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KEDC honors Mr. Doug Bechanan on upcoming retirement



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The Kentucky Educational Development Corporation (KEDC) took time at their final KEDC Board Meeting to recognize several retiring superintendents, and it was a moment that really hit home.

These are leaders who have poured years into

their districts, their communities, and most importantly, their students. The kind of impact they've made doesn't just show up in numbers... it shows up in lives changed and futures shaped. They will truly be missed. Wishing each of them nothing but the

best in retirement. It's well earned.

This is only see you later and not goodbye to Patrick Richardson, Keny Bell, Dr. Sanford Holbrook, Doug Bechanan, and Dr. Matt Thompson (not pictured).

Nicholas County Schools Superintendent Screening Committee meets

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Members of the Nicholas County Schools Superintendent Screening Committee met on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, for their first training session.

The meeting was called to order with a welcome from KSBA Consultant Tim Abrams, and an overview of the Kentucky statutes governing superintendent selection, which reads as follows,

"Each board of education shall appoint a superintendent of schools after receiving the recommendations of a screening committee. A screening committee shall be established

within 30 days of a determination by a board of education that a vacancy has occurred or will occur in the office of superintendent."

"A screening committee shall be composed of: 2 teachers, elected by teachers in the district; one Board of Education member, appointed by the board chairman; one principal, elected by the principals in the district; one parent, elected by the presidents of the parent-teacher organization of the schools in the district; and one classified employee, elected by the classified employees in the district."

"Prior to appointing a superintendent

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Carlisle man arrested on multiple drug charges

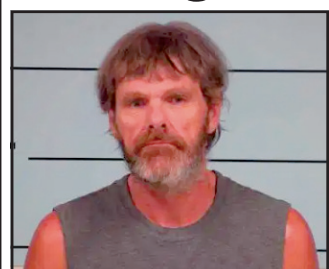


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George A. Watkins, Jr.

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George A. Watkins, Jr., 56, of Maysville Road, Carlisle, Ky., was arrested on Tuesday, April 14, 2025, by Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff Barry Sparks. Mr. Watkins, Jr. has been charged with one count of

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Nicholas County School Board recognizes five exceptional seniors during April meeting

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Members of the Nicholas County School Board, including Superintendent Doug Bechanan and School Attorney Dawn Letcher, met on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6:00pm, at the Board Office, for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Board Chair Cheryl Rawlings called the meeting to order with a prayer, roll call, and the recognition of "five exceptional seniors - Kylie Earlywine, Kailee Mynear, Jordy

Hunt, Karlie Kriegel, and Garrett Zimmerman - for an outstanding academic achievement.

Through dedication, perseverance, and a commitment to excellence, these students have successfully earned their associate degrees prior to graduating from high school. This accomplishment reflects not only their strong work ethic, but also their ability to balance the rigorous demands of both high school and college-level coursework.

Their success is a testament to the support of their families, teachers, and the opportunities provided through Nicholas County Schools. These students have set a high standard for their peers and serve as a model of what can be achieved through determination and focus.

The Board of Education commends Kylie, Kailee, Jordy, Karlie, and Garrett for their remarkable achievement and wishes them continued success as they take the next steps in their academic and professional journeys."

The board approved the consent agenda, which included the previous meeting's minutes, the treasurer's report and payment of bills, and the superintendent's report of personnel actions, which include...

Employment... Larry "Rob" Ullery - Athletic Trainer (this position to start in 26-27 school year); and Randy Doyle - NCMHS Custodian.

Resignation... Everett Alan Dale - NCMHS Custodian.

The board acknowledges receipt of the following generous donations...

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Photo by Michael Clary

Supt. Doug Bechanan and Board Chair Cheryl Rawlings recognized these five exceptional senior, from left to right: Jordynn Hunt, Karlie Kriegel, Kailee Mynear, Kylie Earlywine, Garrett Zimmerman for earning their associate degrees prior to graduation.

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