

Caverna Board of Education Highlights Construction Upgrades and Student Honors

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The Caverna Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, February 12.

Board members in attendance included Gina Lyon, Allison Dennison, Wayne Hatcher, Jennifer Briggs, and Jennifer Ballard, along with Superintendent Amanda Abell.

Board member Jennifer Briggs opened the meeting by reading the district's vision and mission statements, and Superintendent Amanda Abell offered the opening prayer.

Reports

Superintendent Abell presented her monthly report, highlighting several district updates.

Among the key updates was progress on a new outdoor restroom facility near the baseball and football stadiums. Construction is expected to begin in early March. Temporary traffic rerouting will be implemented to ensure safe access for students and fans during events.

The board also reviewed progress on its 30-60-90 strategic plan and discussed scheduling a finance working session to address upcoming budget and funding matters.

Recognitions

Students from across the district were recognized for outstanding achievement.

Students of the month included Payton Parsley from Caverna Elementary School, Kaylee

Gabehart from Caverna Middle School, and Adreana Salvador from Caverna High School.

Gavin Lightning was unable to attend but was recognized as the Athlete of the Month.

The board also recognized staff member Lisa Austin with the Core Value Award.

Natasha Jackson was absent from the meeting, but also received a Core Value Award.

Caverna staff member Terry Smith presented the Community Partner of the Month award to Commonwealth Broadcasting.

The next meeting of the Caverna Board of Education will be on March 12.

KASA Issues Strong Statement on Preventing Grooming in Schools



The Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) has issued a strong statement affirming that grooming and sexual abuse of students will not be tolerated in Kentucky's public schools.

Calling student protection a moral obligation and a matter of public trust, KASA emphasized that school leaders are bound by a Code of Ethics requiring the highest standards of integrity in all interactions with students. The organization acknowledged that while public schools are meant to be safe havens, any breach of

trust is unacceptable. Citing national data from the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), KASA noted that child sexual abuse remains a serious concern across the country and often involves someone known to the victim. Because schools are built on trust relationships, administrators must remain vigilant in recognizing warning signs and preventing misconduct.

To address the issue, KASA outlined a three-part strategy: raising awareness of grooming behaviors, strengthening

professional training for school leaders, and advocating for policies that enhance prevention, reporting, and accountability.

The organization said this approach will be incorporated into upcoming professional development events, including the Education Law & Finance Conference and the Annual Leadership Institute.

KASA leaders reaffirmed their commitment to believing and supporting victims and ensuring Kentucky schools remain places of safety, dignity, and care for every student.

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Community Partner of the Month: Commonwealth Broadcasting



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CES Student of the Month: Payton Parsley

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CMS Student of the Month: Kaylee Gabehart



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CHS Student of the Month: Adreana Salvador



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Core Value Award recipient: Lisa Austin



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