

FORT THOMAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
Board of Education Regular Meeting

Fort Thomas City Building – 130 N. Fort Thomas Avenue

Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075

December 9, 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:

- The holiday programs and concerts have been wonderful
- HHS Forensics were Grand Champions at the most recent competition
- Senators Stivers and Funke Frommeyer toured JES last week led by 3rd grade students
- Hoops for Hunger was a success, raising money and canned goods for 3 different charities
- The Holiday Walk was well attended by the community and many of our students participated
- Congratulations to HMS Principal Volpenhein on the birth of her son, Otto
- MES was named a Common Sense School for digital citizenship
- Congratulations to HHS Football on being Regional Champs and a very successful season
- HHS Girls Basketball Coach Jaime Richey will be recognized on December 10 at 7pm as the winningest basketball coach in HHS history

2. Tradition of Excellence Award - Emily Morel

HMS Teacher Karen Kampschmidt nominated and presented Emily Morel with a Tradition of Excellence Award for her outstanding service and commitment to the students and staff at Highlands Middle School. Mrs. Morel has been volunteering and serving the school district since the early 2000's.

3. HHS Journalism National JEA Competition

Journalism students Skyler Frey and Adalyn Armstrong Cattani were recognized for their performance at the National JEA Competition where both received an Honorable Mention. The Board congratulated the students and presented each with a Certificate of Achievement.

4. HHS Marching Band State Championship

Students from the HHS Marching Band were recognized for their Championship at the MSBA Competition. HHS Band Director Lori Duncan shared the HHS Band has been competing since 1984, and this is the school's first Band Championship. With only 1 senior graduating, most students will be returning again next year to compete.

The Board thanked the students and presented each with a Certificate of Achievement and a Champions t-shirt.

C. Student Showcase - HHS: Musical Ensembles

The following students performed for the Board:

- Chase Stemann
- Cole Noah
- Mac Turner
- Owen Shell
- Alex Jones

The Board thanked the students for their impressive performance.

D. Community Forum

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Highlands Athletic Complex at Tower Park Renovation

1. Project Update

Jerry Wissman shared the weather has not slowed down the progress on the Tower Park project. There have been no surprises with the underground movement. The project continues to proceed as expected.

2. Phase 2 Change Order #1

Order #2601 - Motion Passed: Approval of Phase 2 Change Order #1 in the amount of \$78,648.00 for the Highlands Athletic Complex at Tower Park Project 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

3. Morel Construction Co. Pay Application #5

Order #2602 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay Application #5 to Morel Construction Co. in the amount of \$771,700.50 for the Highlands Athletic Complex at Tower Park Project 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
Mrs. Julie Kuhnhein	Yes

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Board Committee Updates

There were no updates to share.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Order #2603 - 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 Mr. Clem Fennell IV.

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

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 11, 2024 and Working Meeting of December 5, 2024

B. Financial Report for Month of November 2024

C. Food Service Report for November 2024

D. Attendance Report for 3rd Month of 2024-25

E. Authorization for Payment of Claims

F. Notification and Approval of Student Trips

- 1. HHS Cheer - Lexington, KY - December 13-14, 2024**
- 2. HHS Boys Basketball - Ashland, KY - December 27-29, 2024**
- 3. HHS Choir - Pigeon Forge, TN - April 25-27, 2025**

G. Grant Extended Leave

- 1. Chris Middendorf - Medical (November 14 - December 31)**

H. Personnel Action Taken Since November 11, 2024

Employment of the Following Classified Employees

Amanda Huff - Cafeteria - JES

Roberta Kraus - AP Secretary - HHS

Employment of the following Paraprofessional Employees

Nick Angelis - Band - Winter Percussion - HHS

Employment of the following Certified Substitutes

Elizabeth Bartoszek

Adam Flaig

Jennifer Harrah

Laney Hensley

Grace Silcott

Adam Sonnett

Lindsay Travis

Resignation of the following Classified Employee

Jessica Delaney - Cafeteria Manager - HHS

Resignation of the following Paraprofessional Employees

Ricky Bueschel - Band - Winter and Color Guard - HHS

Seth Campbell - Band - Winter Percussion - HHS

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Julie Kuhnhein adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm.

Chairperson

Superintendent