

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
February 9, 2017
6:00 P.M.

The Board of Education of Covington, Kentucky met in regular session on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at Holmes High School located at 25th and Madison Avenue, 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. Brockhoff, Ms. Glenda Huff, Mr. Tom Wherry and Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper.

Roll Call

The Board led the community 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

Mr. Avery presented Ms. Alexis Taylor, Spanish Teacher, Holmes High School, the Certified Employee of the Month Award for February.

Recognition

Mr. Wherry presented Mr. Jon Hopkins, Counselor, Holmes High School, the Certified Employee of the Month Award for February.

Ms. Brockhoff presented Ms. Amber Lykins, Records / Attendance, Holmes High School, the Classified Employee of the Month Award for February.

Mr. Alvin Garrison, Superintendent of Schools, presented the item of information; Holmes High School Annual Update (Order No. 020917-01), Membership Attendance Report 2016-2017 School Year (Fifth Month) (Order No. 020917-02), Footsteps to Brilliance Usage Update for August 2016 – January 2017 (Order No. 020917-03) and 2017-2018 Staffing Allocation (Order No. 020917-04),

Informational Items

Mr. Scott Hornblower, principal of Holmes High School reviewed the school's annual report. During the 2015-2016 school year, Holmes High School had 141 graduates who earned 401 college credits. In addition, Reduced Novice Learner targets for Math in all subgroups were met. This school year - 2016-2017 - 108 students are enrolled in at least one International Baccalaureate course, 168 are enrolled in Advanced Placement classes, and 200 are enrolled in Dual Credit classes. At the Career and Technical Center, a Logistics Pathway has been added to the class offerings. Mr. Hornblower said that Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati represent the fifth largest logistics and distribution center in the nation. He said the school is meeting the needs of students and the community by offering pathways in 4 of the 5 most in-demand

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employment sectors in the Northern Kentucky region. Mr. Hornblower further reported that Holmes offers 22 clubs and athletic teams, and 100 students have mentors.

Current and future work includes: Implementing a Personalized Learning school experience for our students and teachers, Implementing a 1:1 Laptop Conversion, Utilizing PLCs to design and implement instruction and curriculum that is responsive to expectations of college and workplace, Training teachers to be Apple Educator Certified and Creating opportunities for our students to take more responsibility for their learning.

Mr. Hornblower introduced Mr. Tony Magner, School-based Decision Making council member and Instructional Coach. Mr. Magner reported on the 5 questions that the CIPS School Board had for the SBDM Council. Mr. Magner stated that the PLC process is going well, teachers are asking for input from their colleagues to improve their teaching. Holmes High School offers college credit classes as well as relevant pathways in our CTE offerings demonstrating collaboration with the entire community to address the needs of the students. Teacher retention is an issue that is constantly being addressed; from administrators covering classes when a teacher is out ill; to filling teaching vacancies with the most qualified candidate available. Students and staff are implementing the 1:1 Initiative. Holmes High School is only 3 weeks into the roll-out of the laptops so there is not hard data to support how it is improving student achievement. When students are engaged and interested behavior and discipline improve.

Ms. Charlene Ball, Assistant Superintendent for Learning Support, presented the Footsteps 2 Brilliance usage update. Over 9 million words have been read by current and future students since August 2016 through January 2017. The next step is to develop creative ways to help area daycares sustain the technology needed to provide this learning tool every day.

Mr. Bill Grein, Data Management, presented the 2017-2018 staffing allocation. The school district must provide notice to the school councils of the tentative allocation by March 1 of each year.

Ms. Stacie Strotman, Director of Covington Partners and Ms. Taryn Stewart, Director of Nutrition Services, presented the Nutrition and Physical Activity Report. This is the annual assessment of school nutrition and physical activity. The School Health Index (SHI) modules 3 and 4 were completed by stakeholders of each school to provide an evaluation of compliance with the school breakfast and lunch programs. An evaluation of the availability of contracted fast foods. A review of access to foods and beverages from vending machines and stores.

Mr. Garrison introduced the individual approval agenda items.

1. Ms. Huff moved that the Covington Board of Education approves the Nutrition and Physical Activity Report. Mr. Avery seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, Ms. Huff, Mr. Avery, Ms. Brockhoff, Mr. Wherry and Ms. Geisen Scheper voted yea. The motion passed.

**Nutrition and Physical
Activity Report**

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

Attorney's Report

The Board agreed by consensus to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Adjournment

Board Chair

Superintendent of Schools