

Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 21, 2025 6:00 PM
Panther Academy
634 N. Mulberry Street
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Attendance Taken at : 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Mr. Paul Godfrey
Mrs. Kimbley Iman
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen
Mr. Guy Wallace
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rationale:



**I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH
IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD,
INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND
JUSTICE FOR ALL.**

III. STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL OATH ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Rationale:

CONSTITUTIONAL OATH FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

There are two oaths - one verbal and one written- that new and re-elected board members must take. An official qualified under KRS 62.020 must administer this oath by having the board member repeat after the official. The official must then certify in writing that the oath was administered, and this certification must be filed with the Office of the County Clerk. A separate written oath is set out in KRS 160.170. This oath may be prepared as a form document to be completed and signed by the board member and then notarized. The executed document must be maintained as an official board record.

Newly elected or appointed board members must take both oaths. This includes not only members that are new to the board itself, but also members who are reelected for additional terms (Guy Wallace, Paul Godfrey, Heather Sharpsteen, Kimbley Iman, Wade Barnes) and members elected or appointed to fill an unexpired term.

Judge Kimberly A. Shumate will administer the Oath of Office.

Discussion:

Judge Kimberly Shumate administered the Oath to Brandy Armstrong and Heather Sharpsteen.

IV. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Order #13449 - Motion Passed: Heather Sharpsteen nominated Kim Iman as Chairman and Kim Iman Seconded it. Paul Godfrey nominated Guy Wallace and Brandy Armstrong seconded. A vote was taken with Guy Wallace winning with a vote of three to two. Motion to approve Guy Wallace as Chairman for 2025 passed with a motion by Mr. Paul Godfrey and a second by Mrs. Brandy Armstrong.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	No
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen	No
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

Rationale:

Per Board Policy 01.41 Organization Meetings, the first meeting of the board of education in January is designated as the time for which the Board elects a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

V. RECESS MEETING TO CONDUCT DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION MEETING

Order #13450 - Motion Passed: RECESS MEETING TO CONDUCT DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION MEETING passed with a motion by Mr. Paul Godfrey and a second by Mrs. Brandy Armstrong.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

A. Call to Order

Order #13451 - Motion Passed: RECESS MEETING TO CONDUCT DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION MEETING passed with a motion by Mr. Paul Godfrey and a second by Mrs. Brandy Armstrong.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

Rationale:

The January 16, 2024 District Finance Corporation Meeting is Called to Order

B. Consideration of Approval of Appointment of President, Vice-President and Secretary for 2025

Order #13452 - Motion Passed: Finance Corporation Officers Approved for 2025 AS GUY WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT, KIM IMAN AS VICE-CHAIRMAN AND PAUL MULLINS AS SECRETARY passed with a motion by Mr. Paul Godfrey and a second by Mrs. Brandy Armstrong.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

Rationale:

Finance Corporation Officers Approved for 2025

C. Approve Meeting Minutes of meetings held on January 16, 2024

Order #13453 - Motion Passed: Approve Meeting Minutes of meetings held on January 16, 2024 passed with a motion by Mr. Paul Godfrey and a second by Ms. Heather Sharpsteen.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

D. Adjournment

Order #13454 - Motion Passed: Adjournment passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Sharpsteen and a second by Mr. Paul Godfrey.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

E. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

VI. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Order #13455 - Motion Passed: APPROVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Sharpsteen and a second by Mr. Paul Godfrey.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

VII. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. EHS CHEER REGION CHAMPS

Rationale:

Aleigha Hunter
Allison Burckley
Aubrey Cunningham
Audrey Christopher
Chayse Thompson
Emmy Simon
Haylee McAlister
Haedyn Lafollette
Layla Newsome
LuJayne Qaisi
Kyleigh Vessels
Megan Cox
Maddie Hill
Madison Fron
Michelle Burks
Millie Hunter (Amelia)
Onnica Bates
Saveah Lopez
Taryn Scott
Anna Williams

Discussion:

Ms. Joella Nall introduced the EHS Cheerleaders and spoke about their season.

B. Recognition of members of the Elizabethtown Board of Education (School Board Member Recognition and Mayor's Proclamation)

Rationale:

The month of January is School Board Member Appreciation Month.

Mr. Jeff Gregory, Mayor of the City of Elizabethtown has proclaimed the month of January, 2023 as School Board Member Recognition Month. At this time we are recognizing Paul Godfrey, Kim Iman, Heather Sharpsteen, Guy Wallace and Brandy Armstrong for their contributions to the community and their service to our school district.

Discussion:

Mayor Gregory presented a proclamation to the Board. Mr. Mullins thanked Mayor Gregory for the hard work the city put in on the roads in recent weeks.

C. Students of the Month

Rationale:

Elizabethtown High School -Ciara Peeler

TK Stone Middle School-Julius Stinnett

Helmwood Heights -Savannah Grace

Morningside Elementary -Ames Tedder

Panther Academy - Sameer Kaini

Discussion:

Mr. Josh Henderson introduced Ms. Ciara Peeler and spoke about her accomplishments and achievements.

Mr. Aaron Howell introduced Ms. Savannah Grace and spoke about her accomplishments and achievements.

Mrs. Heather Goodman introduced Mr. Ames Tedder and spoke about his accomplishments and achievements.

Mrs. Carla Kuhn introduced Mr. Sameer Kaini and spoke about his accomplishments and achievements.

D. ALTEC CHALLENGE WINNERS

Rationale:

Overall Winners: Landen Childress, Cedric Dennis, Cooper Carmon, Landon Brown-Cline and Jonathan Hall

Best Project Plan: Passion Wright, Landon Atcher, and Aiden Aleman

Best Presentation: Kelsey Wayne, Evie Turner, Teddy Moore, Aryana Howard and Lola Terry

Discussion:

Ms. Missy Mills introduced the Alltec Challenge Winners and gave a description of their accomplishments and achievements.

E. ALL STATE BAND

Rationale:

Congratulations to these All-State Students!

Sebastian Thomas, Claire "Leo" Springsteen, Samuel Navarrette, and Kenneth Orr

Discussion:

Mr. Tyler Cantrell introduced the EHS Band Members who made All-State Band.

F. 2024-2025 ExCEL NOMINEES

Rationale:

ExCEL Nominees:

Panther Academy - Megan Goodman

Helmwood Heights Elementary -Allie Yates

Morningside Elementary - Kayla Johnson

T.K. Stone Middle - Jennifer Weaver

Elizabethtown High School - Alfredo Silva

Discussion:

Mr. Josh Henderson introduced Mr. Alfredo Silva as the EHS ExCEL Nominee for 2024-2025 and gave a description of his accomplishments and achievements.

Mrs. Hope Janes introduced Mrs. Hope Janes as the TKS ExCEL Nominee for 2024-2025 and gave a description of her accomplishments and achievements.

Mr. Aaron Howell introduced Mrs. Allie Yates as the HHES ExCEL Nominee for 2024-2025 and gave a description of her accomplishments and achievements.

Mrs. Heather Goodman introduced Mrs. Kayla Johnson as the MES ExCEL Nominee for 2024-2025 and gave a description of her accomplishments and achievements.

Mrs. Carla Kuhn introduced Mrs. Megan Goodman as the MES ExCEL Nominee for 2024-2025 and gave a description of her accomplishments and achievements.

G. STAFF RECOGNITIONS FOR DECEMBER 2024

Discussion:

Mr. Chase Goff filled in for Mrs. Derisa Hindle as she was attending a conference. He gave a presentation of the December Staff who were recognized.

VIII. THE SUPERINTENDENT HAS INFORMED THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE LAST BOARD MEETING

IX. ATTENDANCE REPORT

Discussion:

Mr. Travis Gay presented the Attendance Report for December 2024. Attendance was lowest month so far, given sickness and weather. Helmwood Heights was the high attendance winner for December 2024.

X. INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS

XI. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Order #13456 - Motion Passed: APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA passed with a motion by Mr. Paul Godfrey and a second by Mrs. Brandy Armstrong.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpensteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

Discussion:

Mrs. Morgan reminded the Board that the draft budget was in the Consent and noted some reminders.

Mr. Mullins noted the calendar change that we will be using February 10 as a make-up day is also up for approval in the Board Agenda.

A. Acknowledge Receipt of the SBDM Written Reports

Rationale:

Attached are the SBDM Written Reports from Elizabethtown High School, Helmwood Heights Elementary, Morningside Elementary and Panther Academy for review.

TK Stone Middle School cancelled their December Meeting.

B. Approve Board Meeting Minutes - 12.10.25 and 1.9.25

C. Approve the Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report and Payment of Bills and Claims

D. APPROVE FUNDRAISING REQUESTS

E. APPROVE REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY TEACHING CERTIFICATION FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Rationale:

Mrs. Derisa Hindle is requesting approval for Emergency Substitute Teaching Certification for:

Ashlyn Cann
Brooklyn Cann
Hayden Ash
Gavin Milby
Chloe Powers

F. APPROVE DRAFT BUDGET

G. APPROVE CHANGE TO 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Rationale:

Mr. Mullins asked for a change to the 24-25 school calendar that will put us in school on Monday Feb 10, 2025. It's in our best interest to be in school on Feb 10, 2025 to make up one of our snow days.

XII. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVE BIDS

Order #13457 - Motion Passed: APPROVE BIDS passed with a motion by Mr. Paul Godfrey and a second by Mrs. Brandy Armstrong.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpensteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

Discussion:

Mr. Ryan _____ from Alliance presented the Board with a packet summarizing the bids received and the recommendations.

Mr. Mullins clarified the alternates in the bid package, including new doors and hardware.

Mr. Ryan offered to answer questions.

B. APPROVE REVISED BG-1

Order #13458 - Motion Passed: APPROVE REVISED BG-1 passed with a motion by Mr. Paul Godfrey and a second by Mrs. Brandy Armstrong.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpensteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

C. APPROVAL TO START CONSTRUCTION

Order #13459 - Motion Passed: APPROVAL TO START CONSTRUCTION passed with a motion by Mr. Paul Godfrey and a second by Mrs. Brandy Armstrong.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpensteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Discussion:

Mr. Paul Mullins thanked the Board for their work on the Construction Project at TKS.

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion:

Ms. Leatha Orr spoke to the Board regarding her concerns with Cords given to Graduate Students. She stated that she was told that Eagle Scouts are not given a cord at Graduation. She spoke about her son's journey to becoming an Eagle Scout and why she believed he deserved to be honored for that at Graduation.

Mr. Wallace thanked Ms. Orr for her time and said the Board will take it into consideration.

Mr. Philip Navarette asked Mr. Mullins if he was not aware they were not aloud to wear

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Order #13460 - Motion Passed: ADJOURN passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Sharpsteen and a second by Mr. Paul Godfrey.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpsteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
Mrs. Brandy Armstrong	Yes



Guy Wallace
Chairman



Paul M. Mullins
Superintendent