

FORT THOMAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
Board of Education Regular Meeting

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

April 14, 2025

6:30pm

Attendance Taken at 6:28 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Jeff Beach

Mr. Clem Fennell IV

Mrs. Sarah Foster

Mr. Noah Gibson

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:

- The Nesties was a great event with wonderful speeches given by award winners.
- Prom to Dawn was successful and well attended
- Congratulations to Kim Klein for advancing in the Presidential Awards
- HMS students performed well in the Finance Competition with some placing in the top 10
- HHS Robotics team placed 3rd in the St. Louis Regionals
- Several art students qualified for state
- Several variety shows and concerts coming up
- District Art Show at HHS this Thursday, April 17
- KSA & AP testing will take place before our next Board meeting
- We The People just returned from Nationals in Washington, D.C.

2. TSA State Champions

Ron Rosel shared how well the HHS students performed at the State Competition, with three students taking 1st place. He thanked the Board and the Broadcasting Department for their support in allowing students access to the wonderful technology. State Champions included:

- Photo Technology Engineering - Elizabeth Clark
- Music Production Engineering - Gabriel McDermott & Isaac Pieper

The students shared their projects and the experience of competing at State. The Board was impressed with the students and presented each with a Certificate of Achievement and a "Champions" t-shirt.

3. Regional Spelling Bee Winner - George Weghorst

The Board recognized George Weghorst for his Regional Spelling Bee win. George will travel to Washington, D.C. for the National Spelling Bee at the end of May. He was presented with a Certificate of Achievement and a Champions t-shirt.

4. Forensics State Champion - Charlotte Weghorst

The Board recognized Charlotte Weghorst for her Forensics State Championship. She was presented with a Certificate of Achievement and a Champions t-shirt.

5. Tradition of Excellence - Alyssa Davis

KY High School Forensics Coach of the Year

The Board presented Alyssa with a Tradition of Excellence Award for her achievement at the Kentucky High School Forensics Coach of the Year.

6. Tradition of Excellence - Becky Brady

Moyer teacher Corrie Posinski presented Becky Brady with a Tradition of Excellence Award for her dedication to the students and staff at Moyer Elementary.

C. Student Showcase - Knight Society

Students from Knight Society presented to the Board about the projects they created using a 3D printer. The students presenting included:

- Elsie Wen
- Lyla Sketch
- Juniper Scalf
- Finley Clark
- Naomi Keeney
- Fiona Brown
- Audrey Goure
- Charlotte Loechle
- Lindsey Steuber
- Aibileen White
- RJ Ashcraft
- Merryn Edwards
- Saivi Jagathesh Ram

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

D. Community Forum

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Highlands Athletic Complex at Tower Park Renovation

1. Project Update

Jerry Wissman shared with the Board that despite all the rain, the project is moving forward, with the steel for the buildings already in place. Contractors continue to install the utilities beneath where the stands will be, and the curbing and sidewalks around the field are in progress.

2. Change Order #3

Order #2625 - Motion Passed: Approval of Change Order #3 in the amount of \$38,577.00 for the Highlands Athletic Complex at Tower Park project passed with a motion by Mr. Noah Gibson and a second by Mr. Clem Fennell IV.

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

3. Morel Construction Co. Pay Application #9

Order #2626 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay Application #9 to Morel Construction Co. in the amount of \$926,778.15 for the Highlands Athletic Complex at Tower Park Project 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
Mr. Noah Gibson	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes

B. District Facilities Plan (DFP)

Order #2627 - Motion Passed: Approval of second draft of DFP to submit to KDE as final draft and appointment of Jerry Wissman as Public Hearing Officer passed with a motion by Mr. Noah Gibson and a second by Mr. Clem Fennell IV.

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

C. Employee Wellness Incentive

Order #2628 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Employee Wellness Incentive for Employee participation in the 2025 YMCA Firecracker 5K 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
Mr. Noah Gibson	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes

D. Surplus Property

1. Declaration of Surplus Property - Technology

Order #2629 - Motion Passed: Approval to declare the attached list of items as surplus property 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
Mr. Noah Gibson	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes

2. Request for Bids for Surplus Property - Technology

Order #2630 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Request for Bids for Surplus Property in Technology passed with a motion by Mrs. Sarah Foster and a second by Mr. Noah Gibson.

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

3. Declaration of Surplus Property - Operations

Order #2631 - Motion Passed: Approval to declare the attached list of items as surplus property passed with a motion by Mr. Noah Gibson and a second by Mr. Clem Fennell IV.

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

4. Request for Bids for Surplus Property - Operations

Order #2632 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Request for Bids for Surplus Property in Operations 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
Mr. Noah Gibson	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes

E. Request for Waiver for Shortened School Day

Order #2633 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Request for Waiver for a Shortened School Day 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
Mr. Noah Gibson	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Board Committee Updates

There were no committee updates.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Order #2634 - 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 Mr. Noah Gibson.

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

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 10, 2025 and Working Meeting of April 10, 2025

B. Financial Report for 9th Month of 2024-2025

C. Food Service Report for March 2025

D. Attendance Report for 7th Month of 2025-26

E. District Technology Report - 3rd Quarter

F. Authorization for Payment of Claims

G. Notification and Approval of Student Trips

1. HHS JEA/NSPA - Nashville, TN - November 11-15, 2025

H. Personnel Action Taken Since

Employment of the following Certified Employee

Ryan Hahn - Social Studies Teacher - HHS

Employment of the following Classified Employee

Mark Guttadauro - Cafeteria Staff Member - HMS

Employment of the following Extra Service Positions

Alyssa Brown - Grade Level Leader - JES

Alyssa Davis - Grade Level Leader - JES

Becky Johnson - DC Coordinator - HMS

Rachael King - Journalism Club - JES

Katie Leftin - Grade Level Leader - JES

Aimee Shadwell - Grade Level Leader - JES

Employment of the following Paraprofessional Employees

Kristina Jenny - Dive Coach - HHS

Amanda Knight - Freshman Track Coach - HHS

Kenedie Morr - JV Dance Team Coach - HHS
Aryah Myrick - JV Volleyball Coach - HHS

Retirement of the following Certified Employees

Tim Auch - Physics Teacher - HHS
Julie Bolling - Elementary Teacher - JES
Jerry Wissman - Director of Operations - Districtwide

Retirement of the following Classified Employee

Dale Bartel - Custodian - MES

Resignation of the following Certified Employees

Savannah Brady - English/SS Teacher - HMS
Isaiah Cook - Social Studies Teacher - HHS
McKenzie Leigh - Elementary Teacher - MES
Summer Sands-Arthur - Elementary Teacher - WES
Makayla Suman - Elementary Teacher - WES

Resignation of the following Classified Employees

Bob Detzel - Custodian - HHS
Jeff Hoskins - Custodian - HHS
Peter Lloyd - Cafeteria Monitor - MES

Resignation of the following Extra Service Positions

Savannah Brady - Assistant Cross-Country Coach - HHS
Savannah Brady - Girls Head Track Coach - HHS
Alyssa Brown - Academic Team ½ split - JES
Lance Bucher - Cross Country Coach - HHS
Casey Gesenhues - Grade Level Leader - JES
Katie Huber - Grade Level Leader - JES
Rachael King - Engineering Club - JES
McKenzie Leigh - Girls on the Run - MES
Sarah Mays - Grade Level Leader - JES
Marie Rosenhagen - Unified Sports Coach - HHS
Kelsey Sentney - FCCLA Sponsor - HMS
Susan Vetter - Girls on the Run - MES
Katy Wall - Grade Level Leader - MES
Nancy Northern-Willis - Journalism Club - MES
Marie Zimmerman - Grade Level Leader - JES

Resignation of the following Paraprofessional Employees

Colin Roth - Wrestling Coach - HHS
Joey Svatba - Dive Coach - HHS
Amy White - Academic Team ½ split - JES

Request for Medical Leave

Jenny Miller Horn - 04/23/2025 - 06/01/2025 - MES
Megan Darnell - 05/16/2025 - 05/27/2025 - MES

V. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other items to discuss.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Julie Kuhnhein adjourned the meeting at 7:48pm.

Chairperson

Superintendent