

Boone County Board of Education
Board Meeting Briefs
Of November 10, 2016
Ralph Rush Staff Development Center, Florence, Kentucky

The following are the board briefs of the November 10, 2016 meeting minutes. The complete minutes of the November 10, 2016 board meeting will be placed on the December 8, 2016 agenda for approval.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Boone County Schools Board of Education November 10, 2016 was called to order by Chairperson Dr. Maria Brown at the Ralph Rush Staff Development Center.

Attendance Taken at 7:30 PM:

Present Board Members:

Dr. Maria Brown
Ms. Karen Byrd
Mr. Ed Massey
Mr. Steve Templeton

Absent Board Members:

Ms. Bonnie Rickert

Updated Attendance:

Mr. Ed Massey was updated to present at: 8:30 PM

Gerry Dusing attended as Board Attorney
Karen Evans, Board Secretary, recorded the minutes.

II. VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION

Dr. Maria Brown asked for all Veterans in attendance to stand and be recognized for their service. Dr. Brown

III. NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was presented by students from the Cooper High School Woodwind Choir.

IV. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

V. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Bradley Rodriguez gave the Student Board Member Representative report. Bradley spoke on the recent monthly Superintendent Advisory Meeting and the guest speakers on Leadership. Bradley informed the board of the Honor Run 5k this Sunday, expecting a large turnout and thanked all the volunteers. He also reported on the one minute video the Advisory Committee is completing called Healthy Choice, a video to encourage students to stay drug and alcohol free.

VI. GOOD NEWS

VI.A. The board recognized the November 2016 Break the Mold recipient, Ms. Vanessa Parham, custodian at Yealey Elementary.

VI.B. The board recognized the November Parent Power Award recipients.

Thornwilde Elementary

Brandi Bucher
Julie Herms
Amber Voorhees

Erpenbeck Elementary

Jennifer Nichols

Conner High School

Cheryl Martin

Camp Ernst Middle School

Julie Pile

Tom Palmer

Gray Middle School

Wendy Proffitt

Michelle Woolf

Angie Detherage

Paula Barckholtz

Lisa Black

LeeAnn Magee

Susan Lappin

North Pointe Elementary

Deanna and Joseph Hodges

Stephens Elementary

Gretchen Dorn

Ockerman Elementary

Ashley Clifton

Stephanie Merrell

Amanda Edwards

Erin Henson

Joyce Salazar

Lisa Dirkes

Mann Elementary

Leslie Cornic

Becky Webb

VI.C. The board recognized the Boone County Imagineering Academy students 2016 Playhouse Service Project.

VI.D. Dr. Poe announced the Boone County District employees and students supported GO Pantry for November event by collection over 17,700 items and over \$2600.00 to help provide full meals to our less fortunate students.

VI.E. The board recognized and congratulated Gray Middle School Principal Todd Novak and the staff at Gray Middle School the recipient of the distinguished 2016 USED Blue Ribbon School award.

VI.F. The board recognized Ted Wingrove, district bus driver, the KY Farm Bureau Insurance Hero of the Month.

VI.G. The board recognized the following for the 2014-2015 Project Search Award. Boone County Schools, Special Education Department received the 2014-2015 Project Search Employment Outcome Award for achieving 70 to 79% competitive employment during the 2014-2015 school year.

Pam Eklund –Director of Special Education; oversees Project Search

Mary Ann Gayheart –Cengage Liaison

Kathleen Board –retired, Project Search teacher

Stephanie Dankel –current, Project Search Teacher

Kristine Humbert –former Easter Seals job coach

Julie Callahan –current Easter Seals job coach

VII. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

(brief summary of speakers comments)

Citizens spoke for and against the Summit Curriculum program. Citizens expressed concerns of the operation and/or the implementation of the Summit Curriculum program at Camp Ernst Middle School. The questions/comments/notes from the citizens that spoke and wanted their questions given to the CEMS SBDM was

given to Dr. Poe after they presented. All the notes were copied and are kept on file in the district office along with copies given to the CEMS SBDM and Principal Hagerty on November 14, 2016.

- Jeremy Storms (notes given to board), parent, discussed at length many concerns he felt regarding the Summit Program and the decision to rush the program into the schools. He stated he has done extensive research on the programs and found the program has the greatest concentration in CA, Texas and the Northeast and does not feel this provides academic diversity. He stated his concerns on this being a first year program, the administration and teachers not having an idea of what was in several modules, lack of trust in the program and asked the board to see and admit those failures and recall the summit program.
- Sally Leicht (notes given to board) parent, discussed at length several concerns of the Summit Program at CEMS. Ms. Leicht stated the minutes of the SBDM at CEMS were never approved the SBDM CEMS committee and this made implementing illegal. Ms. Leicht's stated the actual curriculum presented on the student's dashboards through Summit do not align with what is mandated in the state of Kentucky, concern expressed that parents did not have a choice and the program was changed two days before school started, passion projects not aligning with core or state standards. Ms. Leicht encouraged the board to do away with Summit or in the very least offer a choice to parents and students on how they would like to learn at CEMS and Boone County. She stated she would encourage following policies and protocols when implementing any kind of curriculum.
- Angie Lyle, parent, discussed her son's particular learning style along with several concerns of the program and told of her experience as being unsatisfied with Summit Program at CEMS. Ms. Lyle stated she did take her son out of the program and gave several reasons as to why she did. She asked who the SBDM accountable to if not the board is. She would like to choose her curriculum and ask the board to make the principals and others accountable for curriculum.
- Stacie Storms (notes given to board), parent, shared many concerns and spoke in length of the Summit Program at CEMS and stated the SBDM councils are not functioning properly and gave several KRS citations that she felt they were violating and Code of Conducts violation against parents' rights along with principal responsibility code of conduct violations and FERPA.
Ms. Storms stated she was told she could not opt out of the program, but she did opt-out and her child is in a different class. Ms. Storms concerned that parents are being told the program will be expanded next year. She stated the principal was asked who approved the curriculum for social studies and was told it was common core, although she stated Kentucky has not adopted Common Core Standards for Social Studies. Ms. Storms stated the Summit program does not line up with what non-Summit students are learning. Concern of contracts not having an opt-out option. Ms. Storms discussed her withdrawing her child under FERPA. Ms. Storms spoke on what she felt was retaliation and harassment from the school, she stated the school refused her access to her daughter's teacher on the first morning her daughter was to attend the new class and listed the violations of KRS, KSBA and Code of Conduct.
- Mirna Eads, parent, shared many concerns of the Summit Program at CEMS. She was told her son would have 30 minutes of computer time but he gets longer, concerns on assessments that he was to redo and particular issues involving her son. Ms. Eads does not see where the Summit program is helping her son. She also stated she was concerned with children moving thru the curriculum to rapidly and discussed other students allowed time on the computer. Ms. Eads discussed in length concerning the section in the Summit Program that is on the Islam religion and the concerned it is not about culture but religion. She stated the school curriculum in this section is now an option but not same amount of content as other religions.
- Chris Farricker (notes given to board), parent, addressed the board with several concerns against the Summit Program including, the way the program was "sold" to the parents as wonderful and it is not, actually unethical. Some of his statements are following: he heard teachers are bored with the program, lack of time on core subjects, technological infrastructure is not ready, weeks without mentor, questions unanswered on how grades will work and they do not get report cards. Mr. Farricker stated concerns on not having a choice on style of teaching and this is being dictated, concerns on the "master" portion of grading which is an 8 out of 10 which is a C average. Mr. Farricker stated the avenues he has taken to get answers on his concerns to

Summit and the results. He stated that parents are looking to root their families and move to other school districts if this program is implemented.

- Jessica Baesel, parent of future students. Ms. Baesel stated that she did not have students at CEMS at this time but would in the future. She stated she agreed with everything everyone spoke to the board on and it is a huge concern for her. She asked when the decision is going to be made if this is going to continue so she will know if she needs to find another school.
- Rena Powell, parent GMS, concerned for her nephew at CEMS. She has heard about the Summit program and heard what the parents have said at the board meeting. She stated she did not see how the board can not address the topic because it will flow over into other schools. She stated people are thinking of pulling out of their schools and this will affect other schools and asked the board to take the matters to heart.
- Todd Courtney, Teacher at CMS. Mr. Courtney is a Summit teacher and spoke on the teacher interaction with the students in the program. He stated he interacts with his students every day and when the students are doing PLT time they obviously need help and yes they are using resources on the Chromebook, but he is still a part of it. He spends a lot of time with PLT time working one-on-one with students that he didn't get the opportunity to do last year. Mr. Courtney stated he now has more time than he did before and thinks the program is good. He explained when the students work on projects, you can come into his class room most days it is traditional, and spoke on the type of class you would see in his room with Summit. He stated that people saying he is not involved as a Summit teacher is not correct and he is involved and interacting in his class.
- Laurie Talent, CMS Teacher, Summit program teacher. Stated what she has heard from these parents is not what she sees at her school. She spoke in length on PLT time and sees every student three times a week and two of those days for an hour and half. She explained it is organized chaos sometimes, she is doing more differentiated instruction than ever before. She spoke in detail of a typical day in her class of Summit and how she works with the individual student to see what their interest are. Level of understanding is there and supporting her students and she has the option of choosing something on the playlist if it works great if not she can choose something else. Mrs. Talent, a teacher for 19 years and recognizes the same interactive websites, same text, same articles, same videos and are not that different from Summit.
- Linda Black, parent of Imaginary Academy and Director of Elementary Teacher and Learning. Ms. Black spoke at length of her son's education with the Summit Program. She stated her son has completely done a 180 and is engaged in school. She spoke on the passion project and the opportunities he is involved in at Cooper High School with drama and marching band. She stated she applauded Principal Hagerty for taking a risk for her school and stepping outside of her comfort school to better the students. The one thing she felt was not mentioned on Summit is the first time we are this transparent with curriculum. Parents can get online and see everything your kids are doing, there are lots of things that are mentioned tonight that have always been a part of the curriculum. Ms. Black spoke in detail about students being prepared to be self-directed, motivated, problem solving kids, and 21st century kids, Summit is the place that can happen.
- Amanda Girven, parent and a Boone County Educator. She stated she has a background in multiple content area. As a parent her child attends OMS by choice for the Summit program. Her student has had a mix of traditional and the chosen based Summit Curriculum. She spoke on the past program of Springboard at great length on this difficult curriculum. Summit is worth it to her child and to others. The nature of education is the intuitive spirit the teacher brings to the classroom with inspiration, ingenuity and their own gifts, this is the way they learn and the value of a great teacher. She believes in the teachers that have been assigned to teach Summit and as an educator was one of those teachers that two days before the children arrived adopted the Summit program and did so at the instruction of my principal and did so willingly. There is no silver bullet for education and spoke on the processing of the information that is researched based of fact not opinion, not of emotion but of truth and remind the board this is their charge. Understandable that parents are concerned and spoke of her goals as an educator. Ms. Girven spoke of the coming together for the students.

Dr. Randy Poe, Superintendent, stated he would try to address a majority of the questions but unable to address all or would he debate any issues. Dr. Poe spoke in great length on the concerns brought to the board. He stated he heard the parents' concerns and took notes of the concerns and all the questions/concerns would be given to the SBDM at CEMS. For the question on lack of training of teachers, he stated, there has been training, if it was not sufficient than the SBDM would need to look into. He stated he is concerned with some of the issues that were addressed and related that the board cannot investigate a site based council by the rules and duties of the council. Dr. Poe discussed that the board will make the SBDM aware of the allegations and ask them to address the questions and concerns turned in tonight. The Board does not have any control over the particular curriculum that is offered, but stated he would hope all schools would take all questions and concerns into considerations. It was my understanding the Summit program was a pilot program at particular schools and is the SBDM choice and is not the boards.

Dr. Poe addressed the issue of opportunity of choice and specified he would not go into the merits of one way or the other, he felt everyone had heard from both sides of the issue. He stated some things he agreed with and others he did not agree with, but that is not for him to decide or the board, it is the SBDM. If there is no choice at a school and the SBDM adopts a certain curriculum or benchmark the board policy is you can sign a request at the district office with the Director of Pupil Personal. The request is a waiver and would grant a student to attend a different school in the district based on the different curriculum options available. The board does have this procedure in place. Dr. Poe questioned Mr. Mike Ford, Director of Pupil Personal and asked the date of request, Mr. Ford stated March 1st or any time prior to Christmas break due to the scheduling of classes in high school. Anyone that would want more information can contact Mr. Ford.

Dr. Poe again stated the comments and questions turned in of concern would be given to the SBDM and ask they address the concerns. Dr. Poe commented on one issue which was the data and FERPA concern, the board attorney reviewed the agreement and gave the legal opinion that the contract is within the FERPA rights. He also stated the board or himself cannot offer legal opinions to parents, the Summit program has a contact information for legal questions regarding the contracts/agreements. Dr. Poe spoke on this why the program should be a pilot program for parents to opt-in or out and will address it with the particular schools in relationship to the contractual language.

Dr. Maria Brown, board chair addressed the parents and thanked each for stepping up and speaking and appreciated those bringing the concerns. Although we may not direct control over curriculum, but your voices were heard and thanked all for attending.

VIII. RECOMMENDED ACTION - CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved the Consent Agenda items A-Y for Board approval.

VIII.A. Minutes of the regular board meeting of October 13, 2016 and the November 3, 2016 Special Board Workshop meeting minutes.

The board approved the minutes of the regular board meeting of October 13, 2016 and the November 3, 2016 Special Board Workshop meeting minute, as presented.

VIII.B. Bill List

VIII.C. Treasurer's Report was given by Mrs. Linda Schild, Finance Director

VIII.D. Leaves of Absence

The board approved the submitted unpaid leave of absence requests, as presented.

VIII.E. Surplus Equipment Sale - Online Auction

The board approved the online auction surplus equipment sale to the highest bidders, as presented.

VIII.F. Surplus Equipment- Various

The board approved and declared the items stored in the warehouse as listed, for disposal in accordance to board policy, as presented.

VIII.G. Surplus Technology

The board approved and declared items stored in the warehouse as surplus to dispose of according to board policy, as presented.

VIII.H. Cafeteria Displays and Mixers Bid

The board approved the cafeteria displays and mixers bids to the highest bidder, Tri-Mark/SSKemp, as presented.

VIII.I. National School Board Association Advocacy Institute and Equity Symposium January 2017 Conference travel for Ed Massey

The board approved the National School Board Association Advocacy Institute and Equity Symposium Conference travel for Ed Massey to Washington DC , Jan. 27-31, 2017, 4 nights hotel and travel expenses estimated at \$2900.00, as presented.

VIII.J. Kentucky School Board Association Winter Symposium, Lexington, KY travel for Karen Byrd

The board approved the Kentucky School Board Association Winter Symposium on December 2 & 3, 2016, Louisville, KY travel expenses estimated at \$400.00 for Karen Byrd, as presented.

VIII.K. Change Order #3 Conner Middle School HVAC Upgrade BG# 16-087

The board approved the Change Order #3 Conner Middle School HVAC Upgrade BG# 16-087 with the total change addition of \$3339.00, as presented.

VIII.L. Change Order #3 New Maintenance Building BG# 15-219

The board approved the Change Order #3 New Maintenance Building BG# 15-219 with the total addition of \$37,511.00 as presented.

VIII.M. Schematic & Design Development Drawings, BG-3 Conner High School Reroof Project

The board approved the Schematic & Design Development Drawings, BG-3 Conner High School Reroof Project, as presented.

VIII.N. Schematic & Design Development Drawings, BG-3 Paving 2017

The board approved the Schematic & Design Development Drawings, BG-3 Paving 2017, as presented.

VIII.O. Bid Award and Revised Bg-1 for Paving 2016 BG#17-061

The board approved the Bid Award and Revised Bg-1 for Paving 2016 BG#17-061, as presented.

VIII.P. Renewal of Antenna Site Lease

The board approved the antenna site lease for maintaining and operating of mobile/portable radio equipment, on the property of John Walton, as presented.

VIII.Q. Bus Request - Grace Fellowship Church

The board approved the bus request for Grace Fellowship Church of 2-3 buses for their January Winter Retreat traveling to Camden Ohio, as presented.

VIII.R. Schematic & Design Development Drawings, BG-3 Cooper High School Track BG#17-018

The board approved the Schematic & Design Development Drawings, BG-3 Cooper High School Track BG#17-018, as presented.

VIII.S. Design Development Drawings BG-2 and BG-3 Maintenance Building Renovations

The board approved the Design Development Drawings BG-2 and BG-3 Maintenance Building Renovations, as presented.

VIII.T. 2017 KETS Offer of Assistance

The board approved the 2017 KETS Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$167,295.00 for expenditures toward the District's unmet technological needs, as presented.

VIII.U. Shorten Day Approval for Students with Medical Needs

The board approved the Shorten Day Approval for 3 Students with various medical needs, as presented by the Director of Special Education.

VIII.V. Kentucky Integrated Child Care System Provider Portal Account Agreement Conner Child Care Development Center

The board approved the Kentucky Integrated Child Care System Provider Portal Account Agreement for Conner Child Care Development Center, as presented.

VIII.W. Annual Child-Care Center License Application Conner Child Development Center

The board approved the Annual Child-Care Center License Application Conner Child Development Center, as presented.

VIII.X. Field Trip Request

The board approved the Field Trip request, as presented.

VIII.Y. Preschool Partnership Grant Tier 2 Memorandum of Agreement

The board approved the Preschool Partnership Grant Tier 2 Memorandum of Agreement, as presented.

IX. RECOMMENDED ACTION - OLD BUSINESS

IX.A. No Old Business

X. RECOMMENDED ACTION - NEW BUSINESS

X.A. Buses Purchase

The board approved the purchase of 21 buses to not exceed 2 million dollars with the listed purchase vendors, as presented.

Dr. Poe discussed the planning that has went into this bus purchase by the budget committee.

X.B. Refunding Revenue Bonds Resolution 2006 and 2009 Series Bonds

The board approved the board to approve and adopt a Resolution authorizing the Bone County School District Finance Corporation to issue revenue refunding bonds 2006 and 2009 series bonds, as presented below.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BOONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, FLORENCE, KENTUCKY CONFIRMING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE KENTUCKY SCHOOL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH SAID COMMISSION, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BOONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION SCHOOL BUILDING REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2006, APPROVING THE PLAN OF REFUNDING SAID SERIES 2006 BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT, LEASE AND OPTION WITH THE BOONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION AND ANY FURTHER NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BOONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, FLORENCE, KENTUCKY CONFIRMING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE KENTUCKY SCHOOL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH SAID COMMISSION, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BOONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION SCHOOL BUILDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2009, APPROVING THE PLAN OF REFUNDING SAID SERIES 2009 BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT, LEASE AND OPTION WITH THE BOONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION AND ANY FURTHER NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS.

X.C. Board Policy 09.371 Admission to Athletic Events - 1st Reading

The board approved the Board Policy 09.371 Admission to Athletic Events to expand to extend the issuance of district athletic passes to past board members who left the board in good standing, first reading, as presented.

XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Financial Audit Report by Barnes Denning, CPA. George Sparks presented a handout along with the PowerPoint to the board on the Boone County Board of Education audit report dated June 30, 2016. The extensive PowerPoint presentations executive summary presented the following:

Audit Results:

- We have issued unmodified (clean) opinions on both the financial statements and compliance with major federal programs.
- We received excellent cooperation for the District's finance staff.
- No significant audit adjustments or uncorrected (due to materiality levels) adjustments.
- No internal control matters are reportable.
- No significant difficulties or disagreements.
- Management representation letter is available upon request.

The report, which is on file at the district office also included discussion on the required communications, significant accounting policies, statement of net position trends district-wide, district-wide net position, revenues over expenses district-wide, balance sheet trends general fund discussions, revenue over expenses general fund discussions, tax revenue general fund, general fund revenue by source, revenues over expenses food service, and payroll summary. A copy of the full report will be in the Finance department for review.

XII. INFORMATION, PROPOSALS, COMMUNICATIONS

XII.A. Human Resource Actions

- XII.B. Worker's Compensation Claims**
- XII.C. Overtime Report**
- XII.D. Construction Status Report**
- XII.E. Energy Management Report**
- XII.F. Additional Annual Board Administrative Procedures Revisions**

Ed Massey invited everyone to attend the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center November 19th 2016 Celebration of Veterans day event. The event will feature Mr. Herschel Williams a Medal of Honor and the only living MOH Recipient for Iwo Jima. The event is free and starts at 1:00 pm.

Steve Templeton announced the Boone County Business Association will be volunteering in several schools for upcoming events.

XIII. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

(Brief summary of speaker's comments)

- Matt Morris, parent, discussed his choice to opt-out of the Summit Program at CEMS before the program started. He encouraged the board to further look into the program and the lack of communication about the program to the parents. He stated he knew the board could not address the curriculum with the schools, but ask they do something.
- The following education major students were in attendance and introduced themselves to the board: Jennifer Schneider – NKU, Maria Kremer- NKU, Jordyn Nelson- NKU, Jordan Culter – NKU.

XIV. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PER KRS 61.810

XIV.A. No closed session

XV. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:31 pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING
December 8, 2016
7:30 PM
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