Facilities Requests:
The Kiwanis Club of BG has been approved to use the BGHS pool on February 1.

Public Forum: Nutrition & Physical Activity Report Card
The Bowling Green Independent School District is required to report annually on efforts to meet nutrition and physical activity guidelines and district goals.

School Board Recognition Month
Superintendent Joe Tinius recognized members of the Board of Education and their years of service to the students and families of Bowling Green City Schools. January is School Board Recognition Month and to honor them, each school also presented tokens of appreciation.

Spotlight on Bowling Green Junior High: Author Jeff Kinney Visit
BGJHS shared a video of a recent visit from Jeff Kinney. Kinney is the author of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series and made a rare visit to BGJHS after the school won a contest from Scholastic. Artwork and projects from BGJHS are also on display in the Board Room of the District Office.

National Board Certified Teachers
Five teachers were recognized Monday evening for receiving or renewing their National Board Certification. Twenty-one current Bowling Green City School teachers have successfully completed the rigorous process of earning National Board Certification.

National Board Certified Teachers:
Lisa Correa, Bowling Green High School
Sandra McCoy, Bowling Green High School

NBCT Renewal:
Janet Martin, Bowling Green High School
Kelli Brooks, W. R. McNeill Elementary
Dana Duncan, W. R. McNeill Elementary

BGHS Fall Sports Recognition
Joe Tinius and Principal Gary Fields recognized four fall sports coaches and teams for their 2013 accomplishments and state event participation:

BGHS Girls Soccer: State Elite 8
BGHS Boys Soccer: State Final Four
BGHS Girls Cross Country: State Runners-Up
BGHS Football: State Champion

Parker-Bennett-Curry Playscape Presentation
WKU staff members Laura Leach and Shahnaz Aly presented a proposal for a natural playscape intended for both preschool and elementary students of Parker-Bennett-Curry. The plan incorporates the use of natural resources, offering students a play area meant for sensory experiences, learning opportunities about gardening, and ownership in caring for a natural, living space. The group hopes to seek grants to fund the project, and then utilize volunteers to complete the playscape.

Construction Update
- BG-5, final documents approved for the BGJHS cooling tower;
- Change Order for Dishman-McGinnis security system in the new school, changing from original bid from Advanced Electrical Systems to Sonitrol, consistent with security systems districtwide.

Public Comment:
- Ryan Dearbone of Community Education shared an update on the 2013 Teen Angel Program. Last year, in its fourth year, the program raised over $16,000, assisting over 160 teenagers. Teen Angel was assisted by three key sponsors including Crocker Law, General Motors Assembly Plant, and Sun Products.
Board of Education Attorney Regina Jackson announced that a date for mediation had been scheduled to address the non-resident agreements between Bowling Green Independent and Warren County Schools. To date, the two Boards of Education have not reached a long-term non-resident agreement as directed by the Commissioner of Education, thus the next step is to pursue mediation. Both Board of Education attorneys agreed to select Rick Walter of Boehl, Stopher & Graves, LLP in Paducah from a state-approved list of mediators. Walter will assist the Boards of Education in mediation on Saturday, February 8, with both pursuing a mutually-beneficial, long-term non-resident agreement.

2015 Draft Budget Approved
Jeff Herron, Finance Officer, presented the 2014-15 Draft Budget which is the first of three steps in the school district budgeting process. The General Assembly has not yet passed a budget for the 2014-16 biennium, therefore the base SEEK has not yet been determined. With many uncertainties surrounding the state budget, the Draft Budget approved on Monday is a “rollover” of the 2013-14 working budget.

Things to consider:
- SEEK Funding: If SEEK is restored to the 2008 level of $3,866, the base will increase by $142,719, however, the projected increase in salary costs due to the step-increase (no raises) is $194,377.
- The Kentucky Teacher Retirement System mandated employer contribution in 2008 was $0; in 2015 it is projected to be $342,717. Since the employer contribution was mandated, the district will have expended $468,000 by the end of the current school year.
- Questions remain regarding a potential mandated salary increase. A 1% increase in salary would cost the district an additional $204,708.
- There are also questions about restoring funding for textbooks, professional development, and extended school services. In 2008, those were funded at $348,296; the current year funding is $76,864.

Accepted Sanitation Proposal
The Board of Education accepted a three-year sanitation bid by Scott Waste. The district will utilize BGISD employees and resources to complete recycling services.

Approved Grant Application
The Warren County Regional Detention Center was approved to pursue a grant in an amount up to $1,250 from VSA Kentucky.

Approved Reimbursement of Expenses for KSBA
The Board of Education approved the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred by members and administrative staff during the KSBA Conference, to be held January 31-February 2.

Support for Non-Profit Organizations:
- South Central Kentucky Kids on the Block, contribution of $2,000
- Junior Achievement of South Central Kentucky, contribution of $2,000

Approved Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement
The Bowling Green Independent School district approved accepting payment equal to the amount of tax levied in lieu of taxes assessed to the property of the Hyatt Place Hotel, adjacent to the campus of WKU. The project and property is exempt from taxation as long as it is used as public property for public purposes and owned by the County.

Accept Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission Offer of Assistance
The acceptance of the offer of $47,223 was accepted on Monday evening. The amount is to be used toward annual debt service on bonds to be sold for proposed construction or major renovation of facilities in the most current facilities plan.

Approved Travel:
- W. R. McNeill STLP to state competition in Lexington, KY, April 21-22;
- BGJHS sixth grade by charter bus to Chattanooga, Tennessee on April 29;
- BGHS cheerleaders by charter bus to Orlando, Florida to UCA Cheerleading Nationals,
February 6-10;
- BGHS band by charter bus to New York City, NY May 27-31