

FORT THOMAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
Board of Education Regular Meeting

Fort Thomas City Building – 130 N. Fort Thomas Avenue
Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075

October 14, 2024

6:30pm

Attendance Taken at 6:26 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Jeff Beach

Mr. Clem Fennell IV

Mrs. Sarah Foster

Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein

I. OPENING OF MEETING

Board Chair Julie Kuhnhein opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Recognitions

1. Board Bravos and Updates

Board members shared the following:

- JES Hullabaloo was a success
- Visit from Secretary of State Michael Adams
- Visit from State Senator Shelley Funke Frommeyer
- High Attendance Day Regional winners at all 3 levels
- 5 HHS students selected to the Thomas More Juried High School Art Show
- Good luck to Boys and Girls Soccer Teams in Regionals this week
- AP Gold Honor Roll
- Achieved "Blue" in KSA at all 3 levels; will celebrate with cake on Friday
- Boys Golf are Regional Champs for the 5th time

2. Tradition of Excellence Award - Michelle Fair

Community member Lindsey Skop shared her family's wonderful experience with Michelle Fair as their son's preschool teacher and read a portion of her nomination letter. Michelle was presented with a Tradition of Excellence award and thanked for her outstanding work.

3. National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

The Board recognized and congratulated Ben Gilkerson and Oliver Martin for being named National Merit Semifinalists. Both students were presented with a Certificate of Achievement and a "Champions" t-shirt.

4. NaviGo Scholars

The Board recognized the following HHS students for being named NaviGo Scholars:

- Jude Borden
- Wyatt Carbone
- Warren Deaton
- Braelyn Dew
- Ashley Franco
- Phol Jiraphasuksakul
- Prae Jiraphasuksakul
- Alaina Kuhn
- Landry Riesenbeck
- Quinton Scherrer
- Ananya Thumrongthaisakul
- Owen Uhl

The students shared their areas of study and partner companies. The Board congratulated the students and presented each with a Certificate of Achievement and a "Champions" t-shirt.

C. Student Showcase - MES: Bike, Scooter and Walking Safety

Moyer students presented on Bike, Scooter and Walking Safety. They talked about their research, what they learned and shared a video with the Board. That video was also shared with all students at Moyer. Student presenting included:

- Lucas Barczewski
- Meridith Cox
- Sydney Nestheide
- Hunter Ripley
- Keegan Ritchie
- Remmi Smith
- Isaac Young
- Cameron Zenni

The Board thanked the students and gave each a Tradition of Excellence t-shirt.

D. Community Forum

There were no community members wishing to speak.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Highlands Athletic Complex at Tower Park Renovation

1. Project Update

Jerry Wissman provided the Board with an update, stating the soil tests revealed no movement. Riegler finished the paving and the sidewalks, and the fence was moved to allow the neighborhood behind the soccer complex to access the park again. Morel is happy with the progress and feels the project is on schedule.

2. Riegler Blacktop Inc Pay Application #5

Order #2593 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay Application #5 to Riegler Blacktop Inc in the amount of \$378,056.34 for the Highlands Athletic Complex at Tower Park Project 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	Yes

3. Morel Construction Co. Pay Application #3

Order #2594 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay Application #3 to Morel Construction Co. in the amount of \$1,016,797.50 for the Highlands Athletic Complex at Tower Park Project passed with a motion by Mr. Jeff Beach and a second by Mrs. Sarah Foster.

Mr. Jeff Beach	Yes
Mr. Clem Fennell IV	Yes
Mrs. Sarah Foster	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes

B. GoTo Telephone Contract

Order #2595 - Motion Passed: Approval of contract for phone services with GoTo Technologies USA, Inc. for 3 years, beginning December 1, 2024 passed with a motion by Mr. Clem Fennell IV and a second by Mr. Jeff Beach.

Mr. Jeff Beach	Yes
Mr. Clem Fennell IV	Yes
Mrs. Sarah Foster	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes

C. KETS First Offer of Assistance for 2024-25

Order #2596 - Motion Passed: Approval to accept and match the entire KETS Offer of Assistance amount at the present time of this offer and any subsequent offers up to a total of \$21/ADA for the 2024-2025 school year with the KETS First Offer of Assistance being \$34,490 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	Yes

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Dialogue Regarding Proposal to Change the Kentucky Constitution - Amendment 2

Each of the Board members shared their personal feelings on Amendment 2 and encouraged voters to educate themselves on the issue and check the validity of information being distributed in the community and mailed to their homes.

B. Board Committee Updates

There were no committee updates to share.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Order #2597 - 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 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	Yes

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 9, 2024 and Special Board Meeting of September 17, 2024

B. Financial Report for Month of September 2024

C. Food Service Report for September 2024

D. Attendance Report for 1st Month of 2024-25

E. Authorization for Payment of Claims

F. District Technology Report - Q1

G. Notification and Approval of Student Trips

- 1. HHS Boys Golf - Shelbyville, KY - September 29-30, 2024**
- 2. HHS Volleyball - Louisville, KY - October 4-5, 2024**
- 3. HHS Boys Golf - Bowling Green, KY - October 6-8, 2024**
- 4. HHS Volleyball - Lexington, KY - October 11-12, 2024**
- 5. WES 4th Grade - Columbus, OH - April 25, 2025**

H. Personnel Action Taken Since September 9, 2024

Employment of the following Classified Employee

Tina Bacon - Counseling Office Secretary - HHS

Employment of the Following Extra-Service Positions

Kelsey Etherton - Girls Varsity Soccer Coach - HHS

Nina Kearns - Girls Varsity Assistant Soccer Coach - HHS

Kelsey Sentney - FCCLA Sponsor - HMS

Employment of the following Paraprofessional Employee

Kristopher Hendrix - Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach - HHS

Retirement of the following Classified Employee

Sherry Bodner - AP Office Secretary - HHS

Resignation of the following Classified Employees

Crystal Evans - Cafeteria - HHS
Barbara Hurrelbrink - Cafeteria - HHS
Katie Knight - Instructional Assistant - HHS

I. Grant Extended Leave

- 1. Katy Wall - Maternity Leave (September 30 - December 20, 2024)**
- 2. Heidi Neltner - Medical Leave (December 18, 2024 - January 31, 2025)**
- 3. Mary Ryan - Maternity Leave (January 24 - April 18, 2025)**

J. Approval of Superintendent Travel

- 1. Bluegrass Risk Management Annual Meeting - Lexington, KY - November 7, 2024**

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Julie Kuhnhein adjourned the meeting at 7:38pm.

Chairperson

Superintendent