

**LEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**April 16, 2013**

**6:00 P.M.**

Members Present: William Owens, Larry Burgess, Janie Thorpe, Curtis Davis, and Melissa Judd

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman William Owens.

**64-13 APPROVE AGENDA**

On motion of Curtis Davis, seconded by Melissa Judd, and by unanimous vote, it was ordered to approve the agenda as presented. Copy on file.

**65-13 APPROVE PROPOSED DISTRICT FACILITY PLAN  
RECOMMENDED BY LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS'  
LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Ray Shuler, Chairman of the Lee County School District Local Planning Committee, presented the draft District Facility Plan as recommended and approved by a majority vote of 9 for, 6 opposed by the Local Planning Committee to board members for their review. Larry Burgess made a motion to approve the District Facility Plan as presented, and Melissa Judd seconded the motion. Mr. Terry Tipton read a statement prepared by Beattyville Mayor, John Smith, opposing approval of the plan as submitted. Kenneth Isaacs stood and addressed the Board voicing his opposition to the plan and demanding that each member speak aloud their feelings regarding the proposed plan. Board members William Owens, Larry Burgess, Curtis Davis, Janie Thorpe, and Melissa Judd responded to Mr. Isaacs and voted unanimously to approve the Lee County Schools' District Facility Plan as recommended by the Local Planning Committee and presented by Ray Shuler. The Board will complete the Public Hearing Process and Lee County Schools' District Facility Plan will be submitted to the Kentucky Board of Education for final approval. Copy on file.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Ray Shuler, Director of Pupil Personnel, provided the monthly attendance update. The current district-wide attendance rate is 92.59%. The district-wide attendance rate was 92.51% this same time last year.

## GREAT NEWS

Superintendent Evans informed board members that three Lee County High School juniors had been selected as Governor's Scholars for 2013. The Statewide Selection Committee named Justin Clay Austin, William Lee Little, and Savanna Jo Noe as 2013 Governors' Scholars.

## SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY SBDM PRESENTATION

Southside Elementary Principal, Steve Carroll, along with teachers Candice Jewell, Carol Napier, and Linda Begley shared instructional practices and initiatives the school has put in place to address areas of need as determined through data analysis. Mr. Carroll also presented a longitudinal report containing data for all elementary students in the district. This report included data which tracked elementary student performance throughout the middle school years. Results showed that Southside students performed at or above other students in the district. Superintendent Evans and board members thanked Mr. Carroll and staff for their hard work.

## MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Zina Gibson, District Finance Officer, provided the monthly budget report of projected expenditures and revenue. Ms. Gibson discussed the loss in funding incurred by the district due to decrease in SEEK, Federal Programs, and the shift in costs from KDE to school districts. Copy of budget report on file.

## **66-13 SBDM BUDGETS**

On motion of Curtis Davis, seconded by Janie Thorpe, and by unanimous vote, it was ordered to approve the SBDM Budgets (minimum allocations) as presented by Superintendent Evans. The budgets will be presented to schools prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Copies on file.

## **67-13 APPROVE INTENT TO ADOPT BOARD POLICY TO RAISE THE DROPOUT AGE TO 18**

Superintendent Evans informed board members that SB97 requires school districts to adopt a policy by the 2015-2016 school year increasing the dropout age for students from 16 to 18 years of age. The Kentucky Commissioner of Education is providing an incentive of \$10,000.00 to the first 57 school districts who adopt this policy. The earliest official date to adopt such policy is June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Superintendent Evans recommended board members approve an intent to adopt the policy by the earliest date. The district could use the \$10,000.00 incentive funding in combination with an AT & T Grant for \$25,000.00 (if awarded) to provide an alternative program at Lee County High School. On motion of Janie Thorpe, seconded by Melissa Judd, and by unanimous vote, it

was ordered to approve an intent for Lee County School District to adopt a board policy at the earliest date to increase the dropout age for students from 16 to 18 years of age.

### **68-13 APPROVE CONSENSUS ITEMS**

On motion of Curtis Davis, seconded by Larry Burgess, and by unanimous vote, it was ordered to approve the following consensus items:

#### **APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND MARCH 21, 2013 SPECIAL JOINT BOARD AND LPC MEETING**

Upon recommendation, it was ordered to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2013 Regular Board Meeting and March 21, 2013 Special Joint Board and LPC Meeting as presented. Copies on file.

#### **APPROVE BUS AND BUILDING APPLICATIONS**

Upon recommendation, it was ordered to approve the following bus and building applications

##### **Bus Applications**

- 03-30 LCHS Softball to Estill County High School – Irvine
- 04-02 LCHS FFA to Ice Skating Rink – Lexington
- 04-02 Thru 04-05
  - LCATC Skills USA Students to State Competition – Louisville
- 04-03 LCHS Attendance Reward Trip to Natural Bridge
- 04-09 LCHS Track Meet at Morgan County High School – West Liberty
- 04-09 GEAR UP Students to EKV – Richmond
- 04-10 LCHS Baseball to All A – Hazard
- 04-11 LCMS Beta Students to Hastings Book Store - Richmond
- 04-11 LCATC Office Tech Seniors to MOS & IC3 Certification Testing – Jackson
- 04-11 LCHS Track Meet at Leslie County High School – Hyden
- 04-12 LCMS Proficient & Distinguished Reward Trip to Lee County Recreational Center
- 04-13 Berea College Upward Bound Math & Science Students to Berea College
- 04-16 GEAR UP Students to Challenger Center – Hazard
- 04-16 LCATC Electrical Tech & Carpentry Students to Somerset Lineman’s School & London Campus – Somerset/London
- 04-17 GEAR UP Students to Berea College
- 04-17 GEAR UP Students to Challenger Center – Hazard
- 04-18 GEAR UP Students to Beattyville & Southside Elementary Schools for Mentoring Program
- 04-18 LCHS Tennis to Roy G. Eversoe Gymnasium - Hazard

- 04-18 GEAR UP Students to Challenger Center – Hazard
- 04-19 LCHS Tennis to Estill County High – Irvine
- 04-22 LCHS Tennis to Roy G. Eversoe Gymnasium - Hazard
- 04-23 LCHS Track Meet at Pulaski County High School – Somerset
- 04-25 LCHS Track Meet at Scott County Middle School – Georgetown
- 04-25 LCATC Office Tech Seniors to MOS & IC3 Certification Testing – Jackson
- 04-25 GEAR UP Students to HCTC Space Movie Film Festival – Hazard
- 04-30 LCHS Tennis to June Buchanan – Pippa Passes
- 05-01 LCHS BETA, FBLA, & FFA Students to Dollywood – Pigeon Forge
- 05-03 LCATC Health Science Students to Lee County Recreational Center
- 05-04 LCHS Tennis to Letcher County – Whitesburg
- 05-06 LCATC Health Science Students to Lee County Recreational Center
- 05-08 GEAR UP Students to EKV – Richmond
- 05-08 Southside Attendance Reward Trip to Ruth Hunt Candy, Carter Caves, and Frisch’s –Mt. Sterling, Olive Hill, & Winchester
- 05-09 BE Proficient & Distinguished Student Reward Trip to Lee County Recreational Center
- 05-10 Southside Academic Reward Trip to Monkey Joes, Joseph Beth, & Movie Tavern – Lexington
- 05-13 BE Attendance Reward Trip to Kentucky Horse Park – Lexington
- 05-14 Southside Elementary Third Grade Students to Natural Bridge
- 06-17 LCHS Agriculture Students to KY Leadership Camp – Hardenburg

Building Applications

05-10 and 05-11

Lee County Helping Hands will use the Sedley Stewart Auditorium to hold pageants.

05-13

Lee County Conservation District will use the Lee County High School Cafeteria to hold the annual Soil Conservation Awards Banquet.

APPROVE FUND RAISER APPLICATIONS

Upon recommendation, it was ordered to approve the following fund raiser applications:

Upon Approval

Southside Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Grade will sell popcorn to raise funds for field trips and Fun Day with Inflatables.

05-09

Beattyville Elementary will sell Kona Ice to raise funds for student enrichment activities.

Upon Approval

LCHS Freshmen will sell end of the year T-shirts to raise funds for their senior trip.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING 2013-2014 FUEL BID

Upon recommendation, it was ordered to authorize Superintendent Evans to advertise for fuel bids for the 2013-2014 school year.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING 2013-2014 BUS SUPPLIES & REPAIR ITEMS

Upon recommendation, it was ordered to authorize Superintendent Evans to advertise for bus supplies and repair items for the 2013-2014 school year.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING 2013-2014 MODEL PROCUREMENT BID

Upon recommendation, it was ordered to authorize Superintendent Evans to advertise for the 2013-2014 Model Procurement Bid.

APPROVE AUDIT PRICE QUOTE & CONTRACT

Upon recommendation, it was ordered to approve the audit price quote received from White and Associates, PSC in the amount of \$14,000.00 presented by Superintendent Evans. Copy on file.

APPROVE EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY MOA FOR STUDENT TEACHER AGREEMENT

Upon recommendation, it was ordered to approve the MOA with Eastern Kentucky University regarding the Student Teacher Agreement. Copy on file.

APPROVE KEDC PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR 2013-2014

Upon recommendation, it was ordered to approve the KEDC 2013-2014 Participation Agreement as presented by Superintendent Evans. Copy on file.

APPROVE 2013 SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

Upon recommendation, it was ordered to approve the 2013 Summer Feeding Program.

APPROVE BUS DRIVER PHYSICAL CONTRACTS FOR 2013-2014

Upon recommendation, it was ordered to authorize Superintendent Evans to contract with the following local physicians to complete bus driver physicals during FY 2013-2014 for a fee of \$50.00 per physical: Dr. William Jerome Gay, DO – KY River Medical Center,

Dr. James Noble, MD and Heather Price, APRN – Mercy Health Clinics, Jessica Wilson, PA-C and Scotty Combs, ARNP – Juniper Health, Inc., and Dr. Brian Banks, MD – Owsley County Medical Clinic. These contracts for \$50.00 per physical will be approved upon receipt. Copies on file.

**69-13 APPOINT BOARD TREASURER &  
AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT TO SECURE TREASURER’S BOND**

On motion of Larry Burgess, seconded by Janie Thorpe, and by unanimous vote, it was ordered to appoint Sharron G. Adams Board Treasurer for the 2013-2014 school year and authorize James Evans, Jr., Superintendent, to secure the treasurer’s bond. A bond will also be secured for District Finance Officer, Zina Gibson.

**70-13 APPROVE DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN**

Superintendent Evans presented the draft Strategic Plan to board members for their review and approval. Lee County School District stakeholders (including parents, students, educators, and community members) held a series of meetings to develop this new plan with goals, strategies, a vision and mission that addresses the current needs of our school district. On motion of Melissa Judd, seconded by Curtis Davis, and by unanimous vote, it was ordered to approve the Lee County School District Strategic Plan as presented by Superintendent Evans. Copy on file.

**INSTRUCTION**

Sharon Bush informed board members that she and Sandy Arnold, District CIITS Coordinator, had attended KEDC’s CIITS training earlier today. In speaking with other districts, they discovered that Lee County teachers are ahead of the game in this initiative and should be commended. Ms. Arnold said that all teachers district-wide had been very accepting of CIITS.

**PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

Principals Karen Angel, Maureen Patrick, and Mark Murray reported on current data at their prospective schools.

Ms. Angel informed board members that the middle school has a solid reading and math program in place. She asked that non-tenured middle school teachers who had been non-renewed be notified as soon as possible if there might be a possibility to re-employ them. Ms. Angel also stated that the district as a whole was becoming data driven.

Mr. Murray reported that three (3) Lee County High School juniors, Justin Clay Austin, William Lee Little, and Savanna Jo Noe had been selected as 2013 Governors’ Scholars. He also informed board members that data was coming in rapidly at the high school as

more students were taking the different tests to become College/Career Ready. Lewis Willian, the Education Recovery Leader (ERL) assigned at Lee County High School, reported current data stats in a report format which included data for End of Course Assessments, College Benchmarks, Workkeys, KOSSA, Industry Certificates, College and/or Career Readiness, and Overall Accountability. Mr. Willian informed board members that he planned to provide updated data reports in this same format each month so that everyone could become familiar with the report.

Ms. Patrick shared data results for Star Math, Star Reading, and Think Link. She said Beattyville Elementary staff was continually analyzing data and that 112 students had recently been recognized for improvement in math and 81 for improvement in reading.

#### REVIEW OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT, PART B, BASIC AND EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

Glenna Cummins, Director of Special Education, provided an update on IDEA-B. December 1, 2012 Child Count numbers showed that 12 students ages 3-5, and 146 students ages 6-21 were receiving special education services in the Lee County School District. IDEA-B is a federal program and will be included in those programs receiving a 10% cut in funding. The current budget for the program is \$276,156.00 with the majority covering salaries.

Ms. Cummins also informed board members that spring testing would begin at the high school next week with End of Course Assessments, and spring testing would begin at the middle school and elementary schools April 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### PERSONNEL

There were no personnel matters to report at this time.

#### **71-13 APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION INSTRUMENT**

On motion of Larry Burgess, seconded by Janie Thorpe, and by unanimous vote, it was ordered to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument as presented. Copy on file.

#### **72-13 PAY BILLS & CLAIMS**

On motion of Curtis Davis, seconded by Melissa Judd, and by unanimous vote, it was ordered to pay the bills and claims in order at this time. Copy on file.

#### **73-13 ADJOURN**

On motion of Larry Burgess, seconded by Melissa Judd, and by unanimous vote, it was ordered to adjourn the meeting.