

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
January 14, 2016
6:00 P.M.

The Board of Education of Covington, Kentucky met in regular session on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at Glenn O. Swing Elementary located at 501 West 19th Street, Covington, Kentucky.

Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Call To Order

Roll call showed the following members present: Mr. Jerry Avery, Ms. April Brockhoff, Ms. Glenda Huff and Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper.

Roll Call

Glenn O. Swing Elementary students led the Board and community members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Geisen Scheper welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented that the Board of Education serves the public and community.

Welcome

Ms. Geisen Scheper called for public input. No one opted to address the Board.

Public Input

Ms. Huff presented Ms. Amy McKnight, Teacher, Glenn O. Swing Elementary, the Certified Employee of the Month Award for January.

Recognition

Ms. Baker presented Ms. Mitzi Herald, Instructional Assistant, Glenn O. Swing Elementary, the Classified Employee of the Month Award for January.

Ms. Brockhoff presented Mr. John DuBose, Volunteer, Glenn O. Swing Elementary, the Volunteer of the Month Award for January.

Mr. Scott Alter, Principal of Glenn O. Swing Elementary recognized the students of the month for December: Eden Stroud, Raylinne Weber, Addison Adams, Noelle Price, Noribeth Hernandez, Riley Lyke, Alyssa Gegner, Myleysa Oden, Brandon Lawrence, Jennah Butler, Sianna west, Lily St. Clair, Maria Villeno, Jaden Williams, Quintin Brooks, Katie Ball, Traylynn Iles, Tyler Middlebrooks, Aaliyah Mitchell, Dahnah Richmond and Daryl Turner.

Mr. Alvin Garrison presented the item of information; Glenn O. Swing Elementary Annual Report (Order No. 011416-01), Duveneck Square – Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement (Order No. 011416-02), Membership Attendance Report 2015-2016 School Year (Fourth Month) (Order No. 011416-03), 2016 Comprehensive District Improvement Plan and 2016 Comprehensive School Improvement Plans (Order No. 011416-04).

Informational Items

Mr. Scott Alter, Principal of Glenn O. Swing Elementary, introduced the Glenn O. Swing Elementary annual report. Mr. Alter stated that they hire, train and retrain excellent teachers; ensure teachers have a deep understanding of what to teach; develop true professional learning communities; focus on learning rather than teaching. The

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plan is to stay-the-course. Continuous focus on building teacher leadership capacity. Mr. Alter pointed out areas of improvement; student group work, text complexity, writing in all content areas. Glenn O. Swing Elementary's academic achievements include: 2015 KPREP overall score of 80.3; 29th elementary in the state; 99 percentile rank; ranked top 4% for overall score. The Board congratulated Mr. Alter on his school's successes. Mr. Alter gave credit to his staff and students. He gave special recognition to his Assistant Principal, Ms. Sherry Lindberg, noting that in 2015 Glenn O. had no novices in Social Studies, the subject Ms. Lindberg teaches.

Mr. Larry Klein, City of Covington Manager introduced the Duveneck Square Project and a payment in lieu of taxes (pilot) program. Mr. Klein introduced Mr. Jerry Adkins, Duveneck Square Developer, who explained, the City of Covington has entered into a development agreement for a mixed-use project to be constructed along the east side of Washington Street, between 7th Street and 8th streets, consisting of approximately 110 units of multi-family residential rental units and 7,000 square feet of commercial space, with surface parking across the street. As part of project financing, the developer has proposed the use of Industrial Revenue Bonds, which affect the amount of property taxes paid by the developer. The issuance of the Bonds would be subject to the execution of a payment in lieu of taxes agreement (a "PILOT Agreement") to pay the City and Covington Independent School District during the term of the Bonds. Mr. Adkins introduced Mr. Jim Parsons, Attorney for the Duveneck Square Developer, to explain the steps involved with issuing Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRB). The terms of the agreement are proposed to be not less than a twenty (20) year term, with twenty (20) percent of the real property taxes the Project would have produced to the City and School District if the Bonds had not been issued for the Project to serve as a PILOT payment. Any PILOT Agreement must be ratified separately by the School District. This type of arrangement has been used for the Ascent, Lexus Dealership, the IRS Gateway building and other Northern Kentucky developments. The major advantage is that developments occur that generate new construction that would not otherwise occur, thereby generating housing, jobs and significant economic development for the community. The Board thanked the City of Covington and the developer of the project for the overview and detailed report.

Mr. Garrison presented the Fourth Month 2015-2016 Membership Attendance Report.

Ms. Charlene Ball, Assistant for Learning Support, presented the 2016 Comprehensive District Improvement Plan and the 2016 Comprehensive School Improvement Plans. Ms. Ball explained the goals and activities of the 2016 District Improvement Plan which include; increasing proficiency in reading and math, increasing the percentage of students who are college and career ready, increasing the graduation rate, reducing the novice rate in reading and math.

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Mr. Garrison introduced the individual approval agenda items.

1. Ms. Huff moved that the Covington Board of Education approve a School-wide Fundraiser(s) for Glenn O. Swing Elementary. Ms. Brockhoff seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, Ms. Huff, Ms. Brockhoff, Mr. Avery, Ms. Baker and Ms. Geisen Scheper voted yea. The motion passed.

**School-wide
Fundraiser(s)**

Ms. Claire Parsons, School Board Attorney, gave the Attorney's Report.

Attorney's Report

Ms. Huff called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Baker seconded the motion. The Board agreed by consensus to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Adjournment

Board Chair

Superintendent of Schools