

**Boone County Board of Education**  
**Board Meeting Briefs**  
**September 11, 2014**  
**Ralph Rush Staff Development Center, Florence, Kentucky**

**The following are the board briefs of the September 11, 2014 meeting minutes. The complete minutes of the September 11, 2014 board meeting will be placed on the October agenda for approval.**

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The National Anthem was presented by Conner Middle School Jazz Band directed by Tim Kennedy and Todd Moody.

- Karen Byrd, Chairperson, announced that many of our schools would participate in the 9/12 Generation Project by joining the nationwide sing-a-long of The Star-Spangled Banner on September 12, 2014.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

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

**GOOD NEWS**

- The board recognized the 2014 September Parent Power Award Recipients as follows:  
Congratulations to the 2014 September Parent Power Award Recipients:  
Kelly Elementary - Lisa Barnes  
Gray Middle School - Jim Hayes
- The board will recognize and congratulate the Boone County School Districts 2014 Retirees for their years of service and dedication to the students in our schools. Dr. Poe thanked the retirees for their many contributions to the success of the Boone County School district.
- The board recognized the Boone County schools that have implemented PBIS with fidelity.
- The board introduced Mr. Jim Detwiler as our new Assistant Superintendent of Learning Support.

Dr. Poe announced that Mr. Greg Franks would be the interim principal for the year at Stephens Elementary.

**STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Sam Gormley, Student Board Member Representative, reported on the final plans of the Boone County Day of Play and 5K which will be held on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Idlewild Park. Registration is available on the website. Sam invited the community to participate in the event and all donations will be going to the organization of Feed His Kids in our community.

Sam also informed the board the advisory board Unity video is almost complete.

**AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS**

Brief notes of comments:

*Mary Rotatore*, would like to find out who to talk to about getting more lighting at Ryle High School, she said once you turn off of 42 there is not much lighting. Ms. Rotatore, stated she had talked too many in the community about the lack of lighting around the campus. Dr. Poe stated that depending on the determination of who owns the property, but Eric McArtor, Deputy Superintendent, will work with Ms. Rotatore to investigate the issue.

*Tony Myer*, ask the board what the cost of the standardized testing per student and per district, different grade levels, and how often will they be done, etc.? Dr. Poe stated at this time he does not know the exact figure, but if Ms. Myer would contact Karen Cheser, Deputy Superintendent, she would be glad to help in gathering the data for the answer. Ms. Myer will contact Mrs. Cheser.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The board approved the following agenda items, as presented.

- **Minutes of the regular board meeting of the August 14, 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.
- **Sales Campaigns**  
The board approved the Sales Campaigns, as presented.
- **Field Trips**  
The board approved the Field Trips, as presented.

School	Date Of Trip	Location	Reason
Burlington Elementary	April 21-22, 22-23 and 23-24, 2015	Shaker Village	Educational
Camp Ernst Middle	April 9-10, 2015	Clarksville, OH	Educational
Conner Middle	November 6-7, 2014	Camp Joy	Educational
Cooper High	Nov-Dec, 2014	Western KY University	State Football Playoff Game
Cooper High	November 14-16, 2014	Albuquerque, NM	National Student Leadership Conference
Cooper High	Nov-Dec. 2014	TBA	Playoff Football Games
Cooper High	Nov-Dec. 2014	South Oldham High School	District Football Playoff Game
Goodridge Elementary	April 9, 2015	Frankfort	Educational
Goodridge Elementary	October 9, 2014	Fishers, IN	Educational
Longbranch Elementary	November 6, 2014	COSI	Educational
Mann Elementary	April 17, 2015	Conner Prairie	Educational
North Pointe Elementary	September 25, 2014	Frankfort, KY	Educational
Ockerman Middle	March 4-7, 2015	Louisville, KY	State Speech & Drama
Ryle High School	October 5, 2014	Madison Central High School	Soccer game
Ryle High	November 7-9, 2014	Louisville, KY	State Volleyball Tournament
Ryle High	Nov-Dec. 2014	TBA	Football State Playoff Games
Ryle High	October 27-November 8, 2014	TBA	State Boys & Girls Soccer Tournament
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- **BG-1 Application for Paving 2015 Projects.**  
The board approved the BG-1 application for Paving 2015 Projects, as presented.
- **BG-1 Application for Erpenbeck Elementary Controls**  
The board approved the BG-1 Application for Erpenbeck Elementary Controls, as presented.

- **BG-1 Application for Roofing 2015 Projects**  
The board approved the BG-1 Application for Roofing 2015 Projects, as presented.
- **BG-1 Application for Boone County High School -HVAC Replacement**  
The board approved the BG-1 Application for Boone County High School -HVAC Replacement, as presented.
- **Approval of Final Application BG-4 Boone County High School - HVAC Upgrades**  
The board approved the Final Application BG-4 Boone County High School HVAC Upgrades, as presented.
- **Approval of Project Closeout-BG-5 Thornwilde Elementary BG#11-032**  
The board approved the Project Closeout-BG-5 Thornwilde Elementary BG#11-032, as presented.
- **Surplus Items**  
The board approved and declared the 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 lawn mowing equipment through advertised auction, as presented.
- **Bid- Convection Steamer**  
The board approved the bid for the replacement of the convection steamer at Florence Elementary be awarded to REDI Equipment, as presented.
- **Surplus Item- Sale**  
The board approved the highest bid of \$577 to purchase the used Dump Truck by Gayle Ensminger be accepted, as presented.
- **Equipment Maintenance Agreement- Copiers Erpenbeck Elementary School**  
The board approved the Erpenbeck Elementary submitted maintenance agreement for 9 copiers to be leased with Waltz Office Solutions, as presented.
- **Bus Request**  
The board approved the bus request for the Honor Run Half Run Marathon on November 15, 2014, as presented.
- **Equipment Maintenance Agreement- Burlington Elementary**  
The board approved the Equipment Maintenance Agreement for Burlington Elementary School 6 Copiers to be leased, as presented.
- **Conner High School DJ Service Contract**  
The board approved the Conner High School DJ Service Contract, as presented.
- **Schelechty Leadership Center Membership 14-15**  
The board approved the Schelechty Leadership Center Membership 14-15 in the amount on \$1500.00, as presented.
- **Revised Job Descriptions- Schools Community Relations Coordinator, Media Specialist Coordinator/Webmaster, Schools Community Relations Generalist, Network Systems Technician.**  
The board approved the revised job descriptions- Schools Community Relations Coordinator, Media Specialist Coordinator/Webmaster, Schools Community Relations Generalist, Network Systems Technician, as presented.
- **2014 Kentucky Incentives for Prevention Survey Memorandum of Understanding**  
The board approved the 2014 Kentucky Incentives for Prevention Survey Memorandum of Understanding, as presented.
- **Connected Superintendents' Summit**  
The board approved the travel expenses for Dr. Poe if selected to participate in the Connected Superintendents' Summit on October 7, 2014 to present on digital learning in our district travel expenses estimated at \$800, as presented.
- **Annual Memorandum of Agreement with NorthKey Community Care**  
The board approved the annual Memorandum of Agreement with NorthKey Community Care, as presented.

Bonnie Rickert requested a clarification of the KSBIT payment and this being a onetime assessment. Linda Schild discussed the two parts of the KSBIT, the property insurance liability and the workers comp. The workers comp will be paid in six installments and the property will be paid in three. Dr. Poe stated this is a

one-time assessment based on where they are now, they are doing a run-off and through this process if they didn't access properly there may be a different assessment later. Dr. Poe discussed some scenarios, and the Department of Insurance is doing the run-off. Ed Massey stated the assessment was not done on lost ratios', even though we have done a very good job in Boone County by keeping our claims down by doing safety audits, etc. The assessment was based on lost-ratios and school size, which meant the districts with most personal and students would pay the larger amounts. This was done by the Department of Insurance.

Steve Templeton discussed the Superintendent's Summit. Our superintendent is one of one hundred that has been selected. Mr. Templeton said this was a huge honor for our district and wanted to know if we know if the final selection from Washington has been completed. Dr. Poe stated the process of making the selection is ongoing, the work to be represented is the implementation of the Wi-Fi, bring your own devices initiatives in our district. Our district was 1 of 1,000 districts and it is truly and honor to come this far in the selection. Dr. Poe discussed this is a testament to the great work of our staff.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- The board approved the Working Budget for 2015, as presented

Dr. Poe gave a brief overview and stated this is the third of the process that started in May and they have been hard at work in drafting the final working budget. The board gave the budget committee a set of goals, maintaining low student teacher ratios as provided for individualized instruction, maximizing the our SBDM school funding allocations so the school councils can have the flexibility in and around their allocations, optimizing the employee salary and benefits to stay competitive as we can in that area, and being prepared to meet the demands of the increasing student enrollment. Dr. Poe stated are enrollment is up by approximately 235, which fluctuates on a daily basis with families coming and going every day. Maintaining an ethical policy of standards of operations, by trying to operate the most efficiently and effectively as we possibly can. The budget team has put together a very good and stable budget. Even though we have a stable budget, there are areas and status of our budget we have concerns that this budget does not meet. In moving forward bus and equipment replacement needs, aging school building needs such as windows, floors etc. We need to start looking at the replacement cost of buildings that have carpet that is 20 plus years old that this budget does not do but we will need to look at in the future. The budget does look at bringing our phone system into the voice over IP. Dr. Poe discussed replacing the phone system and bringing the phone system up-to-date, so that ultimately the investment into the phone system will save us dollars in lowering our phone cost going voice over IP. This would enable us to eliminate standard landlines, and this project is a major initiative in this budget. Dr. Poe discussed on the digital conversion to our radio system in transportation and the long term benefit is that it lowers our cost.

Karen Byrd, discussed the budget committees meetings throughout the year.

Maria Brown asked about the SEEK budget line item that is an estimate, is it correct that this number is an estimate that we use right now and we will not know that number until everything is finalized. Linda Schild stated the SEEK line item final number is calculated somewhere in between January and March or early April. Linda Schild explained it is dependent on second month growth numbers and how this is determined and the fluctuation.

- The board approved the KDE District Funding Assurances, as presented.

Karen Cheser, Deputy Superintendent, explained the assurances of the Federal and State government that we are following. We are agreeing that we are following all guidelines for Federal and State grants

and funding and all regulations. We are assuring the federal and state government that we are following the rules for the funds.

Dr. Poe stated that periodically we will have desk and field audits as in the past and we have always come out very well. Assurances state that staff have read and are following guidelines and who to call with questions.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Dr. Poe discussed replacement of the ageing fleet of radios in our system. Last year the budget was put in place to for the new digital radio system and was recently implemented on the buses. Dr. Poe discussed the efficiency, cost savings for the district and making sure this technology would sustain. Heather Roth, Director of Transportation, updated the board with a PowerPoint presentation on the new capabilities of the digital radio system for the transportation department: Digital audio clarity, no lost radio transmissions, check the status of the all roads, system is expandable with fleet size, initiate a private conversation with any radio, multiple talk groups available, channel dedicated to accident response, radio transmissions are encrypted to allow private conversations, real-time GPS, archiving all transmissions and GPS data. Ms. Roth gave a detailed report covering the actual views that a dispatcher would see on their screens. Many advantages for bus routes, indicating time and speeds every 60 seconds and being able to locate a bus at any given time, viewing maps as street map or with satellite imagery. Ms. Roth explained some of the safety features in case of emergencies.
- Dr. Poe reported that the NSBA March 2015 Annual Conference has invited Boone County representatives lead by Karen Cheser, Deputy Superintendent, to present at the conference. The title of the presentation is "The Power of One Year: The First 365 Days in Our Commitment to Creating 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners". This is an honor for the district and shows how much others are interested to learn of the successes in the district.

### **INFORMATION, PROPOSALS, COMMUNICATIONS**

- **Human Resource Actions**
- **Worker's Compensation Claims**
- **Overtime Report**
- **Construction Status Report**
- **Goals and Objectives Superintendent Randy Poe 2014-2015**
- **Weighted GPA Calculation Letter to Parents**
- Ed Massey discussed the 9/12 Project that some of our schools are participating in on Sept. 12. This project is part of the New York Says Thank You Foundation and spoke on this group helping in Oklahoma to rebuild the community after they were hit by the tornado. Mr. Massey volunteered with a group in building a barn as part of a service project and built a barn for animals to help with PTSD of community members. Mr. Massey would like to encourage anyone to get involved in this project next year it is a wonderful program.
- Steve Templeton asked Dr. Poe for clarification of the Weighted GPA Letter distributed. Dr. Poe explained the high schools will be distributing via email or paper letter this week.

### **AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS**

(brief notes of comments)

- Carrie Cox, stated that Congressman Massie and Senator Paul has agreed to sign on and co-sponsor the local school board and Flexibility Act and asked that the board recognize their participation in this bill. Dr. Poe stated that this is defiantly good news, and was waiting to get the official letter from them and when we do we will put that into the official record at the next board meeting. Ms. Cox stated that Mr. Massie may not have received the initial board letter for support because it was sent to his Frankfort

office and not the local office. Dr. Poe noted that his office would make the change for future letters to Mr. Massie. Ed Massey discussed the Local School Board Governance and Flexibility Act and the ideal of the proposed bill from the NSBA that the proper place to make decisions about local community education should not be from Washington or the state department it should be from the local school board. Mr. Massey discussed the bills origination and some details of why this is important.

- Toni Meyer, asked if Superintendent Poe fully supports common-core and does everyone on the board support common-core or are you still looking at that, state all the standardized test and all the complications with the common-core? Dr. Poe stated this is not a yes or no particular answer to that question. Dr. Poe said he fully supported our teacher standards, but does not fully support everything that is common core. Dr. Poe stated that he would be glad to have a conversation at a different time, but this is a conversation that would take more time than we have at this meeting. Dr. Poe stated the state has opened up the “Kentucky Core Challenge” website to seek concerns on the standards, he stated everyone needs to go to the website and whatever particular standard that you have a concern or comment on to submit those on the website. Dr. Poe stated he supports higher level standards for our students, we want every child to succeed to the highest levels.
- Maria Brown, stated there is an open window to post comments on the “Kentucky Core Challenge” especially our teachers and parents. Dr. Brown encouraged everyone to go online and to comment on what you may not agree with.
- The following college students introduced themselves to the board: Melanie Sari, NKU, education major. Megan Kelly, NKU, education major.

**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**

**October 9, 2014**