

Board of Education Regular Meeting

January 19, 2021 6:00 PM

Wallace Central Office Building

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett

Mr. Hargis Davis

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent

Mr. Chuck Toler

Absent Board Members:

Mrs. Sonya Giles

I. WELCOME and ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Order #2021-1952 - Motion Passed: Motion made to approve Agenda passed with a motion by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent and a second by Mrs. Rebecca Burgett.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
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Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
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Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
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Mrs. Sonya Giles	Absent
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Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes
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III. STUDENT RECOGNITION and PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Lower Elementary Principal, Megan Morris

Discussion:

Report is attached.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Discussion:

none

VI. STAFF/SCHOOL REPORTS

VI.A. Enrollment/Attendance Report - Mr. Jeremey Booher

Discussion:

Mr. Booher advised 1,440 is the number of K-12 students who are In-Person or GC@HOME. We currently have 76 Virtual students at the high school which brings our total enrollment to 1,516 students. Our overall participation has been 95.2%. We are looking at how to work with those falling behind. With a total of 30 home visits, letting them know that there are only a few months left, and they need to start working on this.

Board Member Amanda Dunavent asked how many withdraws. Mr. Booher advised there were 120 home school students, with that being 15 to 20 more than last year. After getting to look at the actual number, there are 112 current Home School students. He advised we have had 103 students withdraw for various reasons this year. Of that 17 of those students moved out of state.

Board Member, Hargis Davis - asked number for attendance currently. Mr. Booher advised 93.5 now, up from 92%. We've seen average of 11 students absent last week, this week High School 20 and Middle School 10 or 11.

VI.B. CIA Report - Mr. Tony Jury

Discussion:

Mr. Jury reported on Assessment - as far as we know, KDE is saying "tentative" plans are in place for assessments. We need to pick a 5 day window at the end of the year, and we are only seeing students 2 days a week so this is concerning. These concerns have been voiced to KDE.

We are very aware that some students are not performing. We have a meeting scheduled for Friday to discuss teacher clarity and how to make online instruction more engaging.

We use Fridays to do amazing planning work, academic standard deconstruction and assignment alignment, as well as professional learning.

We'll start talking about how to address the possible retention of students soon, it's very important to have a system for this. Mr. Booher says 10% failing now.

Ms. Hunt is beginning to address the "failure" issue at the Middle School now instead of waiting until April and May. We have worked very hard to identify those that will not fulfill the requirements to be promoted and we are offering intervention. We have reached out to parents for ESS services on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Friday, we continue our outreach, individual lessons and getting student into the building.

Board Member Hargis Davis asked is we were getting data from each school for our Board Retreat scheduled for Saturday, February 6th.

It was discussed and decided that yes, we would have time to do so.

VI.C. *Superintendent's Report - Mr. Larry Hammond

Discussion:

Superintendent Hammond's official report is attached.

School Nurse, Mrs. Kristie Beatty was asked to join in this discussion. Supt. Hammond recognized the Board Members for "Board Members Appreciation Month. He thanked the board members for all they do, saying he can't brag enough; As they say, "It's a dirty job but someone has to do it." He added, not many folks are volunteering to serve as board members. I believe you have a good feel for the community and as a group you have grown to be a cohesive group, good dialog, good example at the Jan 6th meeting. He added, it is clear that you do certainly have the best interest at heart, for our community.

School Nurse, Kristie Beatty informed the group that we will be getting the first round of Covid-19 vaccines on Thursday, Jan 21st. The shots will be administered after school, at the Middle School gym. We will have folks come in one door and exit another. There will be several workers there to keep folks moving. We will spread out to each building, so we can get all vaccinations completed in a timely manner. She advised she will be located at the last point in the process, for these folks to come to sit for 15 minutes to make sure no one has issues.

Mrs. Beatty also advised that we have one staff member in quarantine; we did have a couple of positives at schools, but due to Hybrid, we didn't have to quarantine, due to small amount of students in attendance daily; We have changed the process of checking the students' temps from before getting on the buses, to taking temps as they are arriving at school. Weather was a factor also, standing out in the cold, could alter the true temps.

Lower Elementary Principal, Megan Morris says the new thermometers are working very well. It appeared, the old thermometers never registered a true temp and we never had a positive/high temp. New ones are a lot quicker. Mrs. Beatty says they are wonderful, kids walk right up to them and it reads immediately, allowing them to arrive for class on time.

Board Member, Hargis Davis asked the cost of new thermometers. Mrs. Beatty advised they were approximately \$80.00 each and the stand was an extra \$10.00.

Board Member, Amanda Dunavent asked when the 2nd vaccine would be available.

Supt. Hammond told them the 1st part of March.

Mrs. Beatty advised the Heath Dept will assign someone to the schools, hope to have completed in a couple of hours.

Member Hargis Davis asked will we need to schedule or be put on a list for the 2nd round. Mrs. Beatty advised no, it will be just like the first round for those who received previously.

VI.D. SBDM Agenda/Minutes

Discussion:

Board Member, Hargis Davis asked why we can't approve one Facilities Request Form for the year, for the Fiscal Court to use parking lots for food distribution.

Board Attorney, Jake Thompson advised yes, we can set up a form for on-going requests, since they do have several per year, for food distribution.

VI.E. Human Resource Actions

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Order #2021-1953 - Motion Passed: Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mr. Chuck Toler.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Absent
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

VII.A. Approve Minutes from the December 15th Regular Board of Education Meeting and the January 6th Special Board of Education Meeting

VII.B. Approve Monthly Financial Reports

VII.C. Approve Activity Fund Report and Bills

VII.D. Approve Monthly Bills

VII.E. Approve Facilities Requests

VII.F. Approve Fundraising Requests

VII.G. Approve Field Trip Requests

VII.H. Review/Approve Annual Gallatin County Schools Nutrition & Physical Activity Report Card for 2020

VIII. RECOMMENDED ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

VIII.A. Review/Approve 2021-22 DRAFT Budget

Discussion:

Report is attached.

Order #2021-1954 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve 2021-22 DRAFT Budget passed with a motion by Mrs. Rebecca Burgett and a second by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Absent
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

VIII.B. *Review/Approve as pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243, KDE Memorandum dated July 21, 2020, KRS 161.152, and all other applicable law, to authorize the Superintendent, in his sole discretion, to grant additional emergency leave days pursuant to KRS 161.152 (2), for use as necessary in response to the Covid-19 emergency.

Discussion:

Attorney, Jake Thompson explained details of this law; emergency leave days approval will need to come directly from the Superintendent.

Member, Amanda Dunavent asked if the staff does not have to use their sick time.

Attorney Thompson advised every district is doing it differently, use it before your sick leave or after your sick leave exhausts.

Superintendent Hammond said we won't use this very much; we are allowing everyone sick to work from home and avoid the vast majority of this. He doesn't see it creating a big issue; based on an individual.

Order #2021-1955 - Motion Failed: Motion to approve, as pursuant to the Executive Order 2020-243, KDE Memorandum dated July 21, 2020, KRS 161.152, and all other applicable law, to authorize the Superintendent, in his sole discretion, to grant additional emergency leave days pursuant to KRS 161.152 (2), for use as necessary in response to the Covid-19 emergency failed with a motion by Mrs. Rebecca Burgett and a second by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent.

2 Yeas - 2 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	No
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Absent
Mr. Chuck Toler	No

Order #2021-1956 - Motion Passed: Motion by Board Member, Hargis Davis to recall VIII.B. for a revote to approve, as pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243, KDE Memorandum dated July 21, 2020, KRS 161.152, and all other applicable law, to authorize the Superintendent, in his sole discretion, to grant additional emergency leave days pursuant to KRS 161.152 (2), for use as necessary in response to the Covid-19 emergency. passed with a motion by Mrs. Rebecca Burgett and a second by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Absent
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

IX. Review/Approve Second Reading of 2021-2022 School Calendar

Discussion:

Order #2021-1957 - Motion Passed: Motion to Approve Second Reading of 2021-2022 School Calendar passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Absent
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

X. Review/Approve Second Reading of the Revised Debit Card Policy and New Procedure Policy

Order #2021-1958 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve Second Reading of the Revised Debit Card Policy and New Procedure Policy passed with a motion by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent and a second by Mr. Chuck Toler.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Absent
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

XI. Discussion of Board Retreat Topics, Credits and possible use of YouTube for Board meetings

Discussion:

Meeting Coordinator/Board Member, Rebecca Burgett advised the time scheduled 9am to 3pm, worked out well last time. Her purpose for idea of another retreat is her hope to discuss new student data; what can we do together to help our students get by to the end of the school year. Do we need tutoring or summer school? Anyone who has something to share, is certainly welcome. This discussion would take up most of the day. She added that she is very interested in everyone's input.

Superintendent Hammond would like to discuss Parliamentary Procedure and YouTube.

Member Rebecca Burgett wants to look at each school and see what we can do to help students get in a better spot.

Superintendent Hammond advised we will add to agenda and include whatever is needed. Member Burgett added, we want to get ahead of what has happened this year instead of just where we are.

Board Member, Hargis Davis asked why our Board Attorney, Jake Thompson was not in favor of YouTube use for board meetings.

Attorney Jake Thompson replied, you post the meeting quickly now. If live we have no time pause, that's the primary reason, like wardrobe malfunction or Board Member making remarks that are inappropriate.

Attorney Thompson, added as example, we should always use a student's ID number and the student's name was mentioned by mistake. The way we are currently doing meetings is the safest approach, record and then post to school website.

XII. ADJOURN

Discussion:

Order #2021-1959 - Motion Passed: Motion made to adjourn passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays.

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Absent
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

Chairperson

Superintendent