

Ashland Board of Education

February 24, 2025 5:15 PM

Regular Meeting

1820 Hickman Street

Ashland, KY 41101

The Ashland Board of Education met in regular session on February 24, 2025, at the Regular Meeting 1820 Hickman Street, Ashland, KY 41101. Chairperson Dr. Matthew Lewis called the meeting to order.

Attendance Taken at 5:15 PM:

Present Board Members:

Dr. Matthew Lewis
Ms. Ashley Layman
Mr. William Bradley
Mr. David Williams

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Don Ashby

1. Call to Order

1.1. Pledge to the Flag

1.2. Discussion and possible approval of the unofficial minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2025

Order #2482 - Motion Passed: Approval of the unofficial minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2025 passed with a motion by Ms. Ashley Layman and a second by Mr. William Bradley.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Dr. Matthew Lewis	Yes
Ms. Ashley Layman	Yes
Mr. Don Ashby	Absent
Mr. William Bradley	Yes
Mr. David Williams	Yes

2. Communications

2.1. AMS Academic Team

6th grade Showcase winners who brought home our 7th consecutive champion title since 2018

In Arts & Humanities:

3rd : Dylan Lambert
2nd: Ellie Stout
1st: Isabella Revely

In Language Arts:

4th : Isabella Revely
2nd : Wyatt Reeves

In Social Studies:

4th: Roman Griffith
3rd: John Fox McCloud
1st: EB Lowman

In Math:

4th: Isaiah Madden

1st: Ellie Stout

In Science:

4th: Desmond Kazee

2nd: Noah Anderson

1st: Isaac Pennington

In Composition:

5th: Kenley Miller

2nd: Desmond Kazee

Quick Recall took 1st place:

Isabella Revely

EB Lowman

Isalah Madden

Desmond Kazee

Noah Anderson

Roman Griffith

John Fox McCloud

Wyatt Reeves

Isaac Pennington

Dylan Lambert

Josie Roberts

Dylan Kelley

The Jr. FPS team competed in December also and secured a spot to move on to compete at State. Those members are:

Evvie Stephens

Addi Morris

Pia Lemaster

Allie Stout

Additionally, 5 students scored within the Top 10 scores in the state:

EB Lowman (SS), John Fox McCloud (SS), Isabella Revely (A/H), Ellie Stout (A/H),

Isaac Pennington (Sci)

Our District competition was held in January, and we were the overall winners are made up of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students:

In Arts and Humanities:

4th: Caedyn Ratcliff

3rd: Rylan Braden

1st: Molly Hicks

In Language Arts:

3rd: Emily Bocook

1st: Tristan Barnett

In Math:

3rd: Bransen Kelley

2nd: Tristan Barnett

1st: Adrian Mattingly

In Science:

5th: Noah Anderson
2nd: Adrian Mattingly
1st: Alex Price

In Social Studies:

3rd: EB Lowman
2nd: Kendan Palmer

In Composition:

4th tie: Aidan Ethel/Lily Charles
1st: Rylan Braden

In FPS:

1st place: Jake Adkins
Emily Bocook
Colin Clark
Aidan Ethel
Bransen Kelley

In Quick Recall:

1st place: Tristan Barnett
Molly Hicks
Adrian Mattingly
Kendan Palmer
Emily Bocook
Aidan Ethel
Bransen Kelley
Aiden Flynn
Kyla Lee
Caedyn Ratcliff
Isabella Revely
EB Lowman

These winners went on to compete in Regionals on February 15, 2025 and secured the Regional Championship against 14 other schools!

Our Quick Recall Team placed First and FPS placed 2nd and will advance on to state along with the following students who placed at Regionals

In Arts & Humanities:

4th: Caedyn Ratcliff
3rd: Rylan Braden
2nd: Molly Hicks *Top 10 in the state

In Language Arts:

5th: Emily Bocook
2nd: Tristan Barnett

In Math:

4th: Tristan Barnett
1st: Adrian Mattingly

In Science:

4th: Alex Price
2nd: Adrian Mattingly

In Social Studies:

2nd: Kendan Palmer

1st: EB Lowman

In Composition:

6th Alden Ethel

1st Rylan Braden

State Competition will be held in Louisville March 14th-17th.

2.2. CSIP Presentations: Blazer, AMS, Crabbe and Oakview

2.3. Discussion and possible approval of amending the agenda to move Public Comments section prior to Construction Update

Order #2483 - Motion Passed: Approval of amending the agenda to move Public Comments section prior to Construction Update passed with a motion by Ms. Ashley Layman and a second by Mr. William Bradley.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Dr. Matthew Lewis

Yes

Ms. Ashley Layman

Yes

Mr. Don Ashby

Absent

Mr. William Bradley

Yes

Mr. David Williams

Yes

2.4. Public Comments

2.5. Construction Update

2.5.1. Clotfelter Samokar Architects Progress Report

2.5.2. Discussion and possible approval for Clotfelter-Samokar Architects to begin planning steps for replacing the roof on building one at Blazer High School

Order #2484 - Motion Passed: Approval for Clotfelter-Samokar Architects to begin planning steps for replacing the roof on building one at Blazer High School passed with a motion by Mr. William Bradley and a second by Ms. Ashley Layman.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Dr. Matthew Lewis

Yes

Ms. Ashley Layman

Yes

Mr. Don Ashby

Absent

Mr. William Bradley

Yes

Mr. David Williams

Yes

2.5.3. Discussion and possible approval of the schematic and design for the Poage Elementary School Addition project

Order #2485 - Motion Passed: Approval of the schematic and design for the Poage Elementary School Addition project passed with a motion by Mr. William Bradley and a second by Ms. Ashley Layman.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Dr. Matthew Lewis

Yes

Ms. Ashley Layman

Yes

Mr. Don Ashby	Absent
Mr. William Bradley	Yes
Mr. David Williams	Yes

2.5.4. Discussion and possible approval of the schematic and design for Blazer High School Athletic Training Facility

Order #2486 - Motion Passed: Approval of the schematic and design for Blazer High School Athletic Training Facility passed with a motion by Ms. Ashley Layman and a second by Mr. William Bradley.

3 Yeas - 1 Nays.

Dr. Matthew Lewis	Yes
Ms. Ashley Layman	Yes
Mr. Don Ashby	Absent
Mr. William Bradley	Yes
Mr. David Williams	No

2.5.5. Request to Amend Agenda to approve Owner/Architect Agreements for 3 Items

Order #2487 - Motion Passed: Amendment to the Agenda passed with a motion by Ms. Ashley Layman and a second by Mr. William Bradley.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Dr. Matthew Lewis	Yes
Ms. Ashley Layman	Yes
Mr. Don Ashby	Absent
Mr. William Bradley	Yes
Mr. David Williams	Yes

2.5.6. Review and approve the standard KDE form of agreement with Clotfelter Samokar Architects for the Paul G. Blazer High School Building 1 roof replacement project, pending board attorney approval

Order #2488 - Motion Passed: Approval of the standard KDE form of agreement with Clotfelter Samokar Architects for the Paul G. Blazer High School Building 1 roof replacement project, pending board attorney approval passed with a motion by Ms. Ashley Layman and a second by Mr. William Bradley.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Dr. Matthew Lewis	Yes
Ms. Ashley Layman	Yes
Mr. Don Ashby	Absent
Mr. William Bradley	Yes
Mr. David Williams	Yes

2.5.7. Review and approve the standard KDE form of agreement with Clotfelter Samokar Architects for the Poage Elementary School Addition project, pending board attorney approval

Order #2489 - Motion Passed: Approval of the standard KDE form of agreement with Clotfelter Samokar Architects for the Poage Elementary School Addition project, pending board attorney approval passed with a motion by Mr. William Bradley and a second by Ms. Ashley Layman.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Dr. Matthew Lewis	Yes
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Ms. Ashley Layman
Mr. Don Ashby
Mr. William Bradley
Mr. David Williams

Yes
Absent
Yes
Yes

2.5.8. Review and approve the standard KDE form of agreement with Clotfelter Samokar Architects for the Paul G. Blazer High School Athletic Training Facility project, pending board attorney approval

Order #2490 - Motion Passed: Approval of the standard KDE form of agreement with Clotfelter Samokar Architects for the Paul G. Blazer High School Athletic Training Facility project, pending board attorney approval passed with a motion by Mr. William Bradley and a second by Ms. Ashley Layman.

3 Yeas - 1 Nays.

Dr. Matthew Lewis
Ms. Ashley Layman
Mr. Don Ashby
Mr. William Bradley
Mr. David Williams

Yes
Yes
Absent
Yes
No

2.6. Head Start PIR Report

2024 Performance Panel

2024 - 2025
03/17/2025 • 10:34 AM

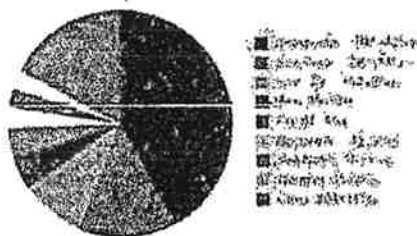
Enrollment



Attendance on Fri 2/14



Absence Reasons



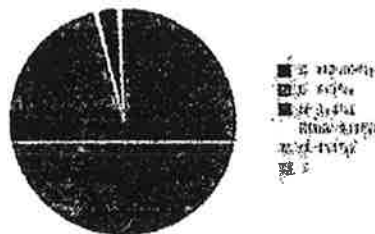
Participants with IEP/IFSP



Disability Concerns



Immunization Status



3. Treasurer's Action

3.1. Discussion and possible approval of a copier Lease Agreement renewal for the Transportation Department

Order #2491 - Motion Passed: Approval of a copier Lease Agreement renewal for the Transportation Department passed with a motion by Ms. Ashley Layman and a second by Mr. William Bradley.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Dr. Matthew Lewis	Yes
Ms. Ashley Layman	Yes
Mr. Don Ashby	Absent
Mr. William Bradley	Yes
Mr. David Williams	Yes

3.2. Discussion and possible approval of board member reimbursement for SIM card expenses Failed due to lack of motion

3.3. Discussion and possible approval of board member reimbursement for cellular device plan Failed due to lack of motion

3.4. Discussion and possible approval of the subscription for Hiring with Red Rover for the 2025-2026 school year

Order #2492 - Motion Passed: Approval of the subscription for Hiring with Red Rover for the 2025-2026 school year passed with a motion by Mr. William Bradley and a second by Ms. Ashley Layman.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Dr. Matthew Lewis	Yes
Ms. Ashley Layman	Yes
Mr. Don Ashby	Absent
Mr. William Bradley	Yes
Mr. David Williams	Yes

4. Treasurer's Consent

4.1. Approve Bills for February 2025 as presented by Board Treasurer

4.2. Approve Head Start bills for February 2025 as presented by Board Treasurer

4.3. Approve salaries for February 2025 in accordance with the 2024-2025 salary schedule

4.4. Approve Head Start salaries for February 2025 in accordance with the 2024-2025 salary schedule

Order #2493 - Motion Passed: Approval of Treasurer's Consent passed with a motion by Ms. Ashley Layman and a second by Mr. William Bradley.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Dr. Matthew Lewis	Yes
Ms. Ashley Layman	Yes
Mr. Don Ashby	Absent
Mr. William Bradley	Yes
Mr. David Williams	Yes

5. New Business Action Items

5.1. Discussion and possible approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between Marshall University and the Ashland Board of Education for a school psychology student mentorship program

Order #2494 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between Marshall University and the Ashland Board of Education for a school psychology student mentorship program passed with a motion by Mr. William Bradley and a second by Ms. Ashley Layman.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Dr. Matthew Lewis	Yes
Ms. Ashley Layman	Yes
Mr. Don Ashby	Absent
Mr. William Bradley	Yes
Mr. David Williams	Yes

5.2. Discussion and possible approval of the Memorandum of Agreement and Ashland Independent Board of Education for a dual credit program for the students in Paul Blazer High School for the 2025-26 academic year

Order #2495 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between Morehead State University and Ashland Independent Board of Education for a dual credit program for the students in Paul Blazer High School for the 2025-26 academic year passed with a motion by Ms. Ashley Layman and a second by Mr. William Bradley.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Dr. Matthew Lewis	Yes
Ms. Ashley Layman	Yes
Mr. Don Ashby	Absent
Mr. William Bradley	Yes
Mr. David Williams	Yes

6. New Business Consent

6.1. Donations

Donations			
February 24, 2025			
School	Amount	Donor Name	Description
FRYSC (all schools)	\$250.00	Margaret M. Graddy	In Memory of Steve Gilmore
FRYSC (all schools)	\$20.00	Diane M. Massie	Program donation
FRYSC (all schools)	\$25.00	Dr. Barbara Walters	In Memory of Steve Gilmore

7. Personnel Action

7.1. Discussion and possible approval of the job description change for Head Start Health Coordinator

Order #2496 - Motion Passed: Approval of the job description change for Head Start Health Coordinator passed with a motion by Ms. Ashley Layman and a second by Mr. William Bradley.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Dr. Matthew Lewis	Yes
Ms. Ashley Layman	Yes
Mr. Don Ashby	Absent
Mr. William Bradley	Yes
Mr. David Williams	Yes

8. Personnel for Board Information Only in Accordance with KRS 160.390

Personnel Information

February 24, 2025

EMPLOYED

First	Last	Site/School	Position	Date
Anthony	Bazell	District-Wide	Substitute Teacher	1/16/2025
Tabitha	Cassidy	District-Wide	Substitute Teacher	2/5/2025
Darby	Chapman	Ashland Middle School	Science Teacher	1/27/2025
Jason	Clark	Ashland Middle School	Assistant Track Coach	2/6/2025
Addison	Conway	Head Start	Substitute Instructional Assistant	1/27/2025
Kinsey	Duncan	District-Wide	Substitute Teacher	2/5/2025
Calvin	Edwards	Ashland Middle School	Head Track Coach	2/6/2025
Nancy	Gauze	Transportation	Bus Monitor	2/6/2025
Jeffery	Midkiff	Ashland Middle School	Boys Soccer Coach	2/6/2025
Irvin	Morris	Blazer High School	Assistant Baseball Coach	2/11/2025
Chayanne	Parsons	Transportation	Bus Driver	1/27/2025
Adam	Pick	District-Wide	Substitute Teacher	1/29/2025
Maryo	Wangke	Blazer High School	5-Hour Food Service Worker	3/3/2025

Resignation / Termination / Retirement / Transfer / Increase / Decrease

First	Last	Site/School	Title	Date
Gregory	Adams	Blazer High School	Resignation / Assistant JV Baseball Coach	1/22/2024
Selena	Bryan	District-Wide	Resignation / Substitute Teacher	10/11/2024
Kim	Clayton	Oakview	Resignation / ESS Tutor	1/21/2025
Jordan	Sloan	Ashland Middle School	Resignation / Special Education Teacher	2/21/2025
Kerri	Thornburg	RTC	Resignation / Early Childhood Specialist	2/14/2025

FMLA

First	Last	Site/School	Title	Date
Stacy	Ramsey	Blazer High School	Teacher	2/5/25 - 3/19/25

9. Board Discussion

9.1. Discussion and possible approval of Superintendent Howard's travel to the Governor's Cup in Louisville, KY March 14-17, 2025

Order #2497 - Motion Passed: Approval of Superintendent Howard's travel to the Governor's Cup in Louisville, KY March 14-17, 2025 passed with a motion by Mr. David Williams and a second by Mr. William Bradley.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Dr. Matthew Lewis	Yes
Ms. Ashley Layman	Yes
Mr. Don Ashby	Absent
Mr. William Bradley	Yes
Mr. David Williams	Yes

9.2. Roberts Drive Update

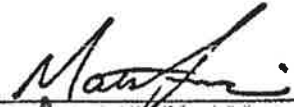
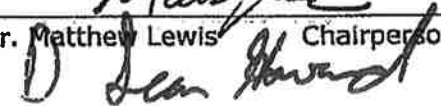
9.3. Superintendent Goals

10. Adjourn

Order #2498 - Motion Passed: Adjournment passed with a motion by Ms. Ashley Layman and a second by Mr. William Bradley.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Dr. Matthew Lewis	Yes
Ms. Ashley Layman	Yes
Mr. Don Ashby	Absent
Mr. William Bradley	Yes
Mr. David Williams	Yes

	
Dr. Matthew Lewis	Chairperson
	
D. Sean Howard	Superintendent