

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
November 3, 2016
6:00 P.M.

The Board of Education of Covington, Kentucky met in regular session on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at Ninth District Elementary located at 28th and Indiana, 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. Joyce Baker, Ms. Glenda Huff and Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper.

Roll Call

1. Ms. Huff moved that the Covington Board of Education approves excusing Ms. April Brockhoff from the November 3, 2016 Board Meeting. Mr. Avery seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, Ms. Huff, Mr. Avery, Ms. Baker and Ms. Geisen Scheper voted yea. The motion passed.

Ninth District Elementary Students 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. Ms. Mary Wheatley, Covington Education Association (CEA), reported that some members had concerns about hiring a principal at John G. Carlisle Elementary. CEA members expressed concerns for John G. Carlisle and Glenn O. Swing Elementary and thought some clarification was needed for students and families. Ms. Wheatley stated that CEA would be meeting with Mr. Garrison about these concerns.

Public Input

Ms. Baker presented Ms. Chris Morgan, Teacher at Ninth District Elementary the Certified Employee of the Month of November.

Ms. Huff presented Ms. Vickie Sullivan, Administrative Assistant at Ninth District Elementary the Classified Employee of the Month of November.

Ms. Avery presented Ms. Constance Brady, Volunteer at Ninth District Elementary the Volunteer of the Month of November.

Mr. Scott Shepard, Principal, Ninth District Elementary, presented certificates of recognition to students who received Proficient/Distinguished in Reading and Math on the state assessment. Those students are: Gr. 3 2015-2016 - Donyale Artis, Elizabeth Bailey, Kimora Golsby, Leslie Gomez, Kye Hendrickson, Eli Kordenbrock, Rachel Malarkey, Katie Mochabee, Jackson Morgan, MaryJane Reynolds, Camdyn Thomas, Andrew Wagner, Juliet Wagner, Haydn Walters; Gr. 4 2015-2016 - Kendall Ball, Robert Cameron, Christopher Cole, Aiden Johns, Dallas Lake, Danika Lake, Vicente Lopez, Braelyn Romanello, Emmagene Smith, Jensyn Stewart; Gr. 5 2015 – 2016 - Triston Angel, Emauryon Arnold, Jayden Baker, Jayla

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Blanton, Jonathon Evans, Emalia Hendrickson, Brayden Howell, Josiah Jackson, Joel Kaiser, Dasani Lane, Nevaeh Lee, Makaylah Mitchell, Alyssa Nicholas, Antonio Rivera, Lawrence Taylor, Ethan Tilford, Tkira Tolliver, Kendall Vickers and John C. West.

Mr. Alvin Garrison, Superintendent of Schools, presented the items of information; Ninth District Elementary Annual Update (Order No. 110316-01).

Mr. Scott Shepard, Principal of Ninth District Elementary, introduced Ninth District Elementary's Annual Update Report. Mr. Shepard updated the Board on Ninth District Elementary's work focusing on Professional Learning Communities. Teams at Ninth have been divided into grade level or content specific teams. Test scores tell us that Ninth District grew in four out of five assessed categories. Novice were reduced in three of the five categories and their state ranking has improved. In the future, Ninth District Elementary will improve student achievement, focus on writing, design rigorous instructional tasks congruent to standards and time for teachers to collaborate.

Mr. Garrison introduced the individual approval agenda items.

Ms. Michelle Bertke, Director of Special Education and Exceptional Children, presented the Orientation and Mobility Services Contract. This contract is with 'Movin' Om' services to assist blind students with orientation and mobility.

Orientation and Mobility Services Contract

2. Ms. Huff moved that the Covington Board of Education approves the 2016-2017 Contract with Movin' Om to provide Orientation and Mobility Services. Mr. Avery seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, Ms. Huff, Mr. Avery, Ms. Baker and Ms. Geisen Scheper voted yea. The motion passed.

Ms. Stacie Strotman, Covington Partners' and Community Learning Centers Coordinator, presented the Latonia Elementary's 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant. Latonia Elementary will partner with Covington Partners to write a new 21st Century Grant application in the amount of \$150,000 in years one, two and three, \$125,000 in year four and \$100,000 in year five. This funding will allow the school to hire one full-time community learning center coordinator. Programming will include academic assistance, youth development activities and family engagement opportunities.

LES 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Application

3. Ms. Baker moved that the Covington Board of Education approves the Latonia Elementary 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant. Mr. Avery seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, Ms. Baker, Mr. Avery, Ms. Huff and Ms. Geisen Scheper voted yea. The motion passed.

Ms. Suzanne Thompson, Director of Curriculum, presented the Footsteps2Brilliance Contract for 2016-2017. Last year, with generous support from the Covington Board of Education and community donors, the district purchased the literacy app. The goal for this year is to continue

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partnerships with donors and the Covington School Board to provide the app for families in Covington.

4. Ms. Huff moved that the Covington Board of Education approves the 2016-2017 Footsteps2Brilliance Contract. Mr. Avery seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, Ms. Huff, Mr. Avery, Ms. Baker and Ms. Geisen Scheper voted yea. The motion passed.

Mr. Bill Grein, Data and Assessment, updated the Board on the Strategic Planning revision process. He introduced Ms. Debra Vance, Director of Community Relations to assist with wordsmithing parts of the plan. He reviewed the work by the Board of Education. After some discussion, some Board members suggested the wording of the Mission Statement: *Provide opportunities that will inspire and prepare students to excel academically and personally in order to become well-rounded, responsible citizens.* Ms. Vance stated she would be happy to work on the wording of some statements. After more discussion on the Vision Statement and the Beliefs, the Board agreed by consensus to table board agenda item numbered 110316-05 Strategic Plan Revision – Board Input.

Strategic Plan Revision – Board Input

Ms. Mary Ann Stewart, School Board Attorney, gave the Attorney's Report. Ms. Stewart requested that the Board go into Executive Session.

Attorney's Report

5. Ms. Baker moved that the Covington Board of Education approves going into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) for updates on pending litigation. Ms. Huff seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, Ms. Baker, Ms. Baker, Mr. Avery and Ms. Geisen Scheper voted yea. The motion passed.

Executive Session

Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c), by consensus, the Board went into executive session at 7:00 p.m.

6. Ms. Huff moved that the Covington Board of Education come out of executive session. Mr. Avery seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, Ms. Huff, Mr. Avery, Ms. Baker and Ms. Geisen Scheper voted yea. The motion passed.

By consensus, the Board returned from executive session at 7:30 p.m. All members were present. No action was taken.

The Board agreed by consensus to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Board Chair

Superintendent of Schools