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and Beau Schweickhardt were recognized for distinguished scores in reading, mathematics and science.

Fifth-grader Waylon Jenkins earned distinguished scores in all assessed areas, including reading, mathematics, social studies, editing and mechanics, and writing.

According to the news release, Toliver students Gaven Lofton and McKinney Caltagerone were recognized for learning proper American flag etiquette and using those skills while raising the flag at the school each day.

Zaryiah Woolridge, Aycen Lofton and Alayna Mattingly were recognized after auditioning for the Kentucky Children's Chorus.

The board also honored six fifth-graders who competed on the sixth- and seventh-grade girls basketball teams. Aivan Bates, Loxley Burgess, Zariah Knott, Akari Starling, Aniyah Gause and Amina Smith were part of the sixth-grade Salt River Conference championship team and seventh-grade conference runner-up team.



DANVILLE SCHOOLS

Fifth-graders were recognized for helping their teams earn Salt River Conference honors.

Second-grade teacher Laura Mays received the certified teacher spotlight for her leadership in planning the second-grade "Sail Into Success" transition day, helping plan grade-level writing units and serving on the Deeper Learning team, according to the release.

Toliver bookkeeper Derek Emerson received the classified staff member spotlight for his service to the school community.

Retired employees Chris Verhoven and Tina Wray were recognized for continuing to serve the Danville Schools special education department as long-term substitutes.

The Boyle County Public Library was named the district's Community Contributor in recognition of its partnership with Danville Independent Schools.

BOARD ADVANCES ATHLETIC FIELD HOUSE

In other business, the board approved the schematic design for an athletic field house.

Board members also separately approved geotechnical work and a site survey for the project. The news release did not include additional details about the design, location, cost or construction schedule.

The board approved the second reading of the district's dyslexia policy and the second reading of its special education policy. It also approved a Kentucky Education Technology System offer of assistance.

Several items related to Danville High School projects also received approval. The board approved change orders 3, 4, 5 and 6 for a miscellaneous project at the high school and approved documents associated with the Phase 3 project closeout.

The board approved its consent agenda, which included memorandums of understanding with Children & Family Counseling Associates, New Vista of the Bluegrass and Nurture Nest. Other consent items included a Kentucky Medicaid nurse aide memorandum of agreement, a revised BG-1 for a Danville High School project, and a Toshiba copier lease amendment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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switch between Medicare Advantage and Original Medicare. Changes generally take effect Jan. 1.

Medicare Advantage plans are offered by Medicare-approved private insurers. Network requirements vary, with some plans generally requiring patients to use in-network providers and others allowing out-of-network care at a higher cost. Medicare advises patients to check with their insurer to determine how their individual coverage would be affected.

Patients already receiving treatment when a network change occurs may qualify for temporary continuity-of-care protections. Ephraim McDowell Health advises those patients to ask Humana whether they are eligible because coverage depends on their plan and circumstances.

The health system also urges patients to speak with their provider and insurer before canceling or delaying care. Emergency treatment should not be postponed because of network concerns.

"We will continue working toward an agreement and will provide updates if the situation changes," the health system said in its notice.

Medicare beneficiaries are encouraged to review their plan documents for changes in costs, benefits, and provider networks for the coming year. Those considering a switch to Original Medicare may also need to make separate decisions about prescription drug and supplemental coverage.

Free, personalized counseling is available through State Health Insurance Assistance Programs, which operate independently of insurance companies and health plans.

Patients can contact Ephraim McDowell Health's financial services team at 859-239-3499 for additional information.

PLANNING

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districts.

Craig Sutton, director of facilities for Ephraim McDowell Health, said demolition of the hospital's older north tower had already begun to make room for the expansion.

The proposed three-level addition will include meeting and office space on the ground floor and an expansion of the emergency department on the first floor. The project is designed to separate patients and visitors arriving by vehicle from ambulance traffic, addressing congestion around the existing emergency department entrance.

The second floor initially will remain unfinished for potential future expansion of surgical or other hospital services.

Plans also call for a covered patient drop-off area, accessible parking, additional surface parking and improved sidewalk connections. Project representatives said the development will reduce the amount of impervious surface on the property and add stormwater quality treatment that is not currently provided at the site.

The new construction is expected to match the appearance of the hospital's south tower.

The commission approved the project unanimously following a public hearing.

ADMIRAL PLACE SUBDIVISION MOVES FORWARD

Commissioners also approved subdivision plans for Admiral Place, a 41.907-acre residential development off Stanford Road.

The property is zoned for single-family and multifamily residential development, and a previously considered plan called for apartment buildings on a portion of the property near the football stadium. Those apartments have been replaced in the current plan with duplexes.

Kendal Wise of Vantage Engineering told commissioners the project is expected to include more than 100 single-family lots, along with several duplex lots. The development is intended to be constructed as one project rather than in separate phases.

Wise said feasibility studies led developers to determine duplexes would be a better option than the apartment buildings originally proposed for the multifamily portion of the property. The remainder of the development will consist of single-family homes.

Plans are also being modified to include a small roundabout at the development's only four-way intersection. The roundabout was requested by Danville's streets and stormwater engineer as a way to slow traffic and improve pedestrian safety.

Wise said the roundabout will remain large enough for emergency vehicles and semi-trucks to navigate. Four lots surrounding the intersection will become slightly smaller but will continue to meet minimum lot requirements.

Developers are also working with the city on a plan to convert an abandoned sanitary sewer lagoon into a stormwater detention basin. If finalized, the change would eliminate the need for detention basins previously planned within the development's floodplain, leaving that area as open space.

The commission approved the subdivision with a condition related to recording the land-use restriction associated with the property's zone change. Minor adjustments to easements and right-of-way around the roundabout are expected before the plats are recorded.

OTHER SUBDIVISION BUSINESS

The commission also approved the reconfiguration of property at 2385 Lexington Road.

The 3.096-acre property includes three lots, including one containing an animal hospital. Under the plan, all three lots will have public road frontage and share an existing driveway.

Officials noted that portions of the property remain nonconforming with current zoning requirements, including issues related to road frontage and the lack of public sewer service. The city engineer provided documentation indicating public sewer service is not reasonably available to the property.

Commissioners said the proposed changes improve the existing configuration and approved the subdivision.

A separate request from the Boyle County Industrial Foundation involving a 1.823-acre parcel on Corporate Drive was tabled after a commissioner recused himself, leaving the commission without a quorum to consider the matter. The proposal involves creating additional public right-of-way along an existing roadway.

CAMPBELL NAMED INTERIM DIRECTOR

The commission also introduced Dwayne Campbell as its new part-time interim director while the organization searches for a permanent director.

Campbell previously spent more than 30 years with Boyle County Fiscal Court as county engineer and has lived in the community since 1986.

The commission has received applications for both the permanent director and GIS positions, but hiring remains on hold while Danville and Boyle County officials continue discussions through an ad hoc committee.

Officials said Boyle County Judge-Executive Trille Bottom and Danville Mayor James "J.H." Atkins are serving as co-leads of that group, which also includes representatives from the Danville City Commission, Boyle County Fiscal Court and other local officials.

The commission also noted that a working group studying data centers has held its first meeting and is developing potential approaches and proposals. Additional discussion is expected at the commission's next meeting.

Because of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the commission voted to combine its normally scheduled November and December meetings. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Dec. 9.

The full meeting can be viewed on the City of Danville's YouTube page.



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