

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

Attendance Taken at : 5:49 PM

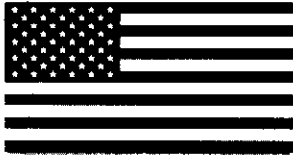
Present Board Members:

Mr. Paul Godfrey
Mrs. Kimbley Iman
Ms. Heather Sharpensteen
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. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Order #13473 - Motion Passed: APPROVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Sharpensteen and a second by Mr. Paul Godfrey.

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

IV. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. Students of the Month

Rationale:

Elizabethtown High School -Zander Hayost

TK Stone Middle School -Cora Diamond

Helmwood Heights - Kendalynn Thompson

Morningside Elementary -Aria Jones

Panther Academy - Ellen Watt

Discussion:

Mr. Travis Thompson stated the EHS Student of the Month could not make it tonight.

Ms. Hope Janes introduced Cora Diamond as the TKS Student Of the Month and gave a description of her accomplishments.

Mr. Aaron Howell introduced Ellen Watt as the HHES Student Of the Month and gave a description of her accomplishments.

Ms. Heather Goodman introduced Aria Jones as the MES Student Of the Month and gave a description of her accomplishments.

Ms. Carla Kuhn introduced Kendalynn Thompson as the PA Student Of the Month and gave a description of her accomplishments.

B. EHS State Beta

Rationale:

1st place State Champion Technology: Grant Shearer, Julia Echols, JoJo Shi, Michelle Zheng, Kevin Tse, Ben Hanson, Luke Medley

1st place State Champion Service Showcase: Olivia Richardson, Julia Echols, Jill Patel

1st place State Champion 3-D Design: Ben Hanson, Joseph Whelan, Luke Medley, Ethan Cox, Grant Shearer

1st place State Champion Scrapbook: Audrey Christopher, Maddie Hill, Jocelyn Armstrong, Morgan Hunley, Breanna Boley, Ava Lafollette

1st place State Champion Psychology: Michelle Zheng

1st place State Champion Spelling Bee: Stella Clagett

1st place State Champion US History 9th grade: Reagan Highbaugh

1st place State Champion English 9th grade: Grace Zheng

2nd place Marketing and Communications: Ava Emerine, Charlotte Emerine, Elinor Troutt, Ava Purcell, Alexis Hayes

2nd Place Biomedical Science 12th grade: Maddie Hill

2nd Place Biomedical Science 9th grade: Jocelyn Armstrong

2nd Place French 11th grade: Cedric Dennis

2nd Math 9th grade: Kelsey Wayne

2nd place Psychology 9th grade: Emma Rains

2nd place Psychology 11th grade: Olivia Richardson

2nd place Science 9th grade: Gabrielle Frank

3rd place Health and PE 11th grade: Noah Smith

3rd place Spanish 12th grade: Jill Patel

3rd place Digital Art: Gabriella Johnson

3rd place Drawing: Jill Patel

4th place Robotics: Cayleb Brangers, Noah Smith, Cedric Dennis, Jojo Shi, Maya Flores

4th place 2 Dimensional Design: Grace Zheng

4th place Agriscience 11th grade: Joseph Whelan

4th place Math 11th grade: Kevin Tse

4th place Social Studies 12th grade: Jaden Dennis

4th place Spelling Bee: Lex Bratcher

4th place Drawing Div2: Ellanor Fraley

4th place Sculpture: Cayleb Brangers

4th place Jewelry: Morgan Hunley

5th place Quiz Bowl: Kevin Tse, Jake Hubbard, Lincoln Shirts, Ella Tucker

5th place Biomedical Science 10th grade: Olivia Norris

5th place Health and PE 12th grade: Julia Echols

5th place Hand Drawn Anime: Jaden Dennis

5th place Quilling: Olivia Norris

Discussion:

Mr. Travis Thompson introduced a few of the EHS Beta Students and gave a description of their accomplishments.

C. KUNA

Rationale:

EHS' Outstanding Delegate: Maddy Games

Outstanding Speaker Award: Emma Robinson

Democratic Republic of The Congo **Resolution #15 passed in voting chambers:** Authors were Ethan Cox, Jake Hubbard, Emma Robinson, and Skyler Brandenburg

Elected Deputy Secretary General: Caleb Chambliss

Elected Secretary General: Jack McGlone

Secretariat of the United Nations: Anna Sumrall

Discussion:

Mr. Travis Thompson introduced several students from the EHS Y-Club and gave a description of their accomplishments at KUNA.

D. Poetry Out Loud Runner Up - Jocelyn Trejo Zetina

Discussion:

Ms. Jan LaPerle introduced Jocelyn Trejo Zetina and gave a description of her accomplishments at the Kentucky Poetry Out Loud Competition.

E. Tri-State Winter Guard

Rationale:

Varsity:

1	Imani Forsythe
2	LaDawna Jones
3	Emily Kilgore
4	Aubrie Wemes
5	Tobie Ungos
6	Avery Minor
7	Trinity Phelps
8	Passion Wright
9	Isabelle Vertrees
10	Mattilynn Krigbaum
11	Lauren Barney
12	Jocelyn Trejo-Zetina
13	Kerrington Thompson
14	Adyson Parker
15	Amelia Waisbrot

JV:

Amber Fow
Alyvia Handley
Eden Parker
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Sophia Hamilton
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Discussion:

Ms. Kaleena Thompson introduced the EHS Winterguard and gave a description of their accomplishments at the Tri-State Winter Guard Competition.

F. Educators Rising State Competition Finalists

Rationale:

Students in the Educators Rising Club competed on March 5 at the State Competition at the Expo Center in Louisville. They worked long hours preparing their projects, lessons, speeches and books. This group of students shined at the conference and their hard work paid off with prestigious awards! EHS has some wonderful future teachers in the making!

Emma Groh/Kyla Burley - 1st place - **Children's Literature Book**

Olivia Royalty - 2nd place - **Interactive Bulletin Board**

Audrey Looten -2nd place - **Lesson Plan w/ Video - STEM Lesson**

Kate Ditto -2nd place - **Educators Rising Moment** - A speech detailing the "moment" she realized she wanted to become a teacher.

Yemi Taylor - Gave an excellent speech on "Teacher Retention" in the **Public Speaking** category

Vivian Lindsey - Presented a wonderful book in the **Children's Literature Book** Category

Way to go, future teachers!!

Discussion:

Mr. Travis Thompson introduced students who competed in the Educators Rising Competition and gave a description of their accomplishments.

G. STAFF RECOGNITIONS FOR MARCH 2025

Discussion:

Mrs. Derisa Hindle gave a presentation of the March Staff Recognitions.

V. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION DECLARING TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Order #13474 - Motion Passed: Approve Resolution Declaring Teacher Appreciation Week as Written passed with a motion by Mrs. Kimbley Iman 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

Rationale:

Teacher Appreciation Week is celebrated the first full week of May, from May 5 through May 9, 2025 with National Teacher Appreciation Day slated for Tuesday, May 6.

Below is a resolution declaring Teacher Appreciation Week May 5-9 and Teacher Appreciation Day, May 6, 2025.

This resolution will be presented to each school building in appreciation for the services and many contributions of our teachers.

RESOLUTION

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, America depends upon successful schools to meet the needs of every child, and

WHEREAS, America's schools are experiencing a transformation in how teaching and learning occurs, and

WHEREAS, Kentucky has implemented the most dramatic reform of schools ever legislated in America, and

WHEREAS, teachers are challenged daily to implement reform by reaching out to every student regardless of ability, interest in learning, social or economic background, handicap, race, religion, creed, or ethnic origin, and to provide the assistance and guidance necessary for full intellectual development, and

WHEREAS, each of us can recall the personal attention that teachers gave to us as we made important decisions during the formative years of our lives, and

WHEREAS, teachers are molding lives and shaping the future of our next generation, and

WHEREAS, teachers in the Elizabethtown Independent Schools are among the best in the nation and deserve the deepest respect and admiration of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Elizabethtown Board of Education recognizes May 5-9, 2025, as Teacher Appreciation Week and May 6, 2025 as National Teacher Appreciation Day. This is a time for public recognition of the contributions provided by the teacher toward the development of this community and for the influence of the teacher upon the lives of each of us.

Discussion:

Mr. Paul Mullins read the proposed resolution.

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

VII. ATTENDANCE REPORT

Discussion:

Mr. Travis Gay gave a report of the March Attendance for Elizabethtown Independent Schools and announced Morningside Elementary as the high attendance school for the month.

VIII. INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS

Discussion:

Mr. Chase Goff gave a presentation of the Professional Learning Plans for Summer 2025 and offered to answer Board questions. Ms. Iman asked when the Elementary Schools have completed the deconstructions, will they be communicating that with each other? Mr. Goff explained that the teachers from each Elementary work on that together so that the curriculum is the same at each school.

IX. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Order #13475 - Motion Passed: APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA passed with a motion by Mr. Paul Godfrey and a second by Ms. Heather Sharpensteen.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpensteen	Yes
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A. Acknowledge Receipt of the SBDM Written Reports

Rationale:

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

B. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

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

D. APPROVE FUNDRAISING REQUESTS

E. APPROVE SHORTENED SCHOOL DAY WAIVER

Rationale:

Mr. Cain Alvey, Director of Special Programs, is requesting a shortened school day waiver for a student. Board Members only are permitted to review the attached document.

F. APPROVE STUDENT INSURANCE

G. APPROVE COPIER LEASE

Rationale:

Mr. Paul Mullins recommends Duplicator Sales & Service for the Copier Bid.

H. APPROVE BID PROPOSAL FOR SECURITY CAMERAS AND INSTALLATION

Rationale:

An invitation to submit a Request for Proposal for purchase and installation of security cameras was advertised in the News Enterprise.

Bids were accepted and opened on March 19, 2025. We received 1 bid from Encore Technologies .

The recommendation is to award the contract to Encore Technologies until completion of the project.

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M. APPROVE BOARD MEETING CHANGE FOR MAY 2025

N. APPROVE EMERGENCY CERTIFICATIONS

Rationale:

Mrs. Derisa Hindle is requesting approval for an Emergency Teaching Certification for a Middle School Science Teacher. Postings to attract and employ teachers in these positions were placed on the Kentucky Employment Placement Service (KEPS) and on the district's application software (TalentEd), and on vacancy announcements throughout the district. The best candidate for the middle school science position is a special education teacher who has served at T.K. Stone for the past six years. He is working to become certified in this area.

We are also requesting approval for an Emergency Substitute Teaching Certification for the following individuals:

Titus Sublett

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P. APPROVE SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS NO. 1

Q. APPROVE INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS FOR 2025-2026

R. APPROVE MOU WITH SEVERNS VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

S. APPROVE REVISED 02.4331 AP.12 - 25-26 ALLOCATIONS FOR SCHOOLS

X. ACTION ITEMS

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XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Order #13476 - Motion Passed: ADJOURN passed with a motion by Ms. Heather Sharpensteen and a second by Mrs. Brandy Armstrong.

Mr. Paul Godfrey	Yes
Mrs. Kimbley Iman	Yes
Ms. Heather Sharpensteen	Yes
Mr. Guy Wallace	Yes
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Guy Wallace,
Board Chairman

5/27/25



Paul M. Mullins,
Superintendence