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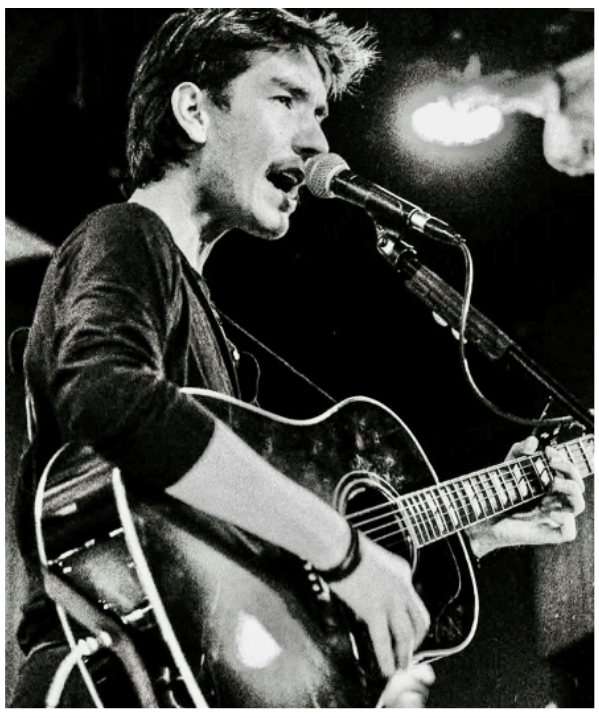
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OC Native Neeley Opens for Tyler Childers in Nashville

On October 7th, during Randon Neeley's album release party for "Hungry Dogs" at Al's Bar of Lexington, grammy award winning country singer Tyler Childers unexpectedly made an appearance at Al's. Days following the release party, Neeley received a message requesting he open for Childers at the Pinnacle in Nashville, TN on October 10th at a special promotion sponsored by ZYN. Neeley has cited Childers along with other KY born artists as major musical inspirations.



You can listen to Neeley discuss his experience opening for Childers on Episode 98 of the "Roots Music Rambler" podcast. Listen to the "Hungry Dogs" album on Spotify and Apple Music.

Neeley will be performing again at Al's on December 18th at 7:30pm located 601 N. Limestone, Lexington.

"Randon Neeley is a folk/americana artist from Owsley County Kentucky! Randon boast a diverse discography with his debut album "Hungry Dogs" showing a clear shift from his original EP entitled "People". Randon is a Josie music award nominee and has been featured at shows spanning Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, and Indiana. His sound carries heavy in the mountains of Appalachia." - randonalexanderneeley.com

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OC School Board News

By Lisa Robinson

The Owsley County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, November 10, 2026. The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairperson Joyce Campbell. Board Secretary Betty Jo Neeley took the roll of all in attendance. A motion was made and carried to Review/Approve the Agenda as presented. A motion was made and carried to Review/Approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the October 13, 2026 regular session and the October 26, 2026 special meeting.



The Finance Report was given by Autumn Herald, Finance Director/Treasurer. This included the Payrolls, Claims, Monthly Financial Report, Head Start/Early Head Start Financial Report and the Food Service Financial Report. A motion was made and carried to approve the Financial Report.

A motion was made and carried to approve the Superintendent's Travel for August, September, October and November, 2026.

A motion was made and carried to approve the recommendation by the Local Planning Committee (LPC) by a unanimous vote to the Owsley County Board of Education to extend the (4) year cycle of the current District Facilities Plan (DFP). A motion was made and carried to approve the Waiver Request Letter (4) Four-Year District Facilities Plan (DFP) to KDE requesting the District Facilities Plan (DFP) be extended by unanimous vote.

A motion was made and carried to approve RossTarrant Architects Conceptual Design Study for the OCHS & Community Auditorium addition. This is just to give them permission and money to do renderings, etc. to give to the legislature. This had been tabled from last month.

A motion was made and carried to reject all bids for destruction & removal of (2) mobile units. The only bid received was from a bidder the Board determined was unable to perform. A motion was made and carried to approve/authorize the removal of the mobile units – remove from school property at no cost to the Board and to use or dispose of the mobile units in whatever manner you determine, as long as it is at no cost to the Board and causes no damage to Board Property.

Charlie Davidson gave the review of the District Enrollment & Attendance. "The elementary school is at 303 students and the high school is at 288 which is about 591. This is up a little bit from the beginning of the year and we were up about 3% on the growth factor, something we haven't done in a while. Our attendance is at 93.5% and this time last year we were at 92%. Hopefully we can keep it there."

Megan Bowling gave a review of the CDIP 2026-2027 Phase Two – The Needs Assessment for Districts. "This is part of our District Improvement Process and it is something we do each year."

A review of the 2025-2026 Kentucky Summative Assessment Principal Reports. The OCES review was given by Megan Bowling. "The elementary school has moved up from red to orange. The ratings go red, orange, yellow, green and blue. We did have growth from last year to this year with the accountability model. Our CSI (Comprehensive School Improvement) came from a combination of three years of data. We had two years of low numbers and this year was not enough growth which has caused us to have a CSI label where the KDE will come in, do a diagnostic review and then give us a turnaround plan that will be a three-year plan. **Cont. Page 10**



Look for "How to cook a turkey" according to Kindergarteners in next week's issue! 11/25

