

BOARD MEETING BRIEFS

September 23, 2014

The Logan County Board of Education met in regular session on September 23, 2014 at the Superintendent's Office.

1. The meeting was called to order by Kenneth Robertson with John Dawson, Ralph Cropper, Phil Baker and Tim Hall present.
2. The invocation was given by Mr. Baker.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.
4. Sherrie Pryor, English Language Arts teacher at Chandlers School introduced 8th grade students Duncan Sandlin, Nathan McDowell, Rachel Price, Gracie Richey and Blake Brady. The students presented information regarding a class they are taking this semester "Change the World" and demonstrated one of their presentations from the class- Job Shadowing.
5. Danny Harris presented the 2014 – 2015 Working Budgets.
6. Approved the appointment of teacher representatives to the Certified Evaluations Appeals Panel.
7. Approved the appointment of Central Office Administrator (Alternates) to Evaluation Appeals Committee.
8. Approved the request to retain the law firm of English, Lucas Priest & Owsley, LLP to provide legal services.
9. Approved the emergency certification of LCHS Special Education teacher.
10. Approved the emergency certification of LCHS Science teacher.
11. Approved the review of KRS 158.447 Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED).
12. Approved the creation of an Instructional Aide position at Chandlers School.
13. Approved the **Consent Agenda** as follows:
 1. Minutes of August 12, 2014 regular meeting;
 2. Payment of the Olmstead School Project to Carter Douglas;
 3. All bills, claims, and salaries currently due and payable;
 4. The Treasurer's report for August, 2014;
 5. Superintendent's report on certified and classified actions;
 6. Request(s) for leave(s) of absences;
 7. Request(s) for overnight trips(s) for Adairville KYA, Chandlers SPED class, Olmstead 8th grade class, LCHS FBLA, LCHS Band and LCHS FFA;
 8. Request(s) for fundraising activities for Adairville KYA/KUNA, Adairville BETA, Adairville Guidance/GT, Adairville Boys & Girls Basketball, Adairville PTO, Adairville Cheerleading, Auburn BETA, Auburn Athletics, Auburn Library, Chandlers SPED Class, Olmstead History Club, Olmstead School Wide, Olmstead Comp-U-Tech, LCHS Project Graduation, LCHS Project Prom, LCHS DECA, LCHS Band, LCHS BETA, LCHS FCCLA and LCHS Cross Country;
 9. Request from all five individual schools to apply for the Mathematics Achievement Fund (MAF) Grant;
 10. Request from Auburn School to apply for the Teaching Art Together Grant;
 11. Request from Auburn School to apply for VSA Kentucky – The State Organization on Arts and Disability grant for \$1250;
 12. Request to waive rental fee for the use of Auburn School for Junior Achievement's Breakfast with Santa on December 13;
 13. Request to waive rental fee for the use of Chandlers School dining room/gymnasium for Oak Grove Baptist Church for Team Kids Fun night on September 24 and December 3;
 14. Request to waive rental fee for Chandlers School dining room for KY Hunters Education on September 18-20;
 15. Request to waive rental fee for the use of LCHS gymnasium and dining room/kitchen for Living God COGIC church service and luncheon on November 16;
 16. Items no longer in use as surplus property including 1999 Ford 150 Pickup, 2001 Ford F250 Pickup, Yardman 21 hp mower with 42"deck, and numerous technology equipment items;
 17. Request to authorize bids for surplus property;
 18. 2014 – 2015 state computed indirect cost rates of non-restricted 11.24% and restricted .95%;

Good News:

DISTRICT:

- FRYSC had approximately 310 students fitted for new Nike Tennis Shoes through the Rotary Club's Happy Feet Program. This year, shoes will also be provided for emergency situations during the year.

ADAIRVILLE:

- Adairville has started a Choir program in the middle school, and fourteen 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students have signed up and begun participating.
- There was a great turn out for Dads and Kids Pizza Night, in which Dads were recruited to be a part of the Watch D.O.G.S. school volunteer force. Approximately 150 were in attendance.
- A very successful Book Fair was held during the week of September 8th with numerous parents and grandparents visiting the Book Fair with their children and grandchildren to purchase books.

AUBURN:

- Auburn held a Watch DOGS event on August 21 to promote involvement in the school by students' dads, uncles, grandfathers, etc.

- Auburn Elementary will be recognized at the Southern Obesity Summit in October and KSBA later in the year for its efforts to improve the fitness and health of its students, faculty, staff, parents and community. Auburn offers faculty/staff/parent workout sessions, as well as Moving Minute each morning.
- Grades Pre/K – 3rd enjoyed a family Fun and Fit Night on September 9th with approximately 200 participants. Parents and students engaged in activities to increase their knowledge of math and reading with a fitness twist. Four students won scooters as grand prizes: **Eli McGinnis, Lindsay Higgs, Linvia Lingerfelt, and Claire Dayton.**
- Auburn Elementary reached the \$100,000 mark in Jump Rope for Heart, thanks to the efforts of Coach and P.E. teacher Josh Hall and the hardworking students at Auburn School.
- Auburn's 8th grade class visited Western KY University on September 12 to increase their knowledge of being college and career ready.

CHANDLERS:

- Over 500 community members took part in school activities over a two-day span, with a "Watch DOGS" event Monday night, followed by "Breakfast with Someone Grand" Tuesday morning and a "Family Fun" event that evening.

LEWISBURG:

- Lewisburg School held its annual 'Watch DOGS' Dads and Kids Pizza Night on Tuesday, September 2nd. With guest speaker Steven Cross, over 133 dads and kids attended and were introduced to the importance of volunteers in the school. Thirteen new dads signed up to be trained as volunteers, and many others expressed further interest.
- On Wednesday, September 17th, a 'Constitution Day' school-wide assembly was held for grades K-8. Students wrote speeches, performed a play, sang and recognized the importance of the U.S. Constitution. The student-led assembly included dramatizations, speeches, and a choir selection.
- Family Fun Night was held on Friday, September 19th. Students, families and community members attended in support of the teachers and PTO. The book fair was held in the library, as well, to raise money for new books and resources for students.

OLMSTEAD:

- Olmstead's Fall Festival was held September 5th. The Pottery Room, located in Clarksville, TN, helped each homeroom create a piece of pottery decorated in some way with each student's fingerprint. These plates were auctioned at the end of the festival activities that night.
- On September 6th, a group of staff members, Olmstead parents, and students went to Nashville to participate in the Autism Awareness Walk as part of Team Blake, honoring an Olmstead second grader.
- On September 19th, Olmstead 8th grade visited Octagon Hall going through the following rotations: Civil War ambulance, Civil War ammunition/cannon, General Robert E. Lee speaker, Civil War singing sisters, and tour of the house which served as a hospital throughout the war. They went on to visit South Union Shaker Museum for a Civil War demonstration and introduction into the Shaker lifestyle and its impact on society.

LCHS:

- Congratulations to sophomore **Chasity Davidson** and senior **Ethan Haley**. They are the Attendance for Academic Success Contest Winners for August.
- Several LCHS students competed in the outstanding youth competition at the Logan County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. **Wesley Estes, Dru Brown, Zach Brinkley,** and **Andrew Milam** competed for the boys; **Ashley Brinkley, Ann Meguiar Bouldin** and **Lilly Robertson** competed for the girls. **Lilly Robertson** won the girls division, and **Wesley Estes** won the boys division.
- The following students were selected for the new LCHS Goal-Driven Resilient Influential Teens (GRIT) team members to work with the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens. They will also be serving as Renaissance student advisory council members. **Matt Harper, Cole Stanley, Dalton Furlow, Garrison Rosser, Jesse Lashley, Kenton Howard, Ter'Vareus Bowens** and **Dylan Coonts** are the male students; the female students are **Addison Steward, Ann-Meguiar Bouldin, Victoria Gipson, Rachel Pitts, Breanna Baptiste, Rachel Cunningham** and **Sarah Edgar**.
- So far, LCHS Marching Cougar Band placed well in their three contests. At the Franklin Simpson contest, they received 1st in class AAAA, Best Color Guard Class AAAA and Reserve Grand Champion; at the Butler County contest they received 2nd in Class AAAA and Best Color Guard Class AAAA; at the Russellville contest they received 2nd in Class AAAA and Reserve Grand Champion. The Logan County Home Show will be held Saturday.

LCAS:

- Since the beginning of the school year, two students have completed the program, and two more are expected to exit by the end of next week and return to their regular school.

RATC:

- Fifty-six (43 LCHS) seniors are identified to attend the Monster.com event with BRADD to launch the in school Academy for Career Excellence on September 25th. These students will take part in a cohort for the remainder of the school year to develop leadership and career ready skills through the [Academy of Career Excellence](#).
- Our annual Open House is September 23rd from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

In the several weeks since our last Board meeting, I have remained busy building relationships with students, staff and community members. I've been with WKU President Gary Ransdell on two occasions, including a visit to LCHS where he met with guidance counselors and principals discussing College and Career Readiness. I met with the

coaches at LCHS, shared my expectations and thanked them for the time and effort they spend building relationships and providing opportunities for our students. I enjoyed lunch with our Migrant staff, local farmers Kim Coleman, Phil and Jan Holiday and several of their workers. It was very special to see the impact that Mayra Duncan and Aubrietta Woodall have on the educational development of these young men.

This year's *Leadership Logan* cohort has met three times, including Agriculture Day and Tourism Day. There's so much to offer in Logan County, and this opportunity will help me grow to understand all that our communities have to offer.

I have been with each principal at least twice since our last Board meeting. During those meetings, we worked together to develop their Professional Growth Plans, while also discussing what they're doing to train our teachers on the new Danielson Framework for Teaching. We also worked to examine resources and strategies that can be used to improve the successful implementation of the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES).

I was invited to speak with the second grade students at Adairville. The topic was Careers in the Military, and I used the characteristics of duty, honor and country as a framework. I even gave a demonstration on how we bathed and brushed our teeth in the desert during Desert Storm. I made sure to clean up the water in Ms. Eblen's room. The discussion was scheduled on the Friday before Labor Day Weekend, so we also discussed hamburgers, BBQ, swimming and visiting with family!

During Parent Night at Chandler's, I had my picture taken with the Bear and listened to a session delivered by assistant principal Robbie Davis on college and career readiness. The students and families in that session gained valuable insight on things they can do now to prepare.

Kathleen Bailey, a teacher from Olmstead, spent time with me sharing the details and experiences of the eighth grade trip to Land between the Lakes. Her enthusiasm was contagious and she inspired me to move forward on an initiative called the Superintendent Teen Task Force. The Superintendent Teen Task Force is comprised of eighth grade students representing each school who meet monthly to experience high impact, interactive student leadership training and to discuss issues relevant to students in Logan County. We will be selecting 6-8 students from each school to participate.

In an effort to get a clearer picture of the health of our school facilities, I asked architect Tony Thomas from Clotfelter/Samokar to join me and Ben Kemplin as we did a brief needs assessment at each school. Our visits generated a report that will be helpful as I work with the Board to address facility needs. I have also worked with two separate roofing vendors to get their assistance in creating a long-term roofing plan. With Jason Givens' help, we also have new landscape at our Board Office.

After Data Day on MON, 15 SEP, ten other staff members and I played a round of golf at Rolling Hills. It was a great time for fellowship, and a little competitive banter. I'm proud to say I was joined by Tate Hancock, Ethan Meguiar, and Adam Webster as the winners of a hard fought battle on the links. I look forward to more events like this in the future.

Fall Break will be a busy time for our Tech Staff as they deploy two computer labs at the high school, one lab at Chandler's, and several SmartBoards throughout the district. We should also begin to see the benefit of the "dark fiber" initiative which will result in Intranet speeds nearly 100 times faster than before. This will mostly impact programs like Scholastic and staff access to their Z-drives.

Tomorrow night begins our Grow Your Own (GYO) program. The purpose of this program is to: promote leadership development and growth, build positive relationships among teachers and staff, foster the development of positive, professional learning communities, and improve the individual performance of staff in our schools.

Before I conclude this month's report, I want to share that for our 11 NOV Board meeting, we will meet with each SBDM Council. The Board and I look forward to a casual and collegial environment where real discussions on what schools need will be the focus.

This concludes my report.

Dr. Kevin F. Hub, Superintendent
Logan County Schools