims to enhance educational support for students. Additionally, she spoke about the collaboration with the KY Autism Training Center to implement effective behavior structures and promote a well-rounded educational approach. Lastly, she touched base on the Preschool Pyramid Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT), and how it has provided support for positive behavior and learning environments in preschool settings.

Frosty Davis, Director of Pupil Personnel provided an update on school attendance figures. PHS reported an attendance rate of 94.5%, while PES recorded 93.5%. Mr. Davis expressed gratitude to the community, staff, and clerks for their efforts in emphasizing the importance of education. He also discussed the home hospital bill, explaining its implications for students requiring medical leave.

Neil Arnett, District Technology Coordinator, spoke about several important upcoming events and initiatives. He detailed the STEAM Night scheduled for April 26th, which will focus on engaging students with activities in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. Mr. Arnett also highlighted the Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) and its ongoing efforts to develop students' digital competencies. He announced the opening of online registration for Kindergarten and new students, designed to simplify the enrollment process. Additionally, he proposed a thorough review of the Acceptable Use Policy to ensure it meets the evolving technological and educational standards.

IV. Action/Consent Items

- A. Excuse Absence of Brittany Ratliff at the March 18, 2025 Regular Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of the March 18, 2025 Regular Meeting
- C. Approve Bills, Payrolls, and Financial Reports for the period March 19, 2025 to April 15, 2025
- D. Approve Transportation/Trip Requests
 - 1. PHS Band to Paintsville, KY on April 21-22, 2025
 - 2. PHS Band to Paintsville, KY on May 8-10, 2025
 - 3. PES 6th Grade to Pigeon Forge, TN on May 23, 2025
 - 4. PHS Boys Soccer to Lexington, KY on July 18-19, 2025
- E. Approve JH Soccer, Level 5 on 2024-2025 Extra Duty Salary Schedule
- F. Approve Title VI Certification Letter
- G. Approve Chief Finance Officer Position
- H. Approve Assistant Finance and Food Service Director Position

Order #2062 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve all action/consent items as presented passed unanimously with a motion by Mr. Bill Staggs and a second by Mrs. Ashley Brown.

V. Action/Discussion Items

A. KSBA Policy Update - Second Reading

Order #2063 - Motion Passed: Motion to Approve KSBA Policy update to 03.175 and 03.273 passed unanimously with a motion by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff and a second by Mr. Bill Staggs.

B. 2024-2025 Amended School Calendar

Order #2064 - Motion Passed: Motion to Approve 2024-2025 Amended School Calendar passed unanimously with a motion by Mrs. Ashley Brown and a second by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff.

C. PHS/PJHS Graduation

8th Grade Graduation ~ May 21st at 6:30 pm ~ Alumni Auditorium

High School Graduation ~ May 24th at 8:00 pm ~ Football Field

Order #2065 - Motion Passed: Motion to Approve PHS and PJHS Graduation dates and times passed unanimously with a motion by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff and a second by Mr. Bill Stagg.

D. Other Business

None Given

VI. Information/Review Items

A. Personnel Report

None Given

B. Miscellaneous

None Given

VII. Closed Session

Superintendent David Trimble called for a motion to go into a closed session in accordance with KRS. 61.181 (c).

Order #2066 - Motion Passed: Motion to move to closed session passed unanimously with a motion by Mr. Bill Staggs and a second by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff.

VIII. Return to Regular Session

Order #2067 - Motion Passed: Motion to return to regular session passed with a motion by Mrs. Brittany Ratliff and a second by Mrs. Ashley Brown.

IX. Adjournment

Order #2068 - Motion Passed: Adjournment passed unanimously with a motion by Mr. Bill Staggs and a second by Mrs. Ashley Brown.

Joe Ray Thornbury, Chairman
Pikeville Independent Board of Education

David Trimble, Superintendent/Secretary
Pikeville Independent Board of Education