

# Board of Education amends 2024-2025 calendar a fifth time

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NEWS REPORTER

It was a busy night for the Board of Education at their regular meeting held on Tuesday, April 29.

Of interest is the fifth amendment to the 2024-2025 school year calendar after April weather events forced the cancellation of a couple of days of in-person instruction. This version keeps the last day of school separate from graduation. The last day for students will now be May 22.

Director of Pupil Personnel Jenny Nichols requested an amendment to approve the latest version, which keeps the last day of school separate from graduation. The motion carried.

After the standard call to order and pledge of allegiance, Assistant Superintendent Jenny Lynn Hatter gave a good news report regarding the success of this year's "Starry Night." For its fifteenth year, students went all out in their performances. With a revitalization of the arts in Harrison County this year seeing stage-plays across all school levels, Hatter exclaimed, "I cannot wait for the year's [got] in store."

The shining moment of the evening occurred early with the Golden Horseshoe Awards. Every seat was filled in the central office and a good chunk of the attendance was due to this very moment.

Superintendent Harry Burchett described the award as, "a symbol of distinction. It is bestowed upon Harrison County's hard-working and devoted employees who go the extra mile demonstrating leadership qualities, innovation and excellence in their work."

The first April Golden Horseshoe Award was given

to Chuck Mullikin, custodian of Eastside Elementary School. Taylor Hill, Eastside Elementary Principal, was the one to give the award. "Welcome to your first board meeting, brother," opened Hill to tremendous applause.

Students were asked to describe Mullikin and standout remarks were that he "helps all the people, is a great manager and takes care of us."

"Mr. Rogers told us to look for the helpers," said Hill. "And that's what you do. You do take care of us and our Eastside family."

The other April Golden Horseshoe Award was given to Julie Lucky, band director and general music teacher at Harrison County Middle School (HCMS).

Eric Case, HCMS assistant principal, stated, "Mrs. Lucky has made hundreds if not thousands of connections with students and people in Harrison County throughout her career. Her mark will be left on not only the middle school but this district and the band program for a long time

"You have a gift in teaching music. But even more than that, I've seen your dedication and commitment to your students and school. You truly inspire everyone around you to become the best version of themselves."

Again, remarks were given by students in regard to Mrs. Lucky. The one that seemed to strike home the hardest was, "She's given me a reason to look forward to going to school every day."

"Thank you for everything you've done for our school and our community, congratulations on your upcoming retirement and on your Golden Horseshoe Award," finished Case.

Next up was approval of Harrison County High School

field trips which carried.

Following was a quick approval of Consent Items: Board Minutes and Fundraisers which carried.

Next was the approval of financial reports which carried.

Instructional Coordinator/Director of Federal Programs Melissa Miles and Hatter gave a quick, though extensive, presentation: "Measurable Results, a Collaborative Commitment to Student Success."

Hatter opened, "I am a staunch advocate for public schools because we are the things that make our children successful in a world filled with adversity."

Hatter mentioned the construction of a new high school. "If we build it, we have to have good things to put inside of it. And that's not just instruction, but it's such an important piece of it."

The presentation had to do with that instructional piece; a three to five year plan that may even extend beyond that.

"This is no overnight," explained Hatter. "It's working with existing systems honoring the works in the past to make the work even better for the future. I have six amazing men behind me," as she gestured to the principals for Harrison County Schools, "and those men lead our schools."

Those six men discussed the good that exists and the things that can be improved upon in the future to benefit Harrison County students.

"We are developing a collaborative system, where we can decide as a district in a collaborative setting what is best for students instructionally," stated Miles.

"Instead of having highlighted classrooms, we want that consistency across all

classrooms."

Next on the agenda, Mary Grubb held the panel for several motions of approval: 2026 Staffing Allocations, 2026 SBDM Allocations, Allocating money for 2026 student supplies, 2026 salary schedule, independent audit and corresponding contract, athletic trainer agreement, renewal of KY Employers Mutual Insurance (KEMI), 2025-2026 SRO partnership agreements and cooperative memberships. All were quickly approved and caried.

Travis Curry and Scott Noel gave the board an update on the construction of the new high school with pictures and video taken at the building site.

"As you can see, the building is really starting to take shape," noted Noel. "I think the guys and contractors are doing a great job in all the mud." He pointed out in pictures and video the early shaping of what will be certain areas in the school. "We are very pleased with the progress happening right now despite the weather.

"I'm proud to say that Harrison County had two students last year that received our scholarships: Olivia Phillips and Chloe Vance. They're going to start their internship as part of their award and be here with us throughout the summer to help present what they've learned and give back to their community."

"The job is progressing well and hopefully you can see from the month-to-month updates that we've shown you the progress we've made," said Curry.

Next, Bill Blackburn motioned for the approval of a construction pay application for \$915,330.88 which carried.

Blackburn then motioned for approval for outside

groups to use HCBOE facilities, which carried.

Finally, Blackburn motioned to solicit bids for fuel/gasoline for buses and other vehicles, tires for school buses and painting. Motion carried.

Hatter then approached the Board for approval of Phase IV Comprehensive District Improvement Plan, which carried.

Approval of employee leave of absences carried.

Personnel actions:

## NEW HIRES

Jenny Coldiron, Bus Garage - Substitute Bus Driver

Kortney Harney, HCHS - Math Teacher - Effective 7/1/25

Madelynn Denniston, Northside - Teacher - Effective 7/1/25

Melody Herrington, HCMS - Math Teacher - Effective 7/1/25

Annie Furnish, Eastside - Guidance Counselor - Effective 7/1/25

Carman Ratliff, High School - Bookkeeper - Effective 4/14/25

Maddy Caudill, Eastside - Teacher - Effective 7/1/25

Tina Kendall, HCMS - Cook - Effective 4/16/25

## NEW HIRE-SUBS

William Turner, Bus Garage - Substitute Bus Driver

Connor Lakes, District Wide - Substitute Teacher

Mary Canupp, District Wide - Substitute Teacher

Lesa Taylor, District Wide - Substitute Teacher

Cheryl Hughes, Bus Garage - Substitute Bus Monitor

Carl McRoberts, Bus Garage - Substitute Bus Driver

Jesse Florence, Bus Garage - Substitute Bus Driver

Extended/Extra Duty

Evelyn Kiser, HCMS Drama Coach

Carman Ratliff, High School After School Bookkeeper - Effective 4/14/25

## TRANSFER

Jenny Coldiron, Cook/Baker to Bus Driver - Effective 4/14/25

Kimberly Bishop, High School Bookkeeper to District Bookkeeper - Effective 4/14/25

## RESIGNATION

Evelyn Kiser, HCMS Digital Learning Coach - Effective 6/30/25

Evelyn Kiser, HCMS Speech Coach - Effective 6/30/25

Stacy Lemons, HCMS ESS Coordinator - Effective 6/30/25

Stephanie Chamberlain, HCMS Assistant Speech Coach - Effective 6/30/25

Harmony Sowder, Eastside - Pre-K Instructional Assistant - Effective 4/14/15

Kimberly Bishop, High School After School Bookkeeper - Effective 4-14-25

Kimberly Bishop, Athletics Concessions - Effective 6/30/25

Jeff Kinney, HCMS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

## RETIREMENT

Terri Durbin, Northside - Teacher - Effective 6/30/25

## VOLUNTEERS

Laura Ashbrook, HCHS Volunteer Wrestling Coach

Connor Kilpela, HCHS Volunteer Freshman Baseball Coach

The next meeting of the Harrison County Board of Education will be Tuesday, May 27, at 6 p.m. at the Board Office, 308 Webster Avenue, Cynthia.

## NOTICE

Kentucky-American Water Company ("Kentucky American Water") expects to file on May 16, 2025, an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission proposing to increase annual water service revenues by approximately 19.9%, net of Qualified Infrastructure Program ("QIP") revenues. The proposed annual revenue increases by customer classification are: Residential - \$13,942,464 (18.8%); Commercial - \$6,636,729 (18.8%); Industrial - \$827,944 (24.9%); Other Public Authority - \$2,236,971 (24.9%); Sales for Resale - \$468,544 (24.9%); Private Fire Service and Hydrants - \$1,209,793 (24.9%); Public Fire Hydrants - \$1,415,542 (24.9%); Miscellaneous ("Bulk Sales of Water through Loading Stations") - \$18,564 (12.8%). The proposed effective date of rates is for service rendered on and after June 16, 2025. Kentucky American Water has requested proposed rates be implemented to all customer classifications as shown below:

| Average Monthly Bills:                           |   |  |   |  |   |  |     |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|-----|
|  | Monthly Usage                                 | <u>Current</u><br><u>Average Bill</u>        | <u>Proposed Average</u><br><u>Bill</u>        | <u>\$ Change</u>                             | <u>% Increase</u>                             |  |     |
| Residential (5/8")                               | 3,942 gallons                                 | \$47.67                                      | \$56.73                                       | \$9.06                                       | 19%   |  |     |
| Commercial (5/8")                                | 36,304 gallons                                | 257.97                                       | 313.98  | 56.01  | 22%   |  |     |
| Industrial (2")                                  | 1,705,505 gallons                             | 9,432.49                                     | 11,885.09                                     | 2,452.60                                     | 26%   |  |     |
| Other Public Authority (2")                      | 128,172 gallons                               | 928.23                                       | 1,156.94                                      | 228.71                                       | 25%   |  |     |
| Sales for Resale (6")                            | 1,934,938 gallons                             | 11,307.30                                    | 14,370.04                                     | 3,062.74                                     | 27%   |  |     |
| Miscellaneous (1")                               | 12,346 gallons                                | 100.55                                       | 124.52  | 23.97  | 24%   |  |     |
| Private Fire Hydrant                             | N/A   | 96.82  | 121.00  | 24.18  | 25%   |  |     |
| Public Fire Hydrant                              | N/A   | 61.57  | 76.90   | 15.33  | 25%   |  |     |
| Private Fire Line (6")                           | N/A   | 100.35                                       | 125.70  | 25.35  | 25%   |  |     |
| <b>Proposed Rate Increase for all customers:</b> |   |  |   |  |   |  |     |
| <u>Monthly Service Charge by Meter Size:</u>     |   |  |   |  |   |  |     |
| <u>Meter Size</u>                                | <u>Present Rate</u>                           | <u>Proposed Rate</u>                         | <u>Change</u>                                 | <u>% Increase</u>                            |   |  |     |
| 5/8"   | \$ 17.55                                      | \$ 19.45                                     | \$ 1.90                                       | 11%  |   |  |     |
| 3/4"   | 26.20   | 29.00  | 2.80  | 11%  |   |  |     |
| 1"   | 43.60   | 48.30  | 4.70  | 11%  |   |  |     |
| 1 ½"   | 87.30   | 96.80  | 9.50  | 11%  |   |  |     |
| 2"   | 139.70  | 154.80                                       | 15.10   | 11%  |   |  |     |
| 3"   | 261.90  | 290.30                                       | 28.40   | 11%  |   |  |     |
| 4"   | 436.60  | 483.90                                       | 47.30   | 11%  |   |  |     |
| 6"   | 873.00  | 967.50                                       | 94.50   | 11%  |   |  |     |
| 8"   | 1,396.80                                      | 1,548.00                                     | 151.20  | 11%  |   |  |     |
| <u>Consumption Charges:</u>                      |   |  |   |  |   |  |     |
|  | <u>Current Rate</u>                           |  | <u>Proposed Rate</u>                          |  | <u>\$ Change</u>                              | <u>% Increase</u>                            |     |
|  | <u>Per 1000</u>                               | <u>Per 100</u>                               | <u>Per 1000</u>                               | <u>Per 100</u>                               | <u>Per 1000</u>                               | <u>Per 100</u>                               |     |
|  | <u>Gallons</u>                                | <u>Gallons</u>                               | <u>Gallons</u>                                | <u>Gallons</u>                               | <u>Gallons</u>                                | <u>Gallons</u>                               |     |
| Residential                                      | \$6.7291                                      | \$0.67291                                    | \$9.4567                                      | \$0.94567                                    | \$2.7276                                      | \$0.27276                                    | 41% |
| Commercial                                       | 6.0875  | 0.60875                                      | 8.1129  | 0.81129                                      | 2.0254  | 0.20254                                      | 33% |
| Industrial                                       | 5.0324  | 0.50324                                      | 6.8779  | 0.68779                                      | 1.8455  | 0.18455                                      | 37% |
| Other Public Authority                           | 5.6070  | 0.56070                                      | 7.8187  | 0.78187                                      | 2.2117  | 0.22117                                      | 39% |
| Sales for Resale                                 | 4.9527  | 0.49527                                      | 6.9266  | 0.69266                                      | 1.9739  | 0.19739                                      | 40% |
| Miscellaneous                                    | <u>Per 100</u><br><u>Gallons</u><br>\$0.40000 | <u>Per 50</u><br><u>Gallons</u><br>\$0.20000 | <u>Per 100</u><br><u>Gallons</u><br>\$0.61736 | <u>Per 50</u><br><u>Gallons</u><br>\$0.30868 | <u>Per 100</u><br><u>Gallons</u><br>\$0.21736 | <u>Per 50</u><br><u>Gallons</u><br>\$0.10868 | 54% |
| <u>Fire Protection:</u>                          |   |  |   |  |   |  |     |
| <u>Private Fire Line Size</u>                    | <u>Current Monthly Rate</u>                   |  | <u>Proposed Monthly Rate</u>                  |  | <u>\$ Change</u>                              | <u>% Increase</u>                            |     |
| 2"   | \$  | 10.25  | \$  | 13.85  | \$ 3.60                                       | 35%  |     |
| 4"   |   | 41.25  |   | 56.00  | 14.75   | 36%  |     |
| 6"   |   | 92.80  |   | 125.70                                       | 32.90   | 35%  |     |
| 8"   |   | 165.00                                       |   | 223.00                                       | 58.00   | 35%  |     |
| 10"  |   | 257.85                                       |   | 348.90                                       | 91.05   | 35%  |     |
| 12"  |   | 385.90                                       |   | 521.40                                       | 135.50  | 35%  |     |
| 14"  |   | 371.80                                       |   | 502.40                                       | 130.60  | 35%  |     |
| 16"  |   | 660.20                                       |   | 892.30                                       | 232.10  | 35%  |     |
| Private Fire Hydrant                             | 89.53   |  | 121.00  |  | 31.47   | 35% Increase                                 |     |
| Public Fire Hydrant                              | 56.94   |  | 76.90   |  | 19.96   | 35% Increase                                 |     |

Kentucky American Water is proposing to reset the QIP surcharge to zero and incorporate the investment costs into base rates. The average monthly bills shown in this notice include the QIP surcharge in the current average bills and a \$0 amount for the QIP surcharge in the proposed average bills.

This application may be examined at the offices of Kentucky American Water located at 2300 Richmond Road in Lexington, Kentucky.

This application may also be examined at the offices of the Public Service Commission located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or on the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

Comments regarding this application may be submitted by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort KY 40602; or through its website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Kentucky American Water but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, which establishes the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party.

If the Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the providing of this notice, the Public Service Commission may take final action on the application.