

# County school board holds February meeting

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The Grant County Board of Education held its monthly board meeting Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Gifted and talented students were recognized and awarded certificates. Those honored were: Aubrie Courtney, Hayden Cardin, Jacqueline Tatum, Ryder Bussell, Riley Kenner, Owen Dixon, Jackson Burton, Daniella Vest, Clara Ryan, Georgia Huff, Madison Butcher, William Scott, Lillian Bardua, Charlotte Stribling, Ryder Magee, Abigail Stetter, Aubrey Eldridge, Toren Ruth, Lilly Johnson, Zoey Stroude, Carrie Stone, Ava Offutt, Paisley Burdine, Santiago Gonzalez, Zane Akin, Liam Howard, Nicholas Brewer, Lucas Hornback, Avery Carrier, Violet Combs, Lily Bowles, Olivia



Danielle Haley

Grant County Gifted and Talented students were recognized at the February school board meeting.

Tallman, Damon Ohlman, Karma Ferguson and Liam Dawalt.

The board heard a brief construction update on the Dry Ridge Elementary renovation. Work is moving along in the 300s and a few of the rooms in the 200 hallway will soon be tackled,

giving a jumpstart to the summer work.

The board approved a pay application for work on the Grant County Middle School roof in the amount of \$149,672.73.

The board also approved a pay application for DRE construction in the amount

of \$80,247.61.

A representative of Apptegy, a website provider the district is thinking about switching to, joined the meeting remotely and gave a presentation.

After approving claims and the consent agenda, the board discussed the possi-

bility of having to amend the 2024-25 calendar because of snow days.

The next meeting of the Grant County Board of Education will be on Thursday, March 13, at 6 p.m. at the Board Office, 820 Arnie Risen Boulevard, Williamstown.

# Grant County Schools reach 10-day NTI limit

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At the Feb. 12 monthly meeting, the Grant County Board of Education faced the possibility of having to amend the school calendar.

As of the meeting date, nine of the 10 allowed Non-Traditional Instruction days had

been used.

After more snow fell the week following the board meeting, the final NTI day was used on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Wednesday through Friday were traditional snow days and must be made up.

The current calendar has the last day of

school scheduled for May 23. The board noted at the Feb. 12 meeting that in order to keep that date in the face of more possible snow days, the calendar might need to be changed.

The possibility of bringing students in for Presidents Day the

following Monday was thought to be too late notice for parents to pivot.

Bringing students in on March 14, a scheduled day off, was discussed.

“Taking away Spring Break is never going to be a popular idea,” Superintendent Todd

Moody remarked.

Board chair Lisa Smith exclaimed, “Everybody just pray for no more snow days!”

No actions were taken to change the calendar.

Yet more snow fell, and that, in combination with Presidents Day, meant Grant County students were out of

school every day last week.

Public Information Officer Danielle Haley said on Feb. 20, “The board will amend the district calendar at the March board meeting, so families should know then when the official last day of school will be.”

## FATE

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Each year, the City will be reimbursed \$1,584,530.35 from both SATD (\$1,364,122.19) and Crittenden (\$220,408.16) with yearly recalculations “based upon expenses and tax revenue” to be done “180 days prior to June 30.” Parties will meet quarterly to discuss the status of the agreement. Capital Purchases at or above \$25,000 will be discussed and approved prior to acquisition.

While not currently in writing, Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambu-

lances and personnel have been placed at Crittenden, Dry Ridge and Williamstown. This will be formalized into a written contract.

To assure employee security, a matter the City of Dry Ridge has consistently stressed, if changes in elected officials results in wishes to exit the agreement, this could result in a “breach of contract.” However, there is provision should a member wish to exit the agreement.

City of Crittenden Fire Chief A. Lee Burton related the Crittenden Ambulance District had voted unanimously the previous Monday to enter into the agree-

ment. He said while it is “not perfect” they feel comfortable entering into the agreement.

SATD Board Secretary Ashley Brinker noted a vote could not be taken as the meeting was considered a special meeting.

However, Treasurer Josh Willoughby said since the issue was on the agenda it could, indeed, be voted upon. He then motioned to accept the document and was quickly seconded by Trustee Chad Bedard.

Brinker objected, saying she had received the eight-page agreement only that afternoon and had not had time to review the document

“with due diligence.” While not saying there were any problems with the agreement, she said she was “not voting on anything until” she could “do her homework.” Morgan agreed. The motion was denied, with Willoughby and Bedard the only members voting yes.

### ATTENDING CITIZEN ADDRESS

Dry Ridge City Administrator Ken Little, addressed the Board during the Attending Citizen Address. “I’d just like to know if this was released for bid, and if so in accordance with what.”

Morgan said it had

not been released for bid. He asked Brian Bishop, Partner Integration Director of AmeriPro Health if there “was there public notice given that they were accepting bids.”

Bishop replied, “Not to my knowledge, no” and indicated his company seeks out places that might be looking for ambulance services.

### PRESENTATION OF PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICE PROPOSAL

Bishop had contacted Morgan to address the Board with a proposal to take over ambulance services. AmeriPro is self-described as “next Gen[eration] Medical

Transport Solutions.” Bishop said his company would provide two 24-hour ALS ambulances, staffed, and one 12-hour ALS/BLS ambulance as well as an on-site paramedic supervisor.

The fee would be \$1,271,754 the first year with a 3% increase yearly throughout a five-year contract. He said it could be reduced to a three-year contract and would have exit provisions, if requested.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12, at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse. For meeting information, contact Chair Tony Morgan at (859) 992-7081.

## INMATES

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According to the Kentucky League of Cities’ website, “The Kentucky Constitution limits the compensation that elected city officials may receive as well as when they may receive it. Since dollar amounts were put into the constitution, courts have upheld adjusting those amounts each year according to inflation. These adjustments are commonly referred to as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs).”

Further, the mandate requires these increases each year for county elected officials but not

for city officials. The CPI for the 2025 calendar year was 2.9% “for all official positions” covered.

- County Clerk Tabatha Clemons asked for routine annual “approval to amend the County Clerk’s Budget for 2025, CPI Adjustment as a whole” for her office.

District 1 Magistrate Jacquelyn Riley asked for clarification that the raise would be for the clerk’s position only, not staff. Clemons said yes.

- Dills said “I believe, after having some conversation[s]; I believe the majority or all of the magistrates ...[wish] to make the motion not to take action.” He then asked “Is that correct?”

Riley responded “that

is correct” and noted she felt it would be “premature” to approve a raise for the magistrates until the County is in better financial condition, possibly this summer.

Dills then clarified the CPI is on the agenda as it is required by statute to be voted upon by the Court.

A motion to take no action carried unanimously.

- KRS 64.527 requiring CPI for Grant County Coroner was also motioned and approved to take no action.

- KRS 15.765 requiring CPI for Grant County Attorney was motioned and approved to take no action. Dills said Bates had indicted to take no action;

Wellbeing Scorecard.

This national recognition program provides of an online evaluation tool, a “Scorecard,” that worksites can fill out, giving them an overall score for their wellness efforts. Based on the score, worksites are recognized nationally for their achievement (Platinum, Gold, Silver and other levels) and receive feedback on how they can further improve the health and wellness environment of their workplace. FFLAG also recognizes these worksites at the local level.

The scorecard is always open, and worksites have two opportunities each year to complete it. The first round is happening now! The spring deadline to complete it is April 30.

connect worksites to:

- Resources on creating a healthy workplace program (employee surveys, developing a plan, programs/toolkits on various wellness topics and how to evaluate the program’s effectiveness)

- Local resources that may be able to provide assistance such as general education, lunch and learns or preventative health screenings.

Are you a workplace that has a healthy worksite program? We want to recognize you!

For many years, FFLAG has recognized worksites within Grant County who have taken steps to improve the health of their employees. FFLAG encourages worksites to complete the American Heart Association’s Workforce

## NOTES

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### WILLIAMSTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

214 North Main St., Williamstown  
859-824-4102  
williamstownbaptistchurch.com  
Pastor Sam Newman  
Sunday Service: Discipleship groups 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m., characters of the Bible 6 p.m.; Wednesday Worship: Family meal 5 p.m., children’s activities 5:40 p.m., prayer meeting 6 p.m., youth group 6 p.m., adult choir practice 7 p.m.; Food Pantry: Tuesdays 1-3 p.m. (Grant County residents only. Proof of residency required.)

### WILLIAMSTOWN CHRISTIAN

218 North Main Street  
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(859) 823-2041  
williamstownchristian.com  
Email: office@williamstownchristian.com  
Adult Sunday School: 8:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Night Small Groups  
Free Wednesday Night Meal at 5:30 p.m.  
Senior Minister: Faron Franklin  
Youth Minister: Noah Spencer  
Children’s Minister: Shawn West  
Williamstown Church of God  
113 High St., Williamstown, KY  
859-824-0910  
Services 11 a.m. Sunday mornings and 7 p.m. Wednesday  
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### WILLIAMSTOWN UNITED METHODIST

Minister Rey Garcia  
859-813-0115  
Sunday School starts at 9 a.m.  
Service starts at 10 a.m.  
www.williamstownumc.org  
pastorreywumc@gmail.com  
WPHC Hilltop  
749 S. Main Street, Williamstown  
859-393-7298  
Sunday Service 11 a.m., Thursday Bible study 6 p.m.

### ZION BAPTIST

(859) 824-6568

## HEALTHY

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that support other areas of wellness.

- Financial: Offer financial planning resources or workshops to help employees feel financially secure and supported.

- Spiritual: Seek out and promote opportunities for volunteering or community engagement.

### HEALTHY WORKSITE RESOURCES TO HELP YOU GET STARTED

How can Fitness for Life Around Grant County support worksites looking to improve the health of their employees and their workplace through a healthy workplace program? FFLAG can help