

Bracken Board of Education

Bracken County Board of Education met July 14, 2025. Present: Board Members: Josh Jones, Angie Crawford, Tracy Florer, Melissa Takata; Superintendent: Clayton King; Treasurer: Brittany Mullikin; Staff and guest: Kevin Courtney, Jamey Johnson, Rick Staviski, James Jenkins, Deayna Woodruff, Colt Woodruff, Wyatt Woodruff, Kendra Scott, Garrett Scott, Khloe Eby, Amy Bussel, Brenda Bussel, Eastyn Buchanan, Lila Brindley, Brandy Wilson, Cayden Williams, Sanae Takata, Ren Takata, and Reiko Takata.

The July 14, 2025 Bracken County Board of Education Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Joshua Jones.

Items Approved by the Board at its July 14, 2025 Meeting were:

•Minutes of June 9, 2025 regular board meeting •June 2025 Treasurer’s Report; •June 2025 Monthly Financial Report; •Payment of all Bills and Claims; •Superintendent Travel; •Indirect Cost Rates for 2025-2026 Food Service Program at 13.25%; •District Assurances and Statement of Assurances; •HS Football to Kings Island on 7/12/25 for team bonding (Mr.

King preapproved); •Lila Brindley to use the BCHS gym for funeral services for Dr. Brindley on 6/22/25 (Mr. King got verbal approval); •Bracken County 4H to use buses and suburban with trailer for 4H camp drop off and pickup 6/23 and 6/27 (Mr. King pre-approved); •Scholastic 3D archery to use the HS gym/cafeteria/concession for hosting an indoor archery tournament as fundraising for a non school affiliated team (non-profit, based in Bracken County); •CEP Free Lunch program for 2025-2026; •2025-2026 Employee Handbook; •2nd reading of KSBA Policy and procedures update; •List of traceable communication systems; •Creating an itinerate special education teacher position to be assigned to Taylor Elementary.

Items Reviewed by the Board at its July 14, 2025 Meeting with No Action Taken were:

•Track Recognition for State Meet – Ashton Buchanan, Eastyn Buchanan, Kyler Burton, Taylor Burton, Chris Chandler, Bren Conley, Khloe Eby, Braelyn Garvey, Lucas Hank, Haylee Harrison, Hunter Harrison, Kelsy Harrison, Griffin Hiles, Ethan Phillips, Garrett Scott, Sanae Takata, Tyler Takata, Travis Walters, Cayden Williams, Baylee Wilson, Colt Woodruff, Wyatt Wood-

ruff.

Personnel: The following individuals were hired pending meeting all board requirements: Hired – Anthony Moore (Freshman Boys Basketball Coach), Emily Klar (TE Music Teacher), Nathan Combess (6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach), Michael Cannon (7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach), Loren Brothers (Instructional Assistant), Andrew Bissotti (BCHS Principal), Emma Hurst (Certified Sub), James Hopp (Sub Bus Driver), Darrin Sutton (HS Varsity Baseball Coach), Brandon Bills (Sub Bus Driver), Jonathan Nelson (Girls Varsity Basketball), Tony Jarrell (Sub Bus Driver); Resignation/Retirements – Samantha Hardy (Bus Driver/Trainer), Rob Krift (Varsity Baseball Coach), Clint Litzinger (MS Teacher & Technology Coordinator), Philip Hester (Retiring Bus Driver); Other FMLA – Melissa Walters (8/13/25-9/15/25), Transfer – Allana Purcell (from HS Teacher to BCMS Counselor). SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: Michelle Burgan, Michael Cannon, Sheila Crawford, Gracie Cummins, Bettie Fisse, Robert Franklin, Ashley Gallagher, Joy Hay, Kimberly Hensley, Sheryl Hicks, Carrie Jefferson, Melissa Johnson, Tracy Mann, Mason McClana-

han, Kaye Moford, Sherry Monahan, Deborah Musick, Carol Norris, Rachel Pickrell, Deron Ray, Tracy Rigg, Mareka Scott, Jack Shields, Rick Staviski, Madalyn Sticklen, Jessica Streine, Carol Walker, Scottie Jo Youngman; INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT: Erica Archibald - MS MSD, Dana Bailey - TE LBD, Maranda Beckner - TE LBD, Cynthia Berry - TE Computer Lab, Tonya Berry - Kindergarten, Loren Brothers - TE MSD, April Burton - MS Title Aide, Alex Buchanan - Kindergarten, Bailey Colemire - TE MSD, Krystal Colemire - TE MSD, Brittany Doyle - TE MSD, Hannah Fraysure - HS MSD, Melissa Hamilton - HS LBD, Skie Hamilton - HS MSD, Jessica Leist - Preschool, Tiffany Meyer - TE LBD, Tanya Riley - Preschool, Tonya Clos - Library, Brooklyn Sumner - MS LBD, Lori Williams - Preschool, Cassandra Woodruff - Kindergarten, Sarah Woodruff - MS; CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTE WORKERS: Patty Al-lison, Crystal Apolonio, Anna Baker, Michelle Burgan, Maria Castle, Sheryl Cruse, Joyce Cummins, Bev French, Ashley Gallagher, Haley Hall, Annette Harrison, Amy Hesler, Melissa Johnson, Chelsea Kiskaden, Heather Murphree, Debbie Sharp,

Jessica Streine, Heidi Tucker, Megan Wallingford, Paula Wheeler, Tina Work, Scottie Jo Youngman; BUS DRIVERS: Durinda Abercrombie, Lisa Beyersdoerfer, Patrick Boone, Lisa Collins, Jerry Combess, David Cummins, Garland Davis, Ashleigh Dunn, Gerard Gallicchio, Eddie Groves, Doug Horne, Thomas Latham, Allen Lippert, Randy Newman, Tammy Norris, Jeff Rees, Joe Sharp, Open position, Open position, Troy Staggs, Danny Teegarden, Marianne Howard - bus monitor; CUSTODIANS: Durinda Abercrombie, Billie Brooks, Andrea Colemire, Donna Corlis, Danielle Couch, Kathy Mills, Megan Moore, Edgar Thomas; MAINTENANCE: Steven Teegarden, William Riley; SUB BUS DRIVERS: Tyler Sparks, Jack Shields Jr., Tony Jarrel, James Hopp, Brandon Bills, Randy Allison; MECHANIC: Branden Cummins; SECRETARIES: Sheryl Bond, Whitney Hargett, Mindy Hamilton, Lesli Rudd, Megan Buchanan, Victoria Clos, Chassica Sutton, Kerry Kalb; FOOD SERVICE: Sharon Haight, MS Manager, Beth Botkin, HS Manager, Sherri Holleran, TE Manager, Amber McFadden - TE, Rebecca Jude - TE, Crystal Teegarden - TE, Kathy Planck - MS, Kiersten French - TE, Michelle

Murphy - MS, Tammy Tucker - MS, Open position - HS, Nichole Chapin - HS, Amanda Green - HS; 21ST CENTURY: Heather Murphree; Tenure Status - Tentative at end of 2024-2025 School Year: 1-YEAR EXPERIENCE: Fielden Bechanan, Cheyanne Gray, Eric Boyd; 2-YEAR EXPERIENCE: Jennifer Smith, Natalie Bell, Christy Graves, Kamon Smith, Misty Ginandt, Sarah Moford; 3-YEAR EXPERIENCE: Marie Tienken, Patricia Sweet, Summer Conley, James Jenkins, Natalee Bishop, Hannah Welte; 4-YEAR EXPERIENCE: Kaleigh Appleman, Emma Jefferson, Molly Hargett, Morgan Mastin, Brittany Rechters; PORTABLE TENURE**: Andrew Bisotti. *4 year experience will be granted tenure by working 1 day of the 2026-2027 school year. **portable tenure will be granted by working 2025-2026 school year and 1 day of the 2026-2027 school year.

The Board opened the floor for public comment – No comment.

The Board went into and out of executive session to discuss Potential Litigation KRS 61.810(1)(c) with no action taken.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

2025 Bracken County High School Grad Receives Scholarships

Jessica Mains, a 2025 Bracken County High School graduate, has received two scholarships.

The first scholarship is the T.D. Hughes Jr. Scholarship from the Tri-State Bleeding Disorder Foundation in the amount of \$1,000. This scholarship is in honor of T.D. Hughes Jr., who began working at LaRosa’s Pizzeria in 1962 and was promoted to the position of general manager of LaRosa’s in the mid 70s.

More than 30 years ago he joined the board of the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation. During his tenure, he worked tirelessly to connect those who needed help with those who



could solve the problem. He successfully led the merger of the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Chapter of the National Hemophilia Foundation and Friends & Families of Hemophilia in 2004, after which he retired from the board of directors. In his honor, the board of directors created the TD Hughes Jr. Scholarship Fund.

Jessica also received a \$2,000 Will Evans Scholarship from the Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation. This foundation opens the doors of opportunity for people with vision loss throughout the state of Kentucky. They help the blind and visually impaired students receive educational and daily living tools so that they may have the same opportunities as their sighted peers to become literate, discover their strengths and interests, and reach their full potential as contributing members of society.

The Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation’s goal is to support academic and cultural opportunities, resources,

and assistive technology that enable blind and visually impaired students to lead independent productive and successful lives. They fulfill this mission through funding grants, awarding scholarships, providing assistive technology and other supportive endeavors. Jessica is grateful to

the Tri-State Bleeding Disorder Foundation and The Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation for supporting her with these scholarships. She will be attending Maysville Community and Technical College in the Fall 2025 semester. *submitted*

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July 31st Crossword Puzzle

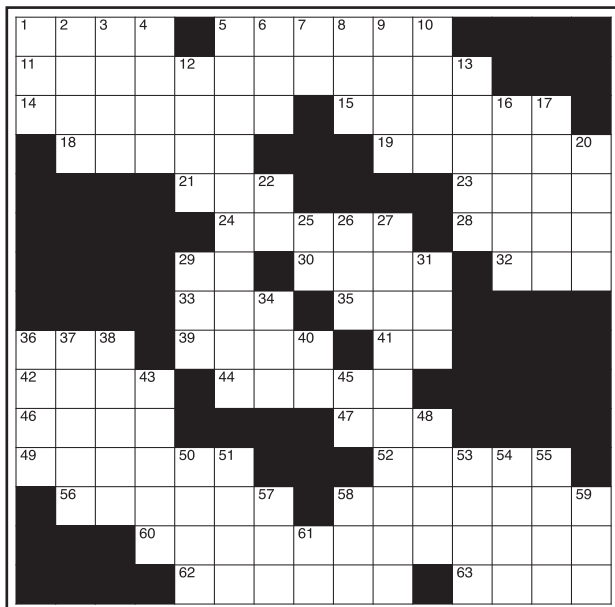
CLUES ACROSS

- Popular potato snack
- Guards the Pyramids
- Furnish anew
- Herb
- Preoccupy the mind continually
- The lowest adult male singing voice
- NATO commander (abbr.)
- A major division of geological time
- New Zealand parrot
- Notions
- Lump in yarn
- Indicates position
- Lose hold of
- Hindu honorific
- Former OSS
- Electronic data processing
- Cost per mile
- Snake-like fish
- They start the alphabet
- Taylor Swift’s tour
- Intermediate ecological stage
- Scarlett’s home
- Of he
- Ohio city
- Breakfast item
- An evening party
- __ Falls
- Linked together
- Mythological spirits
- Small Eurasian deer

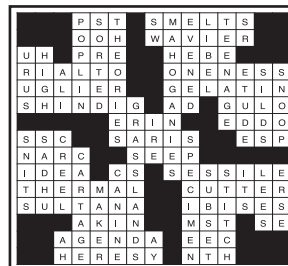
- Qualities of sound
- One who gets paid
- Expresses surprise
- O.J. trial judge
- Pointed ends of pens
- Shield bugs genus
- Container for shipping
- Upper body parts
- Closes tightly
- Nigerian World Heritage Site
- Volcanic island in Fiji
- Commercial
- __: denotes past
- They __
- Confraternities
- A way to gain a point
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Brew
- Badgers group
- Sailing boat
- __ Polo, explorer
- Elder citizen (abbr.)
- Frankish law code
- Exclamation of surprise
- Groan
- It presses clothing

CLUES DOWN

- Earliest human form: __ -Magnon man
- Flavoring
- Notion
- Bundy and Fenwick are two



Answers to 07/24/25 puzzle.



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