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Schools superintendent to retire December 31

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After nine and a half years as superintendent, Bert Hensley announced his retirement during the board meeting that was held on Thursday, November 20th.



Bert Hensley
Hensley was emotional as he told the board that the

Bible states that there is a time for everything and he feels like that it is his time to retire.

Hensley added that members of the board past and present had accomplished a lot of great things while he was superintendent including new facilities and had also accomplished a great deal financially.

School board attorney Jerry Gilbert advised the board that in order to fill Hensley's spot they should advertise the vacancy on December 31st which will be Hensley's last day of employment. Gilbert said that within 30 days the board would need to appoint a screening committee which should consist of two

teachers, one board member, one principal, one parent, and one classified employee. Gilbert also advised that the board use the KSBA to assist in advertising and the electoral process of hiring an interim superintendent.

With one new member joining the board in January, Gilbert added that a permanent superintendent could not be hired during this process. He said that the interim superintendent could fill the vacancy for six months and then have a three month extension. The board would also be able to operate for a certain amount of time without having an interim superintendent but Gilbert said that if board members agreed to

use the KSBA to assist in the process they would handle the advertising, paperwork, and screening of the candidates.

Board members agreed to meet in special session on December 4th to discuss how to proceed with the hiring process.

Band director Jason Bowles thanked the board for being so supportive of the program as five seniors were recognized for their accomplishments this year. Jessica Dawes, Maria Coleman, Kaisee Riddell, Raelynn Emmert, and Emily Howell were presented with certificates from members of the board.

Mr. Hensley also recog-

nized Jason Bowles for being KMA's teacher of the year.

A representative from White and Associates who performs the school district's audit each year informed the board that there were zero findings that needed actions.

"Overall it was an excellent audit. We expect it from all school districts and it has been a pleasure working with you all," stated the representative.

Hensley added that three districts throughout the state are currently being ran by the KSBA. Robertson, Breathitt, and Menifee Counties have all been taken over by the state and that several other districts lost funds this year.

He said he thought the key to a good audit are policies, procedures, and accountability.

In consent items, the board approved a section 7 request in the amount of \$3,000 for the prom committee, approved a transportation request for the Special Olympics State Bowling tournament in Louisville, a medical leave of absence, and to add one member to the leadership cadre.

The monthly treasurer's report was not available at the time of the meeting due to a conference. Treasurer Angie Howell stated that she would mail each board member a copy of the report as soon as it was completed.

Mother abandons sick child when she observes cruiser

Irvine Police charged a mother with abandoning her child last Wednesday afternoon. Sgt. Mike Gross said that IPD received a call about an intoxicated female at 220 River Drive.

He located the female on River Drive and said she failed field sobriety tests, including the one leg stand, step, turn, and walk, and HGN. Gross also stated that she had problems forming coherent sentences.

He added that Monica R. Neal, 23, of Flinchum Ridge, Ravenna, had her child with her.

Gross said that Neal's child was sick. The doctor had advised Neal to take the child for tests on Tuesday for a possibly life threatening illness.

When Neal saw the cruiser, Gross said she walked back towards the inside. He added that she sat the child down and then left.

Neal was charged with public intoxication, abandonment of a minor, and endangering the welfare of a minor.

Neal's bond has been set at \$5,000 cash on November 20.

According to court records, Neal was arrested on a new offense while a cash was pending.

She was arraigned on Friday in Estill District Court. During her arraignment, she pleaded not-guilty to all three charges.

Neal returned to Estill District Court on Monday for a preliminary hearing.

Estill man arrested for having stolen Madison generator

An Estill man has been arrested and charged with receiving property that was stolen in Madison County on November 7.

According to the arrest warrant, Darrell D. Estes, 36, of Dug Hill Road, Irvine sold a Dewalt generator to James Hardy for \$250.00. The generator was valued at \$1,000.00.

The arrest warrant states the owner did not discover his generator missing until

November 8. He reported it stolen on November 9.

Estes was charged with receiving stolen property, a felony, and theft by deception - including cold checks under \$250, a misdemeanor.

Bail for Estes was set at \$5,000 cash. He pleaded not-guilty during his arraignment on November 24 in Estill District Court.

Estes returned to district court for a preliminary hearing on Nov. 24.



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Students from South Irvine Pre-K Center enjoyed meeting Santa on Saturday afternoon. Photo courtesy of Amy Thomas

- ### Obituaries
- Mae Fortner, 94
 - James Hardy Jr., 92
 - Larry Hamm, 69
 - D.B. Henry, 87
 - Ida Johnson, 89
 - Harold Patton, 59
 - Emma Richardson, 72
 - Reva Richardson, 96
 - Theda Walters, 79
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Stolen truck is wrecked

Deputy Ethan Jordan investigated a wreck on Barnes Mtn. Road, around 7:30 a.m. on Friday.

The vehicle involved in the wreck was reported stolen by Gene Isaacs. It was a green and silver 1998 Dodge truck.

The deputy said it was being driven by William Cain, 23, of Irvine. Cain was charged with receiving stolen property under \$10,000, failure to maintain required insurance, alcohol intoxication, and criminal mischief first degree.



Kindergarten students from South Irvine P-K entertained at the courthouse on Saturday afternoon. Photo courtesy of Amy Thomas