

BOARD MEETING BRIEFS

April 21, 2015

The Logan County Board of Education met in regular session on April 21, 2015, at the Superintendent's office. The following business was conducted:

1. The meeting was called to order by Kenneth Robertson with John Dawson, Ralph Cropper, Phillip Baker and Tim Hall present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by members and guests present.
3. Adairville 8th grader, John Hendricks, shared about his experiences with KYA (Kentucky Youth Assembly) and KUNA (Kentucky United Nations Assembly). He also presented the first installment of The Adairville News, a new project that KYA and KUNA students have undertaken. The Adairville News is a weekly news program that includes features such as weather, birthdays, upcoming events, teacher of the week, and student of the week.
4. Approved the Emergency Declaration for the employment of substitute teachers and paraprofessional personnel
5. Approved the Non-Traditional Instructional Days Application
6. Approved to eliminate Logan County Alternative School as a separate school
7. Approved to amend salary schedule to provide option for LCHS Athletic Director
8. Approved BG-1 for roof projects at Adairville, Lewisburg and Olmstead
9. Approved the **Consent Agenda** as follows:
 1. Minutes of the March 10, 2015 special called meeting;
 2. Minutes of the March 16, 2015 special called meeting;
 3. All bills, claims, and salaries currently due and payable;
 4. Treasurer's report for March 2015;
 5. Superintendent's report on certified and classified actions;
 6. Leave(s) of absences;
 7. Overnight trip for LCHS Bass Fishing Team;
 8. Requests for fundraising activities for Auburn KYA/KUNA, Lewisburg BETA, Lewisburg PTO, Olmstead Volleyball and LCHS Track Team;
 9. Contractual agreement for Cooperation on Full Utilization of Head Start for school year 2015 - 2016;
 10. Renewal of fidelity bonds for the 2015-2016 school year at the same price as the current year;
 11. 2015 Capital Funds Request and the related fund transfers when approved by the state;
 12. Accept bids for the following: mowing the campuses of Adairville, Auburn, Chandlers, Lewisburg and Olmstead Schools and hay removal at Chandlers;
 13. Request permission to bid Food Service Supplies/Services;
 14. Accept bids for preschool playgrounds;
 15. Request to shorten school day for Lewisburg student #1948390933;
 16. Request to waive rental fee for Adairville School gymnasium for April 24th – April 26th for AAU Basketball Tournament;
 17. Request to waive rental fee for Adairville School Library on May 16th for AHS Reunion;
 18. Request to waive rental fee for LCHS Commons Area/Kitchen on July 12th for Logan County Adult Ed;

District:

- All 5 preschool sites have completed one portion of the P2R program review, which is designed to help improve teaching and learning environments within Kentucky's preschool classrooms. Five of the 6 preschool centers were reviewed using the ECERS-R, an early childhood environmental rating scale. The centers were evaluated against 43 indicators, with a score from 1 (poor) to 7 (excellent). Each classroom evaluated was given a composite score, with a similar rating of 1 to 7. Any site with a score of 5 or better is considered to be in the excellent category. All 5 classrooms scored within this category, with individual scores ranking from 6.07 to 6.24.

Adairville:

- The Middle School Choir was invited to the Adairville City Hall to sing "My Old Kentucky Home" and "The National Anthem" during a special ceremony held in celebration of the city being awarded a grant of over a half million dollars to be used to improve the water system in the city. The students performed for our Lt. Governor, Crit Luallen; our state representative *and former Adairville School student*, Martha Jane King; the Adairville City Mayor, Donna Blake; our city council; and other local and state leaders. Choir members are **Grace Richardson, Rylee Hobbs, Aly Dotson, Sydnee Jones, Kayleigh Laurent, Larkin Shoulders, Chloe Farmer, Emma Prince, Emma Jenkins, Bailey Howell, Bridgette Farmer, Paige Hailey, Mason Freeman, Bennie Guzman, Praidan Brown and Morgan Scruggs**. Adairville students also led the group in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Those students were **Alton Hallman, Jenna and Emma Robertson, Carson & Aydan Trimble, and Lucy & Ella Violette**.
- Eighteen 7th and 8th graders attended the Kentucky United Nations Assembly in Louisville, KY. They represented the country of Barbados and proposed the clean-up of current waste. While the ambassadors ultimately defeated the proposal by a narrow margin of only 2 votes, our students represented very well. **Ellie Delaney** received the Outstanding Delegate Award, and Adairville KUNA received a Delegation of Excellence Award. Members of the KUNA team are **Lindsay Allen, Lauren Barnes, Olivia Bouldin,**

Shelby Byrum, Brennan Davenport, Korbin DeBerry, Ellie Delaney, Austin Epley, Roy Flores, Brittany Garrett, Keyleigh Harlan, John Hendricks, Katie Ray Holloman, Myles Kenner, Gracie Knuckles, Emma Macy, McKenna Smith, and Damon Stephens.

- The Elementary Academic Team competed at the Regional Governor's Cup at Longest Elementary in Muhlenberg County with 18 other surrounding elementary schools. In only their second year competing, this group of students came in second place overall. The Future Problem Solving team placed second. Students on this team are **Dustin Brown, Joshua Lawrence, Eva Bouldin, and Emma Robertson. Maddix Mowles** placed 5th in written composition, **Joshua Lawrence** placed 4th in social studies, and **Eva Bouldin** placed 2nd in arts and humanities. The team was also awarded the Katherine Hume Sportsmanship award.

Auburn:

- Auburn Junior Beta Club attended the State Convention in Louisville, Kentucky on March 23rd - 25th with 73 seventh and eighth grade students participating in the event. Over twenty students participated in the arts and crafts competition, four students competed in Quiz Bowl academic contest, thirty students participated in group talent and four students competed in "Tower of Power." Overall, the Auburn Junior Beta was very successful. **Jillian McLellan, Bella Bond and Kate Malott** placed first in the poster competition; **Tanner Morrow** placed third in the Social Studies written assessment; the Quiz Bowl team - **Louis Scott, Tanner Morrow, Sarah Cassady and Christian Hines** - was state runner-up. They now have the opportunity to compete at the National Beta Convention in Nashville this summer.
- Auburn Middle School Robotics hosted the Regional RCX tournament on March 14th with over 20 teams competing. Auburn had two teams place 1st and 3rd which qualified them to compete at the State Tournament in Lexington. These two teams finished in the top 10 while competing at Rupp Arena.
- Auburn's KUNA (KY United Nations Assembly) competed in Louisville on March 19th-21th. The KUNA team works to produce solutions for world issues. A resolution produced by **Sarah Cassady and Andrea Hinojoza** to add a branch to the United Nations Office of Drug and Crime to stop human trafficking was passed at the KUNA conference. In addition, **Sarah Cassady** received an Outstanding Delegation Award, and **Andrea Hinojoza** received an Outstanding Speaker Award out of the 700 presenting students.
- Auburn's KUNA team placed in the TOP 10 for Most Community Service Points for the entire state of Kentucky through the YMCA. They collected shoes for the Waterstep program, had Thanksgiving and Easter Food Drives and led the Student Leadership programs.
- Auburn's Kindergarten through 5th grade students were visited by a Holstein cow, Jet, from Southerland Dairy Farms on April 16th. Students were able to learn where milk originates and the multitude of products produced from milk.

Chandlers:

- The Bionic Bears middle school robotics team placed 12th in the RCX State Tournament at Rupp Arena in late March and were part of a feature on Louisville's WHAS television station.
- Over 50 K-8 young ladies took part in a STEM afternoon organized by faculty and staff members, focusing on career interests in these fields.

Lewisburg:

- On March 16th - 18th, the Lewisburg Jr. Beta Club attended the State Jr. Beta Convention in Louisville, KY. Students participated in several events including Arts and Crafts, Academic Exams, Scrapbook, and Songfest. **Sylas Morris** placed third in the Spelling Exam, which qualifies him to compete at the National Convention in June. The entire club placed second overall out of 29 clubs in the Songfest Competition, which also qualifies them to compete at Nationals. Songfest requires students to take a well-known song, rewrite the words to fit the theme of convention and showcase what Beta Club is all about. Then they add hand/upper body movements to the song, while keeping their feet stationary and perform that song at convention. This year's theme was "Betas: Rockin' The Country," and a committee made up of **Maria Wells, Addie White, Makayla Strode and Hannah Goss** wrote words to the tune of "Lips Are Movin'" by Meghan Trainor. The National Convention will be held in Nashville, TN at the Opryland Hotel on June 25th - 29th.
- Sam Northern, Language Arts teacher, was selected as a 2015 KEA Diversity Committee Lesson Plan contest winner. The lesson plan focused on Chinese culture while applying reading and writing skills. Mr. Northern was honored at a special dinner in Louisville on April 9th for his achievement.
- Lewisburg Elementary 3rd and 4th graders have had the opportunity to participate in the school's art club this year. These students and their club sponsor Mrs. Grace Siegert have met after school on Fridays to create several different types and pieces of art. We were honored to have 75 people in attendance on the evening of March 19th at their art gallery night as these student leaders displayed their hard work.
- Three Lewisburg students were named Conservation Art Contest Winners -- **Brooke Jenkins, 1st; Kylie Lawson, 2nd; and Cade Johnson, 3rd.**

Olmstead:

- The Olmstead Middle School band received all distinguished ratings at the KMEA festival in Bowling Green on Thursday, April 16th.
- Middle school language arts teacher Justin Adams has had poems recently selected for publication in creative writing journals *The Round Table* and *Pensworth*, which are both set to release at the end of April.
- On Thursday, March 19th, grades K-3 held a Math and Reading Night. Students were engaged in math and reading games and activities while parents attended teacher-led workshops in the classroom about strategies for assisting their children with reading and math. Third grade also had a science fair that night and shared their science projects.

- Olmstead School raised \$3800 in February during Jump Rope for Heart and the American Heart Association.

LCHS:

- **Caleb Williams** has auditioned for the KMEA 3rd District All-District Jazz Band and was selected as the **1st chair and Lead Trombone player!** He will spend a weekend with the top jazz musicians in 3rd District rehearsing and performing at the end of April!
- Congratulations to senior **Jackson Wells**, junior **Kayla Pfistner** (March); sophomore **Paige Jones** and freshman **Garrett Wilhelm** (February). They are the latest Attendance for Academic Success contest winners! Each student received a \$15 Taco Bell or \$15 Subway gift card and Academic Success medallions!
- Forty LCHS Band students attended the KMEA Third District Solo & Ensemble Festival. Four students qualified to play solos at the KMEA State Solo & Ensemble Festival in May; fourteen students received a Distinguished Solos; three students received Proficient Ensembles and five students received Proficient Solos. This is the first time in the history of the school that LCHS has had students participate at the state level. The students are **Caleb Williams**, **Zoe Beasley**, **Angus Moore** and **Zack Skotak**. In addition, Nick **Manning** is the first guitar student in the history of LCHS to attend the KMEA Third District Solo & Ensemble Festival, and he received a Distinguished Rating!
- The LCHS DECA Chapter placed 2nd in the State for the largest increase in membership from last year, with an increase of 97%. The following students also placed at the DECA State Conference: **Isiah Price**, 2nd in Business Finance; **Austin Gregory**, 3rd in KY Marketing Principles; **Nikki Crafton**, 4th in Principles of Finance; **Ali Davis**, 5th in Principles of Finance; **Alexis Chick**, 6th in Principles of Marketing and **Monica Hines**, 6th in Principles of Finance. In addition, **Brianna Winn** was the Outstanding DECA Member of the Year.
- On March 31st, LCHS FFA sent 2015-2016 President **Morgan Hunt**, 2014-2015 President **Wesley Estes** and delegates **Ashley Brinkley** and **Kenton Howard** to WKU to run for regional and state offices. After an interview process, **Morgan Hunt** was named the 2015-2016 Regional Treasurer, and **Wesley Estes** was nominated to represent the Barren River Region and run for state office at State Convention in Lexington this summer. The chapter also received the following results for proficiencies:
 - 2nd in Ag. Communications - **Ann-Meguiar Bouldin**
 - Superior rating in Ag. Education - **Ann-Meguiar Bouldin**
 - Superior rating in Ag. Mechanics and Repair Placement - **Nick Stuart**
 - Superior rating in Ag. Mechanics Design and Fabrication - **Nick Stuart**
 - 2nd in Ag Sales Placement - **Kameron Higgins**
 - Superior rating in Ag Services - **Kameron Higgins**
 - 2nd in Ag Research Animal Systems - **William Bagby**
 - Superior rating in Ag Research Plant Systems - **Ashley Brinkley**
 - 1st in Ag Research Integrated Systems - **DJ Price**
 - 1st in Ag Processing - **Shelby Blythe**
 - Superior rating in Beef Ent - **Andrew Milam**
 - 1st in Beef Placement - **Wesley Estes**
 - 2nd in Equine Science Placement - **Kelly Eicher**
 - 1st in Forage Production - **Andrew Milam**
 - Superior rating in Fruit Production - **Claire Wilson**
 - 2nd in Home and Community Development - **Peyton Goodhue**
 - 2nd in Outdoor Recreation - **Peyton Goodhue**
 - Superior rating in Small Animal Production and Care - **Hunter Bailey**
 - 1st in Swine Production Placement - **Kelly Eicher**
 - 2nd in Sheep Production - **Jackson Campbell**
 - 1st in Specialty Crop Production - **Paige Brown**
 - 2nd in Vegetable Production - **Claire Wilson**
 - 1st in Diversified Crop Production Ent. - **Adam Wright**
 - Superior rating in Emerging Agriculture Technology - **Alex Hughes**
 - 1st in Fiber and/or Oil Crop Production - **Alex Hughes**
 - Superior rating in Grain Production Placement - **Luke Davenport**
 - 1st in Grain Production Ent. - **Adam Wright**
 - 1st in Food Science and Tech. - **Shelby Blythe**
 - 2nd in Nursery Operations - **Patrick Cruz**
 - 2nd in Landscape Management - **Patrick Cruz**
 - 1st in Wildlife Management - **DJ Price**
 - 2nd in Tobacco Essay - **Claire Wilson**

1st Place Proficiencies will represent our region at state contest in the summer.

LCAS:

- One student has completed 1.5 credits toward graduation, and the remaining students are setting goals and obtaining passing grades on courses to complete by end of May.

RATC:

- Seven students will be competing in the FBLA Conference in Louisville on April 20th – 22th.
- Twenty-two students will be competing in the SkillUSA Leadership Conference held in Louisville on April 22th – 25th.
- RATC will hold an Awards Night ceremony to celebrate the successes of its students at the UK Extension office on April 30th at 6:00. Everyone is invited to attend.

95 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

It’s been nearly six weeks since our last Board meeting, and there’s much to report.

Grow Your Own finished our first year with two meetings on Staffing and Human Resources. It has been great seeing so many faces at each of those meetings. Many people attend every month, yet other folks are only able to attend sporadically. We will take anyone, whenever they can attend.

In late March, our Director of Technology, Tommy Sandlin, hosted the regional meeting and monthly webcast presented by KDE Associate Commissioner David Couch. The webcast was presented from Chandler’s School across the Commonwealth to all other district technology staff. State Representative Martha Jane King, Board member Phil Baker and EPB President Robert White were in attendance and shared their thoughts on the outstanding technology infrastructure present in Logan County Schools.

I have successfully completed my year of required New Superintendent Training. Our most recent training occurred at the KY Education Law and Finance Institute. During the Institute, I gave a concurrent session presentation on Human Resource Law in Kentucky. I have also attended my last Leadership Logan meeting and will “graduate” next week. Those two programs caused me to spend a few days each month away from the district. Hopefully, I can turn the extra days into more visits to schools.

Working with the SBDM Council at Olmstead, we successfully completed the principal selection process and chose Bonnie Watson to serve as the next principal of Olmstead School. Bonnie is an excellent choice and will continue the expectation of excellence at her school. We wish her the very best.

We are also very excited to announce that Finley Baird will serve as the new Director of Student Services. She has a long career of working with students in a college admissions setting, and we know those skills will transfer here as she works with students of all ages. Finley will also remain head coach of the Lady Cougar basketball team.

We have visited several Area Technology Centers (ATC) as we move into the design and development phase of construction. Our architect has shared a DRAFT schematic plan with me and will share that plan with the Board at the MAY meeting. After the meeting, we will be sure to share it with all of you. We are still on schedule to bid the project this fall, break ground in NOV and open in the spring of 2017. Very exciting!

Our Superintendent Teen Task Force visited Logan Aluminum and got very special treatment. We heard from several of their team on the many opportunities that exist for our graduates. We also toured the facility. Nearly every student had a family member or family friend who works there. The impact Logan Aluminum has on our community is impressive, and it’s only going to increase with the potential expansions.

There have been several chances for me to interact with our students at various public events. The Chamber of Commerce had a ribbon cutting at the RATC Shoppe, a student-run store, where school supplies, school spirit gear and snacks can be purchased. Students from several schools participated in this year’s Child Abuse Awareness Walk. The choir from Adairville sang several songs during the Lt. Governor’s presentation of a check to the city for water and sewer upgrades.

The year is winding down, and that means Site Visits for our principals. As part of PPGES, I am required to have two site visits with each principal. Those are occurring during April.

Lastly, I’m excited about finishing my first year as your superintendent. KPREP testing is coming soon and will help to validate all of the instructional leadership shown by our principals, the classroom instruction given by our teachers, and the hard work of our students and support staff. The end of MAY will bring graduations, promotions, and other student celebrations. It’s often those events that help us appreciate what great jobs we have in education. Changing and improving the lives of our students is a tremendous gift. I’m thankful every day to be an educator.

This concludes my superintendent’s report.

10. Voted to adjourn and meet again in regular session on May 19, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.