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Board allows kindergarten changes

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The atmosphere at the school board meeting Thursday night was tense.

In one room, parents stood quietly, wondering how the board would deal with their requests.

In the other room the board pondered the same question.

Kindergarten classes are only allowed to have 25 students per one teacher and 28 is the absolute maximum, Louise Zachary explained to the parents. When the board meeting started there were 24 in Anne Baird's morning class, 25 in Georgia Becker's morning class, 27 in Baird's afternoon classes and 27 in Becker's afternoon class, Elder said.

Three of the families requested a change from afternoon to morning sessions. William Crawford posed a slightly different question to the board. He has legal guardianship of Kristen Henry, who will come to school from Cardinal Hill Hospital. She was scheduled for the afternoon class, but, as Crawford explained, her therapy will be in the morning which leaves her "like a rag doll." The intense therapy would leave her physically unable to come to class one day a week, he said.

Three other families requested that the child be transported to and from a babysitter who lived in a different section. They would remain in the afternoon session, and the bus already had a route very close to the sitter, they explained.

Kenneth Clark came forward to express his displeasure about not being consulted on which session his child would be attending. He called for more planning to be done to give into the kindergarten sessions.

As for the school board, the members had many considerations. They cannot exceed the limits, and they must follow specific guidelines concerning transportation.

As the conflict began to heat up between parents and school board members, Louise Zachary began reasoning with the parents, writing down their situations and trying to explain policy. Zachary and James Anderson began presenting facts to other board members for serious deliberations about the six children in question.

The board decided to move the three children who needed morning sessions to morning classes, Anderson said. Next the board provided for the Trussell, Fryman and Markam children to be picked up and dropped off at their babysitters' homes. The homes were already near the route, and two of the children shared the same babysitter.

The board went on to adopt a new provision to the kindergarten transportation policy.

"Kindergarten bus routes may be altered within the city limits of Carlisle, Kentucky for good cause shown, such as close proximity to various babysitters within

city limits of Carlisle, Kentucky to both the morning and afternoon city kindergarten bus routes."

The board also added that these must be the last changes made before the beginning of school.

The board then moved to the compensating tax rate. The tax rate will be slightly lower than last year, and as Elder said will lower the tax rates of all the taxpayers who were here to night.

Tax on real estate for the general fund will be 14.6 cents per \$100 valuation. For tangible property the tax rate will be 14.7 cents per \$100 valuation. For the special voted property fund, the tax rate will be 16.1 cents per \$100 valuation. For the special voted school building fund, the tax rate will be 30.8 cents per \$100 valuation and the motor vehicle tax will be 44.9 cents.

In other business the board heard the request of the little league basketball to use the elementary school gym for its games from September 20 to January. They also request that they play their Saturday night and Sunday afternoon games at the high school gym.

They also requested the high school gym for an awards dinner

and dance, with a date to be announced.

John Cleaver was a little worried about whether they would be able to do that with the new security system installed. Unfortunately, the new system has not been installed, although the board was assured the system would be in by the time school started.

Elder recommended that the board hire an assistant academic coach at \$300 for the school year. The money would come out of the \$800 approved for the academic competitions.

Elder also recommended that because of the cost of field trips and other extra-curricular bus trips, that a flat rate be established for bus drivers rather than the hourly wage they usually receive. He proposed that within 50 mile radius of the school the driver would receive \$15, outside the 50 mile radius they would receive \$25.

Board Attorney Billy Hopkins told board members the plan would violate wage-an-hour laws.

Elder went on to propose the board think about a Saturday Detention Program that has been successful at other schools. The program is designed to be a constructive and meaningful alternative to the traditional out of school suspension.

Elder then recommended Scott Ramsey be employed as a paraprofessional on the football team. He has the required 64 hours of college and has proven to be very valuable to the team, Elder said.

The board voted to "provisionally employ Wayne Ford as a special education teacher at the high school contingent upon a criminal records check through the Kentucky Justice Cabinet."



Katie Hunt directs kids' traffic in front of Nicholas County Elementary School on opening day, August 22. NCES Principal Gerald Hammons said the first day, "went great." - Julie Pfeiffer Photo

Court has slow session

By Julie Pfeiffer
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The Nicholas County Circuit Court meeting got off to a good start, the members said, but then got bogged down in its personal policy discussion.

First up for discussion was the Kenton County Juvenile Detention Center. The court quickly decided to enter into an agreement with Kenton County in which the court pays \$50 a day for each person and \$25 for medical expenses after seven days.

Next, the subject of Disaster Emergency Services coordinator Gene Kelley was addressed. Continued on Page 12

Bluejackets stage comeback with right formula; take season opener over Fleming County, 10-7

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CARLEISLE - Heat + execution = NCES 10, FCHS 7.

It is not an easy formula to put together... but when it is done correctly it brings great pleasure to those participating and those watching.

James Hill drilled a 17 yard field goal with 5:04 left in the game to lift Nicholas County to a stunning 10-7 win over visiting Fleming County, Friday night.

As encouraging as the score is to Nicholas County football fans, it wasn't all excitement for the Bluejackets' faithful.

Nicholas County went the coin toss and elected to receive, but three offensive plays netted the Jackets only six yards on two runs and an incomplete pass, and Nicholas County was forced to punt.

Fleming County failed to muster a first down, but on good field position Jason Hamm attempted a 40 yard field goal. It was no good. The Jackets took the ball at their own 20, but nine yards later had to punt.

Fleming County began at its own 36 yard line and moved to the Nicholas 46, but with 2:48 to go a punt gave the ball to Nicholas at the Jackets' 41.

Nicholas County punted three downs later and Fleming County began its scoring drive.

Hamm went around the right side on second down for six yards and with Fleming still on third down situation, the Panthers' offense went back to Hamm, this time around left end and the senior tailback roared down the left sideline to the end zone to give the visitors a 6-0 advantage.

Mr. Versantilly, Hamm, tucked on the extra point and with 1:12 to play in the first half the Fleming had a 7-0 lead.

For the remainder of the first half the teams traded possessions, miscues and missed oppor-

tunities.

On the last Fleming County drive of the half, the officials felt too much time had run off the clock on an out-of-bounds play and put an additional 19 seconds on the game clock.

Nicholas County's coaching staff protested, but to no avail.

The Panthers began a deep drive, attempting the catch another score before intermission.

A late first half stand allowed Nicholas to go to the locker room trailing by only 7-0.

Both teams took a long time during the halftime break, obviously planning second half game strategies, and recovering from the hot, muggy weather.

An extremely hot night, both teams were given several opportunities for brief timeouts during the game, with extra water to replenish what was lost during the intense heat.

A light rain fell for most of the second half, but the wet weather failed to dampen the play of either team or the excitement of the crowd.

Fleming County received the second half Johnson picked off a pass from Fleming County signal caller Mike Taylor to give the Jackets the ball.

Once again, Nicholas failed to move the ball, but Fleming County had another opportunity, but the Panthers had the same spitting of fence that Nicholas County had been experienced and had to give the ball back.

Some mishandling allowed Nicholas great field position.

This time, though, Nicholas was able to mount some excitement.

Taking the half at 15, three plays later the Jackets were facing third and eight. Freshman quarterback Daniel Brown hooked up with Collier Mathas at the three yard line and the Jackets were driving with a first and goal at the three.

Johnson bulled into the right side of the line

and counted Nicholas County's first points of the year, for the Fleming County lead to 7-6.

James Hill came on to drill the extra point and with 4:51 to play in the third quarter, and Nicholas County had tied the score, 7-7.

Neither team managed much offense with slippery ball handling and missed assignments, until the Jackets had a golden opportunity midway through the fourth quarter.

Fleming County was moving from deep in its own territory with a second and seven at the 10.

All of a sudden the ball popped loose and Scott Ballard jumped on the pigskin to give Nicholas County possession, first and goal at the Fleming County eight.

Fleming County's defense rose to the occasion.

Johnson was stopped with no gain, Brown picked up only three tough yards, and Johnson went back into the line for three more.

It was fourth and goal from the two, Nicholas County's head coach Robbie Barr signaled for a timeout.

As the team broke from the huddle, Hill was looking up at the goal post.

The snap was good and Hill drove the ball through the uprights from 17 yards out to give Nicholas County a 10-7 lead.

The lead was anything but safe.

Barr ordered a kick with no tee, and the knuckle ball kick reached midfield.

Fleming County had the ball 50 yards from the end zone.

The Panthers were rolling with a first and goal from the eight.

But now, it was time for the Nicholas County defense to rise to the occasion.

Hamm went to the line, but was drawn for a loss of two.

Hamm, in this time a pain of four.

Ade A. Adams, Taylor looked for room on

the left side but there was nothing there and he was thrown for a two yard loss by an inspired defense.

Fourth and goal from the eight... the game on the line and as the lines went down for the big play an official's flag was dropped. The indication was Nicholas County had lined up offside.

Half the distance to the goal gave Fleming County a fourth and goal from the four.

The Fleming County staff stopped to go for a site at that point, but the 23 yard attempt sailed wide left and Fleming County was turned away.

Nicholas County had tied it. It was a tribute to a fine defensive effort.

The crowd was on its feet, victory was at hand, but there was still the matter of 3:50 left in the game.

Nicholas County could not manage a first down and a six yard punt gave Fleming County the ball at midfield.

One more time the Jackets' defense was forced to do its job and again the job was done.

Fourth and four from the 46 Fleming County had a bad snap and the Jackets had held.

Nicholas ran the clock down and downed the ball four times to seal the victory.

"I believe we knew what we were going to have to do in the second half, when we went off the field," Barr said.

"These boys that are out there have worked hard since the first day of practice.

"To heat, under tough conditions, they have done everything possible to get ready for this game and this season.

"They deserve the win, and I am proud of the effort."

Nicholas has its second of three straight home games, entertaining Richmond Madison beginning at 8 p.m., Friday night.

Madison will also enter the game 1-0, after winning its season opener 21-0 over new school Madison Southern.