

Boone County Board of Education
Board Meeting Briefs
October 9, 2014
Ralph Rush Staff Development Center, Florence, Kentucky

The following are the board briefs of the October 9, 2014 meeting minutes. The complete minutes of the October 9, 2014 board meeting will be placed on the October agenda for approval.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was presented by the Boone County High School Choir.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by students from Erpenbeck Elementary.

GOOD NEWS

- Dr. Randy Poe, board members and the audience recognized and congratulated Ms. Karen Byrd for her 20 years of dedicated service as a board member and commitment to the students of Boone County Schools. Dr. Poe announced two proclamations given in Ms. Byrd's name from Mayor Whalen and Judge Executive Gary Moore. Ms. Byrd was given a box of thank you cards written by students at Collins Elementary. A special song by the Boone County High School Choir and members of the RA Jones Jazz Band. Mr. Armstrong, Executive Director of KSBA, honored Ms. Byrd with a plaque in recognition of her being on the board for 20 years and the wonderful service that she has given to the students and community. Ms. Byrd, thanked everyone for the surprise recognition.
- The board recognized the October 2014 Break the Mold Award winner, Mrs. Victoria Yeomanson, AP English teacher at Cooper High School for outstanding work as a teacher in the Boone County School System.
- The board recognized Mr. Doug Logan for being awarded the Sons of the American Revolution's National American History Teacher of the Year.
- The board recognized the following 2014 October Sportsmanship Award recipients.
 - BCHS - Lena Alzatout
 - CHS - Camille Elliott
 - RCHS - Emily Villari
 - RHS - Ryan Woolf
- Mr. Bill D'Andrea of the Boone County Businessmen Association made a donation check presentation from their Annual Golf Outing Event to be used at the Alternative School.
- Dr. Poe announced two Boone County Teachers have been named as 1 of the 9 finalist in the Ashland Teacher of the Year Awards, Mrs. Victoria Yeomanson and Mrs. Stacey Kegley. Dr. Poe congratulated the teachers on behalf of the board and all the students.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- Sam Gormley, Student Board Representative gave the Student Advisory Report. Mr. Gormley reported on the successful 5K Day at Play event held on October 27. The event took place at Idelwilde Park and was very well attended with over 200 entries parents and children. Mr. Gormley also presented a short video of the event.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Brief notes of comments:

Bob Klette, Florence, asked why there was a report of a short fall and asked where the surplus comes from and where did they come from and why do we have a short fall. Dr. Poe, discussed many particulars of our budgets, when we have our approximately 20 million dollar less than the average funded schools system. If we would have expended our entire budget we would of went into the red, but we put measures in place and tightened the

budget even more. Dr. Poe discussed in detail the compensating rate, exoneration rates, and that we have a stable budget at this time, but we do not have a surplus. The district is now 1.5 million away from not making our budget next year, because of the mandated raise without state funding. Mrs. Linda Schild, would be more than happy to sit down and go over all the numbers with you. Discussion on the mandated funding and the state by Ed Massey and Dr. Poe.

Bob Klette, spoke on the compensating rate, everyone stating there was no tax increase, but his taxes went up and he calls it a tax increase. Dr. Poe explained the .1 increase on exoneration which represents for loss revenue that we did not collect, equaling 1 dollar on \$ 100,000 home. This increase or decrease was depended on how your home was assessed. Dr. Poe discussed in detail the exoneration and compensating rate.

Bob Klette, asked if Boone County Schools have any illegal aliens and how many if we do. Randy Poe said we are not allowed to ask students that question and therefore we would not know the number. Gerry Dusing, spoke on this kind of list and collection of data concerning FERPA information and under Federal Law if a child is geographically in our district they are welcome to come to school

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- **Minutes of the regular board meeting of the September 11, 2014 meeting.**
- **Bill List**
- **Treasurer's Report**
Treasurer's Report was read by Eric McArtor.
- **Leaves of Absence**
The board approved the presented leaves of absence.
- **Northern Kentucky Education Council (NKYEC) Membership 2014-2015**
The board approved the 2014-2015 Northern Kentucky Education Council (NKYEC) Membership of \$3450.00, as presented.
- **Project Closeout- BG-5 Boone County High School - HVAC Upgrades BG#13-097**
The board approved a Project Closeout- BG-5 Boone County High School - HVAC Upgrades BG#13-097, as presented.
- **ARC/504 Chairpersons for 2014-2015 School Year**
The board approved the ARC/504 Chairpersons for 2014-2015 School Year, as presented.
- **Job Description Modification - School Nurse**
The board approved the job description modification of School Nurse, as presented.
- **Surplus Items**
The board approved items surplus and to approve the disposal of the electrical items with the state recycling contracted vendor, Creative Recycling Systems and to dispose of the equipment through an advertised auction, as presented.
- **Equipment Maintenance Agreement- Copiers-Transportation Dept.**
The board approved the maintenance lease agreement for the three copiers in the Transportation Department of \$1362.96 for 60 months, as presented.
- **Surplus Vehicles**
The board approved and declared the vehicles surplus and approved the disposal of the dump truck through advertised auction, as presented.
- **Bid for Refrigerated Cases**
The board approved the bid for the replacement of the 7 refrigerated cases be awarded to C & T Design and Equipment, as presented.
- **2015 KETS Offer of Assistance**
The board approved the 2015 KETS Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$164,139 for expenditures toward the District's unmet technological needs, as presented.
- **Sales Campaigns**
The board approved the Sales Campaigns, as presented.
- **Approval of Construction Drawings of the Boone County Area Technical School BG#15-048.**

The board approved the Construction Drawings of the Boone County Area Technical School BG#15-048, as presented.

- **Bus Request- Rainbow Child Care**

The board approved the request form Rainbow Child Care Center for the use of 1 bus on October 17, 2014, as presented.

- **NKY Chamber Government Forum - Dr. Maria Brown**

The board approved Dr. Maria Brown, board member, to attend the Northern Kentucky Chamber Government Forum on Oct. 30, 2014 at NKU with a registration fee of \$30.00, as presented.

- **National Center for Education Research and Technology (NCERT) 14-15 Membership.**

The board approved the National Center for Education Research and Technology (NCERT) 14-15 Membership amount of \$6950.00 for Supt. R. Poe, as presented.

- **Field Trips**

The board approved the school field trips, as presented.

School	Date Of Trip	Location	Reason
Camp Ernst Middle	April 17-19, 2015	Chicago, IL	Educational
Conner High	January 25, 2015	NKU	Cheer Competition
Conner High	December 13-14, 2014	Lexington	Cheer Competition
Conner Middle	October 30-31, 2014	Camp Joy	Educational
Conner Middle	October 28-29, 2014	Camp Joy	Educational
Cooper High	November 5-9, 2014	New Brunswick, NJ	FCCLA National Cluster Meeting
Longbranch Elementary	April 8, 2015	Frankfort	Educational
Gray Middle	April 23-25, 2015	Chicago, IL	Educational
North Pointe Elementary	November 5, 2014	Ft. Boonesborough	Educational
Ryle High	November 5-9, 2015	New Brunswick, NJ	FCCLA National Cluster Meeting
Ryle High	Oct.-Dec. 2014	Schedule	Football Games

- **Urban Superintendents Association of America 2014-2015 Membership**

The board approved the Urban Superintendents Association of America 2014-2015 Membership for Supt. Poe in the amount of \$400.00, as presented.

- **Memorandum of Understanding - Success by 6**

The board approved the Boone County Success By 6 Memorandum of Understanding Renewal, as presented.

- Dr. Brown asked for a clarification of agenda item K, are all the vehicles discussed up for auction. Dr. Poe stated yes.

- Bonnie Rickert, why are we going from 207 days to range date on Item H. Dr. Poe explained the ratio to nurses and because we are adding those on now, those nurses will only be needed when the students are in school. This will give flexibility on that range, so we don't employ longer than needed. Discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

- The board approved the recommendation to purchase 22 Bluebird buses with a cost of \$1,974,096.00 and the request to use the balance of the allocated \$2,000,000 of \$25,904.00 to purchase tool and diagnostic equipment, as presented.
- The board approved of the agreement with Stand Energy Corporation for gas purchase authorization with prices(s) as of October 1, 2014 with updated price(s) hand delivered at the board meeting, as presented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ben Lusk, Director of Assessment, Karen Cheser, Deputy Superintendent, and Jim Detwiler, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Support gave a detailed report to the board on K-Prep and Achievement Gaps with a powerpoint presentation. The presentation was also handed out to the board. Dr. Poe discussed the reports in detail and stated that we need to celebrate that Boone County is a Distinguished school district and thanked all the principals for their work. Dr. Poe stated we are a distinguished school district with a large diversity of population where approximately 1600 students are in the category of English is a second language. There are only about 10 to 15 districts in the commonwealth that have all the particular gaps that we are talking about. We do celebrate our diversity and this is part of why The Center of Leadership is coming in to do a case study on our district. They are looking at us for a study because we are distinguished and we have been for multiple years with a large diversity of population. At the same time we have celebrated being distinguished we want to look at the areas in GAP that are opportunities to get better in, because we want to get better for all of our children.

INFORMATION, PROPOSALS, COMMUNICATIONS

- Human Resource Actions
- Worker's Compensation Claims
- Overtime Report
- Construction Status Report
- KYOTE Meeting Minutes Sept. 9, 2014
- KSBIT Order Making Assessment Orders Final and Appealable Sept. 11, 2014- Information
- Dr. Maria Brown announced the Poverty Summit would be held on Oct 16th at the Main Library. The KSBA Conference would be held on October 21st at NKU. Dr. Brown also spoke on the Education Foundations Innovation Luncheon on October 21st.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

(brief notes of comments)

- The following college education major students introduced themselves to the board: From NKU – Robert Harris, Claressa Centers, Tori Shad, Kristen Middendorf, Celesie Black, Sara Bettis, Mark Stephens, and Clarie Wyatt.

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

- **Closed Session per KRS 61.810 (1) (c) meetings specified by law to be conducted in private for the purpose of discussion of pending litigation.**
The board approved the settlement of the case of JA v. Boone County Board of Education in the amount of \$10,000 and authorize the Board Attorney to obtain appropriate release.

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

November 13, 2014