THE LC SUPERINTENDENTS DESK **THE VALUE OF TIME**

By KATIE H. WEBB Lawrence County Superintendent

Time is one of the most valuable gifts we have, yet it's also one of the easiest things to take for granted. We all get the same 24 hours in a day, but how we use that time makes all the difference.

In the blink of an eye, I'm over 50 years old. How did that happen? I'm rounding the corner on my 30th year in education. I'm a proud mom of two grown-up kids, and I'm even a grandmother now. It feels like just yesterday I was cruising around in the '80s with the windows down, listening to my favorite songs on a cassette tape. Time has this sneaky way of flying by, and you can't get it ute in the classroom is a chance back.

of time wisely. Whether it's time with family, time at work, or time spent on other things that matter to us, every moment counts. We often assume we'll always have more time, but the truth is, none of us ever know how much we really have.

In schools, time is one of our greatest resources. Every school day is packed with lessons, activities, learning, and opportunities to change a life for the better. It is so inspiring to see a teacher work hard to make the most of the time they have with students, knowing that every minto make a difference. But learn-

It is important to use the gift ing doesn't just happen in scheduled blocks-it happens in the small moments, too. A quick conversation in the hallway, a few extra minutes helping a kid after class, or a kind word by an adult in the building at just the right time can leave a lasting impact.

> all of us, no matter who we are. The time we give to others—listening, encouraging, or simply being present—is more valuable than anything else we can offer. A grown child will look back and remember the time a parent spent reading or playing with them more than any wrapped gift they received. A friend will appreciate the time we took to



The same is true in life for check in on them when they were struggling.

So, let's be intentional with our time. Let's spend it on what truly matters—helping others, building relationships, and leaving a positive legacy. Because once time is gone, we don't get it back. The best thing we can do is use that gift wisely while we have it.

LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION **HELD REGULAR MEETING FEB. 18**

held its regular meeting at Lawrence County High School in the library on Feb. 18, 2025, at 6 p.m. Board members Jim See (Chairman), Maddlene Roberts (Vice-Chair) and Susie Rice were all present in person. The board excused Garnett Skaggs and Barbara Robinson from the meeting.

Mr. See called the meeting to order. The board approved the agenda as presented.

In students and staff presentations and recognitions:

A moment of silence was held in honor of Miss Angel Evans, a BES 7th grade student. Angel was a member of the LMS basketball team and the BES FCA. Mr. Jennings commented, "Angel attended BES from a preschool age. She was always full of energy and involved in many activities. She was a joy to be around, plus her family has always been helpful and involved in the school."

A moment of silence was also held in honor of Mr. Ryan Sammons, a teacher at LCHS.

Mrs. Prince and several other audience members gave fond accounts of Mr. Sammons. Mrs. Prince discussed his work with the golf team, of which her daughter is a member. Mrs. Rhonda Colvin commented, "He had a teacher's heart and was a true asset to our schools." Mrs. Kristy Sammons thanked everyone for their kind comments, thoughtfulness and prayers.

The Louisa West Elementary School highlighted their Math Coach, Mrs. Mary Anne Pack. Mr. Maynard received a grant for (2) Math Coaches in our school district. This position helps to support math teachers, training, and professional learning. Louisa West hosted a KY Family Math Night on Thursday, Feb. 6. Mrs. Jennifer Burns, LWES Librarian, discussed the social and emotional learning (SEL) activities through Character Counts. Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Moore, LWES Guidance Counselor, work together, scheduling one week per month. The duo selects a book that will provide students with insight into SEL. The storybook is read to the students, and then they do an activity to reinforce the lesson. National FFA Week was February 15-22, 2025. Mrs. Blackburn asked for the presentations to be moved to a later meeting, due to all the school cancellations because of the inclement weather. The motion to table the FFA presentations was approved.

The Lawrence County Board of Education staff safe. Thank you to all these individuals.

In an update on the KY Governor's Cup Competitions, Louisa Middle School placed third overall, with three individual students competing at state.

The Louisa East Boys B and C basketball teams won their Eastern KY Elementary Basketball Conference championship divisions. Congratulations to these students and their coaches.

The Kentucky School Board Association (KSBA) Annual Conference was scheduled for February 21-23. The LCHS Choir and JROTC Color Guard are invited to perform at the opening sessions. We are so proud of these students and their instructor, Mrs. Johnson.

There were no public comments.

In student learning and support services:

The board approved the Minutes of January 21, 2025, Regular Meeting and the Minutes of January 27, 2025, Special Meeting & Draft Budget Work Session.

The Claims and Orders of the Treasurer were approved. A \$278,000 bond payment and a \$35,000 payment sent for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library are included in the approved items.

Mrs. Brandi Peters presented the Monthly Financial Repo

| Beginning Balance: | \$7,580,889 |
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| Total Revenue for Aug: | \$2,458,046 |
| Expenditures for Aug: | \$3,800,110 |
| Fund 1 Cash Balance for Aug: | \$2,339,299 |
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JOHNSON COUNTY — The Johnson County Public Library, 444 Main St., has left over seed packets of Detroit dark red beets, mixed green gourmet lettuce and little finger carrots to give away.

Ask for packets at the library help desk, limited to one packet of each seed, per family while supplies last. Call 606-789-4355 or HelpDesk@ jcplky.org for more information.

munity members, and Safety Resource Officers.

The current school year's projected adjustments are set for the last day for students on June 10. However, if Bill 241 passes, this end date will change.

The District Calendar Committee has recommended the Superintendent regarding the 2025-2026 School District Calendar. The committee recommended Option 1 based on public preference. This option selects the new school year beginning on August 13 for students. This meeting had no action or vote on this recommendation, and this calendar has not yet been approved.

The board approved participating in a class action litigation/settlement with Cintas regarding invoicing for amounts exceeding authorized

In communications, Mrs. Webb gave the Superintendent's update.

Mrs. Webb welcomed KASA Superintendent Coach Fred Carter, the Director of Coaching and Mentoring for KY's new superintendents. Mr. Carter discussed his past work experience and complimented Mrs. Webb on doing a fantastic job.

Mrs. Webb gave the update on SEEK funding and the legislative update. The funding shortfall for SEEK has been funded. The legislature has guaranteed funding toward SEEK.

Mrs. Webb discussed the school calendar. The district has used all 10 of our NTI days. We have also had 17 inclement weather days and three delayed days. House Bill 241, which relates to school district calendars, would allow the KY Department of Education Commissioner to grant up to (5) Disaster Relief Student Attendance Days and up to five (5) calamity days. The bill has passed the House of Representatives and has moved to the Senate for discussion.

Lawrence County School Counselors, FRY-SC's and SRO's have had appreciation weeks and days. We want to thank our counselors who work hard for all our students. Thank you to the Family Resource and Youth Service Center coordinators for their work. Our School Resource Officers (SRO) keep our schools, students, and

Ending Balance for Aug \$0,3*(2,(2)* Balance sheets reflect the balance of each fund as of January 31, 2025.

Expenditures exceeded revenue due to three payrolls in January.

In the Consent Agenda: Updated the locally operated MNA Program Clinical Education Memorandum of Agreement between LCHS and The Jordan Center.

An elevator maintenance contract for LEES for \$227.40, an increase of \$10.83.

A letter of Agreement with The Jordan Center for the use of facilities in the case of emergency resident evacuation. Mrs. Webb discussed this with Mr. McKenzie from The Jordan Center. There were concerns about whether water levels would rise and the need for an emergency plan for their residents. Mrs. Webb saw this as "a neighbor helping neighbor" plan.

BES requested permission to apply for the FRYSC AmeriCorps grant onsite worker position to help address issues with food security, complete a service project, and learn about community needs and career skills at no cost to the district.

In Construction/Building & Grounds Projects/Updates,

An invoice for \$1,561.04 for professional services by RossTarrant Architects for the new carpentry building and greenhouse.

Approved a pay application to Codell Construction for \$193,887.30 for work performed on the LCHS Vocational Education Center Renovations & Expansion.

An invoice for the special inspection services by Solid Ground Consulting Engineering (KY) for \$7,050.00.

An invoice for the professional services by RossTarrant Architects for \$1,956.97.

Approved a pay application to Codell Construction for \$300,565.46 for the LMS Roof Replacement.

In Other Action: The LC Security Committee held its second meeting. The members brainstormed ideas for new safety measures that may be implemented within the school district. The group will also visit other school districts to observe the functionality of vestibules and metal detectors. The committee comprises parents, certified and non-certified staff members, com-

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pricing.

A revised LWES, LEES, and LMS bell schedules were approved, adding ten minutes to each school day.

The board approved permission to seek bids for grass mowing services.

There was no new business.

In Personnel: Approved the abolishment, creation, and changes regarding positions.

Approved updated pages to the 2027-2025 LC Schools Salary Schedule from previous board action regarding Math Achievement Fund MOA.

Superintendent Professional Growth & Evaluation: Katie H. Webb

Standard 4: Human Resource Leadership

Mrs. Webb discussed the Leadership Retreat held with administrators at the beginning of the school year. The TARGET program also has a mentorship program for first-and second-year teachers or veteran teachers from other school districts. This program helps these teachers adjust to protocols within our district and provides new teachers with one-on-one coaching. LC Schools also offer the Aspiring Leaders Academy, hosted by Mrs. Brady. This program builds the next generation of leaders. Leaders build other leaders! District Manager Administrators Principals (DMAP) meet once a month. This meeting is designed for regional managers and principals and helps define the significant needs of the school district. Central Office Communication and Accountability (COCA) is the district administrators' meeting. COCA minutes/records are kept on a Google form by each administrator. The group discusses the district needs, and discusses their responsibilities for the upcoming week

Approved acknowledgement of receipt of Superintendent's Personnel Action/Update: hires: Shounda Vance, Louisa Middle School, cook/ baker; Ellie Webb, Audra Rose and Alyssa Preston, District, substitute teachers; and Charlie Bradshaw, District, bus driver.

Resignations were Freddie Wooten, teacher at LWES; Debbie Little, bus monitor and Nichole Lewis, bus driver.

Change in position are Isaac Hinkle FT bus drive to sub bus driver and Latasha Rigsby, teacher to sub teacher at LWES. Mr. See adjourned the meeting.

The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on March 17, at 6 p.m., at Blaine Elementary School. All residents are always invited to attend the Lawrence County Board Meetings to become aware of the issues affecting our students and schools. The meetings may also be viewed virtually through the public viewing link. A copy of the most recent Lawrence County Board agenda's and meetings may be found on the current Lawrence County District webpage at www.lawrence.k12.ky.us.