

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
November 17, 2016
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Education of Covington, Kentucky met in regular session on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at the Instructional Service Center located at 212 Levassor Avenue, Covington, Kentucky.

Ms. Julie Geisen Scheper, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

Ms. Geisen Scheper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Geisen Scheper welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented that the Board of Education serves the public and community. Ms. Geisen Scheper stated that Mr. Alvin Garrison, Superintendent of Schools is attending a conference and Dr. Janice Wilkerson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, would be in his stead.

Welcome

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

Public Input

Dr. Janice Wilkerson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, presented items of information; Covington Education Association / Superintendent's Report for November 2016 (Order No. 111716-01), Personnel (Order No. 111716-02), Lincoln Grant Scholar House (111716-03) and Writing Support Update (Order No. 111716-04).

Informational Items

Ms. Mary Wheatley, Covington Education Association, addressed the Board regarding an Estub issue some employees had been having. Ms. Charlene Ball, Assistant Superintendent for Learning Support, explained that the Technology Department had updated a server and the Estub issue had been resolved.

Ms. Shellie Baker, Program Director/Academic Advisor, Lincoln Grant Scholar House, presented information on the Lincoln Grant Scholar House. The Lincoln Grant Scholar House provides supportive housing and vital education and family support, including academic advising and case management for single parents seeking college degrees.

Ms. Ruthie Staley, Writing Consultant, updated the Board on her work providing training of instructional coaches, principals, assistant principals and teachers in primary writing as well as in-classroom coaching, co-planning and co-teaching with teachers in grades K-2 in all elementary schools.

Mr. Bill Grein, Data and Assessment, gave the Treasurer's Report.

1. Ms. Huff moved that the Covington Board of Education approves the Monthly Financial Report – October FY 2016. Mr. Avery seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, Ms. Huff, Mr. Avery, Ms. Baker, Ms. Brockhoff and Ms. Geisen Scheper voted yea. The motion passed.

**Monthly Financial
Report October FY2016**

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- Ms. Huff moved that the Covington Board of Education approves the Warrant Expenditure Report. Mr. Avery seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, Ms. Huff, Mr. Avery, Ms. Baker, Ms. Brockhoff and Ms. Geisen Scheper voted yea. The motion passed.

Warrant Expenditure Report

Dr. Wilkerson then presented the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Brockhoff requested that the October 27, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes be tabled. She wanted revisions to a paragraph written about Teacher Retention.

- Ms. Huff moved that the Covington Board of Education approves tabling agenda item numbered (111716-07) Minutes of Regular Meeting October 27, 2016. Mr. Avery seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, Ms. Huff, Mr. Avery Ms. Baker, Ms. Brockhoff and Ms. Geisen Scheper voted yea. The motion passed.

Table Agenda Item

The Board agreed to table agenda item numbered (111716-07) Minutes of Regular Meeting October 27, 2016 until revisions are made to the minutes.

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

November 3, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Dr. Wilkerson introduced the items for individual vote.

- Ms. Huff moved that the Covington Board of Education approves Holmes Campus Athletic Field and Site Improvements BG16-185 (Phase I) – Change Order No. 1. Ms. Baker seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, Ms. Huff, Ms. Baker, Mr. Avery, Ms. Brockhoff and Ms. Geisen Scheper voted yea. The motion passed.
- Ms. Huff moved that the Covington Board of Education approves Holmes Campus Athletic Field and Site Improvements BG16-185 (Phase I) – Change Order No. 2. 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.

Holmes Campus Athletic Field and Site Improvements BG16-185 (Phase I) Change Order No. 1

Holmes Campus Athletic Field and Site Improvements BG16-185 (Phase I) Change Order No. 2

Ms. Mary Wheatley, Covington Education Association, updated the Board on the Kentucky Education Association's request to school boards around the state to sign a resolution in support of repealing the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) from the Social Security Act. It was explained that these two provisions reduce the social security benefits payable to persons who are entitled to benefits under the other retirement system under certain conditions. These provisions take away benefits that public employees or their spouses have earned by paying into the social security system.

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7. Ms. Baker moved that the Covington Board of Education approves signing a Resolution to Repeal the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) from the Social Security Act. 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.

Resolution to Repeal GPO / WEP

8. Ms. Baker moved that the Covington Board of Education approves the Withdraw of a \$200,000 Monetary Commitment to the TEAM Foundation's Capital Campaign for a multi-purpose activity facility. Ms. Huff seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, Ms. Baker, Ms. Huff, Mr. Avery, Ms. Baker and Ms. Geisen Scheper voted yea. The motion passed.

Withdraw Monetary Commitment

Dr. Wilkerson introduced the addendum agenda.

9. Ms. Baker moved that the Covington Board of Education approves the First Offer of Assistance for FY 2017 of \$31,387 from the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC). Ms. Huff seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, Ms. Baker, Ms. Huff, Mr. Avery, Ms. Baker and Ms. Geisen Scheper voted yea. The motion passed.

KETS 1st Offer of Assistance

Ms. Sarah Shamblin, Holmes High School Band Director, introduced naming the Holmes Band Room after Mr. James Kelly Copenhaver. Ms. Shamblin explained she had been approached by alumni to name the band room after Mr. Copenhaver. Mr. Copenhaver was the band director at Holmes High School from 1963-1970. Through his leadership and mentorship of the Holmes Marching Band, Mr. Copenhaver fostered a tradition of excellence, which continues to this day. James Kelly Copenhaver led the band to state and national recognition, by winning prestigious championships including: The Ashland, Kentucky, Band Invitational Championship (1969-1970); the Virginia Beach Championship (1969-1970); and the Contest of Champions, Murfreesboro, Tennessee (1969-1970). Mr. Copenhaver went on to become the Director of Bands for many outstanding, national collegiate programs, including Morehead State, Clemson, and University of South Carolina. Ms. Shamblin stated that it was her intention to honor Mr. Copenhaver at the Spring Band Concert.

Naming Holmes Band Room

10. Ms. Baker moved that the Covington Board of Education approves Naming Holmes High School Band Room *The Copenhaver Band Room*. Ms. Brockhoff seconded the motion.

Ms. Huff suggested the item could be tabled so more research could be done? She wanted more time to make sure everyone wanted the room named for Mr. Copenhaver. She said that she appreciated the good sentiments about Mr. Copenhaver but thought there have been many wonderful band directors.

With a roll call vote, Ms. Baker, Ms. Brockhoff and Ms. Geisen Scheper voted yea. Mr. Avery and Ms. Huff voted nay. The motion passed.

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Ms. Mary Ann Stewart, School Board Attorney, gave the attorney's report and requested an executive session pursuant to KRS (1)(c).

Attorney's Report

11. Ms. Huff moved that the Covington Board of Education come out of executive session. Ms. Baker seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, Ms. Huff, Ms. Baker, Mr. Avery, Ms. Brockhoff 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 8:10 p.m.

By consensus, the Board returned from executive session at 9:01 p.m. All members were present. No action was taken.

The Board agreed by consensus to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Adjournment

Board Chair

Superintendent of Schools