

Boone County Board of Education
Board Meeting Briefs
August 14, 2014
Ralph Rush Staff Development Center, Florence, Kentucky

The following are the board briefs of the August 14, 2014 meeting minutes. The complete minutes of the August 14, 2014 board meeting will be placed on the September agenda for approval.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mrs. Karen Byrd, Chairperson.

GOOD NEWS

- Sam Gormley student from Cooper High School was sworn into office as the 2014-2015 Student Board Member Representative by the Honorable J.R.Schrand.
- The board recognized and welcomed New Administrators, Introduction of New Administrators: Ms. Jenny Watson the new principal of Erpenbeck Elementary. Mr. Tony Pastura the new principal of RA Jones Middle School.
- Education Week named Boone County School District among the highest ranking on "Where is the Nation's Most Productivity School Districts". Based on the Center for American Progress's "Return on Educational Investment: 2014 A District-by-District Evaluation of US Educational Productivity".
- The board recognized Mrs. Erika Bowles, Longbranch Elementary Principal, for being awarded the 2014 Kentucky Administrator of the Year at the recent KASA Conference.
- The board recognized Mr. Jim Detwiller, Stephens Elementary Principal for being awarded 2014 Kentucky PTA Outstanding Educator.
- Tony Lamb, owner of KONA Ice, made a special presentation regarding a KONA project. He presented a \$10,000 check to help fund the FIRST Robotics program in our district. Through a partnership with our schools, KONA is supporting the next generation of scientist, engineers, innovators and problem solvers through our K-12 robotics program. The board thanked Mr. Lamb for his support of our students and community partnership with KONA.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Brief notes of comments:

Robert Klette, Florence, Kentucky. Questioned the board on a document that was given out at school Kentucky Migrant Organization Program. Mr. Klette wanted to know who is funding is this Boone County tax money. Ms. Kathy Reutman explained this is a Federal Program survey and we were asked by the KMO to try to get a handle on how many migrant students we have in Kentucky. Mrs. Reutman stated we do not know the results yet. Mr. Klette stated we are sensitive about what is going on at the border and he is not happy with what he reads that everything is free and it was not free for his kids. He just wanted that on the record.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved the following agenda items A-Q, as presented.

- **Minutes of the regular board meeting of the July 17, 2014 meeting.**
- **Bill List**
- **Treasurer's Report**
Treasurer's Report was given by Linda Schild.
- **Leaves of Absence**
 - The board approved the presented leaves of absence.
- **Postage Equipment Rental Agreement for Ockerman Middle School**
The board approved the postage equipment rental agreement for Ockerman Middle School, as presented.
- **Surplus Items-Technology, Books, Furniture**
The board approved and declared the items presented as surplus and to approve the disposal of the electrical items with the state recycling contracted vendor, as presented.
- **Surplus Items- CMS old uniforms**
The board approved the old uniforms at Conner Middle School as surplus and use the items in the Positive Behavior Incentive Support and Sports camps programs, as presented.
- **Electrical Arc Flash Analysis RFP**
The board approved Patrick Engineering's proposal to perform the Electrical Arc Flash Analysis for the proposed price of \$192,500.00, as presented.
- **BG-1 Application for Boone County Area Technical School**
The board approved the BG-1 Application for Boone County Area Technical School, as presented.
- **Sales Campaign Approval**
The board approved the sales campaigns, as presented.
- **Boone County Schools Paving Improvements Project BG#14-001**
The board approved the Boone County Schools Paving Improvements Project BG#14-001, as presented.
- **Bidding Documents for the Boone County Area Technical School**
The board approved the bidding documents for the Boone County Area Technical School, as presented.
- **NCERT Fall Conference**
The board approved the travel of Dr. Randy Poe to the NCERT Fall Conference with expenses of approximately \$600.00, as presented.
- **Boone County Area Technical Center-Renovations Architect Agreement**
The board approved the Boone County Area Technical Center-Renovations Architect Agreement, as presented.
- **Northern Ky Chamber Membership 2014-2015**
The board approved the NKY Chamber membership 2014-2015 for \$602.00, as presented.
- **KASA Membership 2014-2015-R.Poe**
The board approved the KASA Membership for 2014-2015 of \$2000.00 for Dr. Randy Poe, as presented.
- **Field Trips**
The board approved the Field Trips, as presented.

School	Date Of Trip	Location	Reason
Conner Middle	March 13-15, 2015	Huntsville, AL	Educational
Conner Middle	April 24-26, 2015	Chicago, IL	Educational
Conner Middle	March 19-33, 2015	Washington DC	Educational
Cooper High	October 29-31, 2014	Louisville, KY	FFA Convention

Ockerman Middle	October 3-5, 2014	Huntsville, AL	Educational
Ryle High	August 22-23, 2014	Bardstown, KY	Girls Soccer Tournament

The board had reviewed all items on the consent agenda prior to the meeting. Dr. Poe provided additional explanation on the ARC Flash agenda item for those that had a question. Dr. Poe explained ARC Flash analysis area of maintenance and electrical support in identifying flash point spark back. This is a safety issue and will bring all of the facilities up to OSHA Standards.

OLD BUSINESS

- The board approved the Annual Board Policy Update-Second Reading, as presented.

Karen Byrd, chairperson, explained this is the second reading of the policy updates and the first reading was last month.

NEW BUSINESS

- The board approved the Tax Rate and Property Assessment, as presented.

The board and Dr. Poe discussed the tax rate. This rate is the exact same rate as last year. The board members along with budget committee had a great task to do more with less. The detailed budgets were reviewed by APQC processes and the committee. Ed Massey stated the district continually does more with less and is one of the most productive schools and thanked the staff and community that make this school a success.

- The board approved the payment of KSBIT Assessment schedule, as presented.

Dr. Poe and Mr. Gerry Dusing discussed the KSBIT situation and the district took the option to pay on a payment schedule. Discussion on how assessment was determined.

- The board approved the Child Nutrition Coordinator position, as presented.

Dr. Poe discussed the position is not new it is replacing a position in Food Service and is needed to meet the child nutrition laws.

- The board approved the contract of Adams, Stepner Woltermann and Dusing as school board attorney to Boone County Schools for continued legal representation from August 2014-2015, as presented.

- The board approved the adoption of the resolution authorizing the Boone County School District Finance Corporation to issue refunding revenue bonds, as presented.

Dr. Poe discussed the savings this will save the district approximately \$700,000. Dr. Poe commended the great job by our Finance Director and the bond council in reducing our overall cost and liability.

- The board approved the Child-Care Center License application renewal form for Kelly Elementary, as presented.

Dr. Poe discussed this will help provide a needed service for the Kelly Elementary. The center is a non-profit and there is no cost to the board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Poe discussed the update Karen Cheser was going to provide on Ed Leader Executive Summary. Karen Cheser recently was on the webx representing Boone County as part of Ed Leader 21 model for others. This work also springs from our Advance Ed work, Dr. Poe recognized Karen Cheser's leadership on this program.

Karen Cheser presented to the board a powerpoint on the STEP21 Project by Boone County Schools. The purpose of STEP 21 is to analyze district and school levels of the 21st century education implementation, chart a path for future progress and enhance rigor, depth and consistency of 4C's work over time. Ms. Cheser discussed the Input, Output, Impact Framework of the different performance area. The STEP21 Pilot began in March-June 2014 with four districts Springfield Public Schools MO, Lucia Mar Unified School District CA, Stillwater Area Schools MN and Boone County Schools District. Discussion on performance areas, artifacts/evidence and the overall progress which was marked as INFUSION, which is evidence of attention to the 4 C's and 21st Century student learning outcomes, both within improvement planning and in efforts to operationalize the district's vision through purposeful implementation. This is a ranking of 3 out of 4 and Ms. Cheser stated no district received a 4. Ms. Cheser stated the districts commendations included; promotes its Vision effectively, demonstrates purposeful and systematic support of the desired longer-term and sustainable improvements, establishes organizational and leadership structures to distribute and support the work, and the district leverages rich examples drawn from the work of pioneering teachers. Areas of attention: Strengthen the links between instructional practice and the 4 C's at every possible opportunity, bring focus on Impacts to the work, focus attention on the use of technology linked explicitly to both supporting and assessing student achievement of 21st century leaning outcomes.

- Ben Lusk gave a detailed report on the Boone County Schools 2013-2014 AP and Junior ACT results. The district had an increase in students enrolled in Advanced Placement by 243 since 2013. The percent scoring a 3 or better was 56% which was an increase from 2013. Mr. Lusk reported on the AP score placements, student population breakdown, AP scholar award levels and changes to the ACT benchmarks. The Kentucky, U.S. and World Comparisons mean scores were: Boone County Schools 2.76, Kentucky 2.62, U.S. 2.87 and Global was 2.89. Mean comparison to state scores show from 2008-2014 Boone County students have gone from a 15% of students meeting all four benchmarks to 26 % (the state is 17%). The national average for graduation seniors is a 20.9 and our Juniors are at this average.

INFORMATION, PROPOSALS, COMMUNICATIONS

- Human Resource Actions
- Worker's Compensation Claims
- Overtime Report
- Construction Status Report
- Certification for the 2014-2015 School Year Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Public Schools
- Procedures Update 09.21 AP.2 Health Requirements and Services
- KSBIT Assessment Litigation Update
- Annual Financial Reports for FY 2013-2014

Dr. Poe stated the Certification for the 2014-2015 School Year for Protected Prayer in Public Schools is done every year by the district and sent to the state. Students have a constitutionally protected right to pray in public schools and everyone has been trained on what can and can't be done. Dr. Poe stated we also have equal access clubs such as FCA and other prayer groups that meet with a sponsor.

Dr. Maria Brown reported on the partnership with First Church of Christ and The Boone County Alliance at the Boone County Fair dunking booth to raise over \$2000.00. Dr. Brown thanked Dr. Poe and all the administrators

that took part in giving their time to be in the dunking booth. The monies raised will go toward educational materials for our students in the fight against heroin in our community. Discussion on the Heroin Task Force and the much needed work they do.

Mr. Steve Templeton, speaking as the president of the Boone County Businessmen, thanked everyone for supporting the recent 14th annual BCB Golf outing. This year was the most successful event and \$4500.00 was raised for the Boone County School Alternative School. He thanked the many sponsors such as Hayes and Associates. Next year the Outing will be held on August 7, 2015.

Discussion to send a letter of support from the Boone County Board of Education endorsing the Local School Board Governance and Flexibility Act, S2451/H.R. 1386, to our legislators. This legislation is in regards to the concern about the expansion of the federal government into local operations. This legislation would ensure that the US Department of Education's actions are consistent with the specific intent of federal law and are educationally, operationally, and financially supportable at the local level. The draft letter was reviewed by the board members and agreed to send this week.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

(brief notes of comments)

- Dave Seely addressed the board and introduced himself he is a student at the University of Cumberland's.
- Carrie Cox, stated that if Ed Massey would give her his contact information she would get it directly to Mr. Massie's office and they can work out this week to get together.
- Terry Donoghue, discussed the collection of data question he asked about regarding the height, weight data of students that is collected. Dr. Poe discussed that he is trying to get where the form came from since it has been done for years. We are working to find this out. Dr. Poe stated there is no names on these records, no student identification is queried. Mr. Donoghue discussed the KRS and asked Dr. Poe to send him the information of when this has changed. Mr. Donoghue also discussed the insurance loss ratio regarding the KSBIT assessment. Dr. Poe discussed in more detail that the assessment was larger because we are a larger district, this is what the district argued against with the department of insurance. Discussion of the loss ratio. Ed Massey discussed when KSBIT was formed they undersold insurance for a long time to maintain market share, and as a result they put themselves in a bind. And untimely before it got worse the Department of Education pulled the plug, there is no Kentucky Insurance, the district receives bids for our insurance now. Dr. Poe stated our insurance is now through Liberty Mutual for Property and KIMI is our workers comp. Mr. Donoghue spoke on the bill. Ed Massey discussed the Governance and Flexibility Act and why it's important to have the local educators should be writing the legislation of education. The National School boards is working to restore it back to the people that know the business of education are the ones giving the input about education and not political interest.
- Tony Meyer, Florence. Concerns with Common Core and the books for 5 and 6 year olds. Video from a school in Utah of a book called Voices. Mrs. Meyer spoke on the negative emotional words in the book and the teachers are encouraged to use negative wording. She discussed several issues with books recommended by the common core for 5 and 6 year olds. The books are to change the behavior and attitude of our kids and some of this is totally inappropriate. She urged all teachers to look at the information in these books. Dr. Poe discussed a future website that will be on the Kentucky Department of Education site that will have the particular standards of the common core and anyone can review and comment on the site. The community can comment on those standards on the website, if there is something you don't agree on. Our teachers can comment since they are the ones in the classroom. Dr. Poe discussed the adoption of the state wide curriculum. Dr. Poe stated the district does not focus on assessment we focus on our curriculum. If a national test is developed it will drive your curriculum and that is a concern. Dr. Poe discussed that he believed our teachers thru our collaborative process would not do the things that Ms. Myer mentioned. Dr. Poe stated that we will stand behind what we do in our district, the Common Core is only the floor for our education not the ceiling. The states program and Senate Bill 1 that the legislatures choose is what we are assessed on, but our

district goes beyond that to prepare our students. The citizens need to address the Common Core with the people who passed it. Discussion by Dr. Poe on the current bills. Dr. Poe stated that Karen Cheser can get a copy of the suggested book list and she will send it to Ms. Meyers.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PER KRS 61.810 (1) (c)

- **No closed session.**

**Next Meeting of the Boone County Board of Education
7:30 pm – Ralph Rush Development Center, 99 Center Street, Florence Kentucky 41042**

September 11, 2014