

NICHOLAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2026 6:00PM
NICHOLAS CO. BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Nicholas County Board of Education met in regular session, at the Nicholas Co. Board of Education in Carlisle, Kentucky, on the 16th day of February, 2026 with the following members present: Cheryl Rawlings, Brenda Mattox, Sharon Wilson, Jarad Bromagen, Shawna Hatton

Others present: Doug Bechanan, Tyler Duncan, Dawn Curran Letcher, Mandy Anderson, Alicia Hughes, Stacey Allison, Rob Hughes, Jeremy McCord, Nikki Orazen, Josh Earlywine, Amy Switzer, Craig Aossey (G. Scott & Associates), Cassinda Bechanan, Madyson Planck, Evelyn Ojeda, Presley Wills, Abby McNabb, Nikki Mitchell, Hector Leija, Connor Rhodes, Carlee Kriegel, Garrett Zimmerman, Kristina Rhodes, Joceyln Rhodes, Lori Dearfield (Kelley Galloway Smith Goolsby, PSC), Elizabeth McCord, Michael Clary (Carlisle Mercury)

- A. Meeting Opened with Moment of Silence
 - B. Call to Order & Roll Call: Bromagen (X); Hatton (X); Mattox (X); Rawlings (X); Wilson (X)
 - C. Student/Staff Recognition
 - D. Public Comment
 - E. Other
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Motion #9493

Motion by Wilson, second by Bromagen, to approve the Consent Agenda and to acknowledge receipt of the required report from the Superintendent regarding personnel actions:

Minutes of the Following Meetings:

January 20, 2026 Special Called Finance Corporation Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2026 Special Called Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills for Periods 7 & 8 (Jan. 2026 & Feb. 2026):

Nicholas Co. Board of Education Accounts
Nicholas Co. Elementary School Accounts
Nicholas Co. Elementary School SBDM Minutes
Nicholas Co. Middle/High School Accounts
Nicholas Co. Middle/High School SBDM Minutes

Superintendent's Report of Personnel Actions:

Superintendent Report/Travel/Other Expenses

Superintendent's Report
Superintendent Travel Reimbursement

Employment/Transfers

Recommendation- Harley Flack- Substitute Bus Driver
Recommendation- Lindsay Brunner- NCMHS Instructional Assistant

Resignation/Termination/Retirement

Resignation- Sandy Gifford- Softball Asst. Coach

Sick Leave/Other Leave/Donation Sick Days

Other

Vote for motion: 5-0

Motion #9494

Motion by Hatton, second by Wilson, to acknowledge receipt of the following generous donation(s):

- Steven & Danielle Minton- \$550 to NC Athletics
- Old Paris Road Investments LLC (Cathy Clark)- \$500 to NC Boys Basketball
- Linda Hovermale- \$500 to NCMHS FRYSC (Backpack Program)
- Frances Davis - \$800 to FRYSC Backpack Program (\$400 x 2 months)
- Lois Gates - handmade winter hats for students
- Glenna Stamper, Christian Linville, Cybil George, Cody Williams - monetary donations to assist family who lost their home in a fire.
- James and Hailey Linville - this family graciously agreed to provide housing for the family who lost their home due to house fire, free of any rental charge, until they are able to find permanent residency.
- Kentucky State Police- Sponsored Shop With A Trooper
- Keith Ishmael - Bed frame, boxspring & mattress

Vote for motion: 5-0

Motion #9495

Motion by Bromagen, second by Hatton, to approve the following Pay Applications, Direct Purchase Orders and/or Invoices for the Nicholas Co. High School Athletic Renovation Project (BG 25-098), at the discretion of the Superintendent:

- Momentum Construction LLC Pay App #11 BG 25098 (no DPOs) \$40,120.46

Vote for motion: 5-0

Motion #9496

Motion by Wilson, second by Mattox, to move to submit the following credit Change Order amounts for unused portions of their Direct Purchase Orders. Further, to return these amounts to the contingency fund:

- 01DPO – Ferguson – (\$19.13)
- 05DPO – Lee Bldg. Prod. - (\$2,199.50)

Vote for motion: 5-0

Motion #9497

Motion by Mattox, second by Wilson, to approve Schematic Design of the new Central/Board Office project design

Vote for motion: 5-0

Motion #9498

Motion by Hatton, second by Bromagen, to approve the School Facilities Construction Commission Offer of Assistance in annual debt service amount of \$2,340

Vote for motion: 5-0

Motion #9499

Motion by Bromagen, second by Hatton, to acknowledge receipt of the 2024-2025 Audited Annual Financial Statement & Balance Sheet, and to approve to submit to the Kentucky Department of Education

Vote for motion: 5-0

Motion #9500

Motion by Wilson, second by Mattox, to approve the renewal of the Student Accident Insurance provided by Roberts Insurance Company, at the same coverage limits, for the 2026-2027 School Year

Vote for motion: 5-0

Motion #9501

Motion by Hatton, second by Wilson, to approve the Nicholas Co. Schools 2026-2027 Calendar, as presented

Vote for motion: 5-0

Motion #9502

Motion by Wilson, second by Hatton, to confirm the Nicholas Co. Schools Police Dept. for state and federal purposes

Vote for motion: 5-0

Motion #9503

Motion by Wilson, second by Hatton, to acknowledge receipt of the following Request for Proposals for athletic training services at Nicholas County High School, and to accept/reject as follows:

- University of Kentucky \$84,575.00 Reject

Vote for motion: 5-0

Motion #9504

Motion by Bromagen, second by Mattox, to approve the 2026-2028 Nicholas Co. Family Resource and Youth Services Center (FRYSC) School District Assurance Certification for fiscal years, 2026-2028, as presented

Vote for motion: 5-0

Motion #9505

Motion by Hatton, second by Wilson, to update the approval of the Travel Request for the NCHS Class of 2027 to participate in a senior class trip during spring break of 2027 to New York City

Vote for motion: 5-0

Motion #9506

Motion by Hatton, second by Mattox, to accept Superintendent Douglas Bechanan's letter of retirement effective June 30, 2026

Vote for motion: 5-0

Motion #9507

Motion by Bromagen, second by Wilson, to retain the Kentucky School Board Association as a consultant to conduct a search for Superintendent

Vote for motion: 5-0

Motion #9508

Motion by Hatton, second by Bromagen, to adjourn

Vote for motion: 5-0

Board Chair

Board Secretary