Recognized Milken Educator Award Recipient: Will King

Will King was recognized at the Board of Education Meeting, following his acceptance of the Milken Educator Award last month. The Milken Educator Awards provide recognition and unrestricted financial awards of $25,000 to exceptional elementary and secondary school teachers, principals, and specialists who are furthering excellence in our nation’s schools. The Milken Family Foundation does not accept nominations, they find the educators and surprise them with the award.

Kentucky joined the Milken Educator Awards Program in 1993 and since then, 53 Kentuckians have received the honor. Will King is the only Kentucky recipient for 2013-14.

Recognized KCTE Teachers of the Year: Michelle McCloughan & Lauren Coffey

Congratulations to teachers Michelle McCloughan and Lauren Coffey, recently recognized as Teachers of the Year by the Kentucky Council of Teachers of English. Michelle McCloughan was named Elementary Teacher of the Year at the 2014 KCTE Conference. She is a fourth and fifth grade writing and literature teacher at T. C. Cherry Elementary and serves as Elementary Co-Director for WKU’s Writing Project. Lauren Coffey was awarded the Middle School Teacher of the Year Award at the 2014 KCTE Conference. She teaches 7th grade English at Bowling Green Junior High.

Beyond the Call: Shanna Lee

BGJHS Assistant Principal John Dempsey nominated Ms. Shanna Lee for a Beyond the Call award. In his nomination he said, “Ms. Lee has done an outstanding job organizing and preparing for our spring musical at BGJHS in the absence of her partner, Jeanie Orr. Without missing a beat, Ms. Lee charged full-speed ahead and had auditions, began rehearsals, and recruited parents and others to assist with building sets, learning lines and other necessary tasks. She did all of this after school because she continued to teach her full load and mentor a student teacher at the same time. I have only known Shanna for a short period of time, but she is a wonderful person, hard worker, and the kind of professional that makes BGJHS great.”

Community Education Update

Emily Ulber of Community Education thanked the Board of Education for the partnership with Community Ed in offering enrichment classes, many of which are held in Bowling Green Schools.

New Proposed District Boundaries for Dishman-McGinnis

The new, larger Dishman-McGinnis Elementary on Glen Lily Road is schedule to open in August. Many students within walking distance of the new school are currently districted and attending Parker-Bennett-Curry Elementary. On Monday, March 10, the Bowling Green Board of Education viewed proposed changes in district lines that will move 49 students from Parker-Bennett-Curry to Dishman-McGinnis. The students currently living within 12th Avenue and the railroad tracks have
been recommended to attend DMES. (The pink area below includes current DMES boundaries, blue notes PBC.) Letters will be sent to families residing in the proposed area, and two public forums will be held to receive public comment and answer questions: the first on March 24 at 5:00 p.m. at Parker-Bennett-Curry, the second on April 7 at 5:00 p.m. at the current Dishman-McGinnis Elementary School on Old Morgantown Road.

Superintendent Joe Tinius Evaluation
The Bowling Green Board of Education conducted Superintendent Joe Tinius’ annual evaluation, stating he meets and surpasses all criteria.

Update: Non-Resident Situation with Warren County Schools
Upon returning from closed session at the Board of Education meeting on March 10, members of the Bowling Green Board passed a motion to cross-appeal the absence of a non-resident agreement with Warren County Schools.

Warren County School’s current appeal to the Commissioner of Education restricts new non-resident students from attending BGISD except siblings of current students. Beginning with the 2014-15 school year, this motion eliminates the possibility of choice of school districts for many families in the community, which has been an option available and historically positive for the Bowling Green community. Bowling Green Independent Schools note the number of non-resident students from Warren County should not be reduced in future agreements, based on the Commissioner’s ruling in 2013 following a two-and-a-half day hearing. Commissioner Holliday stated in his ruling that the previous 2001 non-resident agreement and growth percentage be a good guide for future contracts. Warren County Schools did not appeal the ruling for the 2013-14 school year.

Based on Warren County Board of Education’s appeal for the 2014-15 school year, the Kentucky Education Commissioner, Dr. Terry Holliday has appointed Lexington attorney, Mike Wilson to oversee the appeal process between the two districts. Wilson also presided over the hearing between the two districts in July 2013.

Construction Update
- Change Order #33, Scott, Murphy & Daniel, addition $3,668 to reinstall door frame;
- Change Order #34, Diversified Electrical, Inc, addition of $813 to change kitchen circuit;
• Change Order #35, Gravesco, Inc., addition of $3,000, patch foam on steel angles;
• Change Order #36, Tennessee River Steel, deduct of $3,000, backcharge of patching foam work;
• Change Order #37, Atlas Metal Products, addition of $620.10, remake of door frame;
• Change Order #38, Tecta America Kentucky, deduct of $1,928.10, backcharge to remove and replace door frame;
• Change Order #39, Scott, Murphy & Daniel, addition of $3,008, addition of temporary fencing around construction site.

Mutual Agreement with Warren County Regional Jail
The Bowling Green Independent Schools agree to provide transportation for inmates lodged in the Warren County Regional Jail in the event of a natural disaster, mass arrest situations, and/or any other emergency situation requiring transportation. The Jailer will provide additional personnel for security of inmates while being transported.

Accepted Donation from Rob Paugh
The Bowling Green Board of Education accepted the donation of 296 choral CD's valued at $1,776.

Approved Reenactment at T. C. Cherry Elementary
Foy Gabbard, a French and Indian War re-enactor is approved to carry American Revolutionary war weapons on the property of T. C. Cherry Elementary school on March 17, in accordance with KRS 527.070.

Approved Employee Holidays for 2014-15 School Year
District and school offices will be closed on the following dates:
July 4, September 1 (Labor Day), November 27-28 (Thanksgiving), December 24-25 (Christmas), December 31-January 1 (New Year), January 19 (MLK, Jr. Holiday), February 16 (President’s Day), and May 25 (Memorial Day).

Approved Fundraising:
• BGHS “FUNdrai$ing with Laughter” with date to be determined.

Approved Travel:
• BGISD Special Olympic Team to EKU for Track and Field Games, June 6-8;
• Dishman-McGinnis Academic Team to Chattanooga Aquarium, March 28;
• BGJHS Forensics Team to State Tournament in Lexington, March 27-28;
• BGJHS 8th Grade travel by commercial carrier to Nashville, TN on May 19;
• BGHS Academic Team to Louisville, KY, March 15-17;
• BGHS Track Team to state track meet in Lexington, May 23-24;
• BGHS Tennis Team to Lone Oak Invitational in Paducah, KY, April 26-27;
• BGHS Tennis Team to Hendersonville, TN, March 12;
• BGHS FBLA to Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY, April 14-16;
• BGHS FBLA to National Conference in Nashville, TN, June 29-July 2;
• BGHS FBLA to the FFA Leadership Training Camp in Hardinsburg, KY, June 11-13.