

FORT THOMAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
Board of Education Regular Meeting

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

July 8, 2024

6:30pm

Attendance Taken at 6:26 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Clem Fennell IV
Mrs. Sarah Foster
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein
Mrs. Ann Meyer

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Jeff Beach

I. OPENING OF MEETING

Board chair Ann Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Recognitions

1. Board Bravos and Updates

Board members shared the following:

- 4th of July parade went well
- Kudos to the city for having everything cleaned up so quickly
- HMS teacher Julie Neace is a KYSHAPE Teacher of the Year
- Calendar updates are being added daily to the district calendar online
- Dead period is ending on Tuesday; Good luck to all of the fall athletes
- Groundbreaking for the Tower Park Athletic Facility will be August 15 at 4pm

C. Community Forum

Ten parents addressed the Board with their concerns/comments surrounding the Highlands Theatre Department.

Parents addressing the Board were:

- Annie Varland
- Sara Manning
- Toby Varland
- Matt Albritton
- Brian Schultz
- Keith Chalk
- Sarah Strauss
- Julie Sarakatsannis
- Ann Becker
- Sarah Leyshock

Superintendent Brian Robinson and the board members thanked the parents and assured all the Highlands Drama Department will continue to be high performing.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract (GESK)

1. Project Update

Jerry Wissman provided the Board with an updating noting this project is progressing toward the finish line. CMTA is replacing parts under warranty during the summer down time and will do the controls work at Johnson Elementary.

2. CMTA Pay Application #15

Order #2555 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay Application #15 to CMTA, Inc. in the amount of \$123,019.90 for the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract program passed with a motion by Mrs. Sarah Foster and a second by Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein.

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

B. Highlands Athletic Complex at Tower Park Renovation

1. Project Update

Jerry Wissman shared that big changes have occurred over the last month. Phase II contractors are mobilizing and Morel is installing perimeter fencing. He reminded the Board and audience members that there will be settlement periods where no work will take place. Superintendent Brian Robinson thanked the neighbors for being patient during construction and asked the community to respect that the complex is now a construction zone and is not open to the public.

2. Riegler Pay Application #3

Order #2556 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay Application #3 to Riegler Blacktop, Inc. in the amount of \$352,236.11 passed with a motion by Mr. Clem Fennell IV and a second by Mrs. Sarah Foster.

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

C. Adoption of KSBA Policy Updates for 2024-25

Order #2557 - Motion Passed: Adoption of the proposed KSBA Policy Updates for 2024-25 as presented for a 2nd Reading passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein and a second by Mr. Clem Fennell IV.

Mr. Jeff Beach	Absent
Mr. Clem Fennell IV	Yes

Mrs. Sarah Foster	Yes
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes
Mrs. Ann Meyer	Yes

D. Adoption of non-KSBA Policy Updates for 2024-25

Order #2558 - Motion Passed: Adoption of the proposed non-KSBA policy updates for 2024-25 as presented for a 2nd Reading passed with a motion by Mrs. Sarah Foster and a second by Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein.

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

E. Lunch Program Recommendation for 2024-25

Order #2559 - Motion Passed: Approval to opt out of participation in the Federal Lunch Program for the 2024-25 school year passed with a motion by Mr. Clem Fennell IV and a second by Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein.

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

F. School-wide Fundraisers for 2024-25

Highlands Middle:

PTO Annual Fundraiser
Book Fair
Health Moves Minds

Kroger Rewards/Box Tops

Moyer Elementary:

Santa House
Artsonia/Artome
Book Fair (Fall and Spring)
Restaurant Nights
Kroger Rewards

Johnson Elementary:

Hullabaloo
Johnson Color Run
Book Fair (Fall and Spring)
Skool Kitz
Restaurant Nights
Artsonia

All Schools:

Jostens Pictures

Order #2560 - Motion Passed: Approval of the School-wide Fundraisers for the 2024-25 school year passed with a motion by Mrs. Sarah Foster and a second by Mr. Clem Fennell IV.

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

G. Certified Evaluation Plan (CEP) for 2024-25

The 2024-25 Certified Evaluation Plan requires re-approval due to changes made by the FTIS 50/50 Committee.

Order #2561 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Certified Evaluation Plan for 2024-25 passed with a motion by Mrs. Sarah Foster and a second by Mr. Clem Fennell IV.

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

H. Copier Agreement

Order #2562 - Motion Passed: Approval of copier contract with Toshiba for the period of 5 years (2024-2029) passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein and a second by Mr. Clem Fennell IV.

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

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Board Committee Updates

Board member shared the following:

- Opening Day Breakfast is August 8
- Hall of Fame inductees will be announced at the Blue/White Scrimmage on August 16

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Order #2563 - 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 Mrs. Sarah Foster and a second by Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein.

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

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 10, 2024

B. Financial Report for Month of June 2024

C. Food Service Report for June 2024

D. Attendance Report for 10th Month of 2023-24

E. Authorization for Payment of Claims

F. District Technology Report - 4th Quarter

G. KSBA Procedure Updates for 2024-25

H. Personnel Action Taken Since June 10, 2024

Employment of the following Certified Employees

Nathan Dilts - Teacher - HMS

Christopher Eaton - Teacher - HHS

Amity Kukla - Teacher - Districtwide

Kyle Finrock - Teacher - HHS

Mitchell Meyer - Teacher - HHS

Employment of the following Classified Employees

Teresa Cain - Instructional Assistant - WES

Kaitlyn Emig - District Health Coordinator - Districtwide

Employment of the following Extra-Service Positions

Taylor Abbott - Girls Freshman Soccer Coach - HHS

Molly Ferring - Assistant Coach Dance Team - HHS

Jodie Kindoll - Assistant Archery Coach - HHS

Change of Position for the following Certified Employee

Kara Petersen - Teacher - HMS - Teacher - JES

Termination of the following Certified Contract

Jason Burgess - Drama / Theater Teacher - HHS

Resignation of the following Extra-Service Position

Tony Gray - Boys Varsity Assistant Soccer Coach - HHS

I. Grant Extended Leave

1. Lori Reinhardt (Medical - Approximately July 2024 through September 2024)

J. Approval of Superintendent Travel

1. Board Retreat - Lexington, KY - July 10-11, 2024
2. FTIS Leadership Retreat - Louisville, KY - July 22-24, 2024
3. KASA Conference - Louisville, KY - July 25-26, 2024

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Ann Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm.

Chairperson

Superintendent