

School board approves policy for medical director

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Boardmember Jon Bicknell said that he had received questions from some people about gifts that board members received back in January from the architect and from Mr. Saylor and if that had influenced their vote on the recallable nickel.

Mr. Saylor responded by saying that if the board recalled, the shirts that were given to them at that time was a practice that had been done for many years before he was hired. If he recalled correctly, all of the board members had paid for those shirts.

Bicknell replied that Saylor should have stated during the meeting that the board members had paid for those shirts instead of implying that they were purchased with federal funding which was illegal.

Bicknell also stated that he had turned this into the ‘feds’ back in 2012 that they had been receiving gifts and that it had been a long practice and that it did influence his vote with the architect.

He said that the mug that he received from the architect in January had a card on it and he felt like they were soliciting the board’s vote.

Mr. Saylor said that he didn’t read the card on the mug and that the board decided

who they chose to do business, not him. He said that it was on the agenda for the night to discuss a potential architect and that the board chair sets the agenda. Bicknell said that he had tried twice in the past month to have a topic put on the agenda but could get no response from the chair person.

“What you requested to have put on the agenda last month would have been needed to discussed in closed session and closed session was on the agenda and you didn’t show up,” stated Board chairperson Rhonda Hardy.

“Yeah, because there was nothing that I could vote for,” stated Bicknell.

“I don’t understand why you can’t vote for something. You are elected by the constituents in your district, so you can vote on any item on the agenda,” said Mr. Saylor.

Bicknell said that he felt there was a conflict of interest on some of items on the agenda according to the state and federal authorities. Saylor responded by saying that he wished that the federal authorities would come forward because he was tired of hearing about it.

“I have been here for two years and have done nothing but try to conduct business in a proper manner here in this school district

and we need to move on from some of this stuff. The job of this board is to promote the mission and vision of this school district and what we are doing is tearing this school district apart on petty items that are not even true,” said Saylor.

Saylor went on to say that if they could ever get back to where they focused on the kids and not the adults that’s when good things would happen in the school district. He said that for the two years he has been here his focus has always been on the kids and that if Bicknell thought he wasn’t doing a good job then he needed to be there when it was time for the superintendent’s evaluation.

He said that Bicknell had not been at either meeting when his evaluation was on the agenda and Bicknell responded by saying that was because there was things that he didn’t agree with.

“If you have problems with my job performance then you need to show up on the nights that we have an evaluation of the superintendent. It’s not to be done on Facebook or social media,” added Saylor.

L.W. Beckley said that he had always been a fan of the people having the option of voting on a tax increase but he did have

reservations about the board paying for the special election.

Mr. Saylor presented the board with a document showing what the tax rate would be this year according to the PVA. The verified tax rate would be 51.6 cents with the recallable nickel which is 3/10 of a cent higher than what was previously projected.

“I think we need to make a decision tonight because I’m not crazy about paying for an election but I sure don’t want to have to pay for another tax bill because that’s just more money out of our pocket,” said Beckley.

Boardmember Donna Isfort made the motion to proceed with the special election if all of the signatures were found valid by Sherry Fox. The vote was three to two with Bicknell and Beckley opposed.

The board moved on to discuss several different items during the work session. Among those items were the yearly budget, the facility and construction needs in the district, and the superintendent’s evaluation.

The next board meeting will be held on August 17th at Central Office at 6 pm. All school board meetings are open to the public.

Estill Grand Jury returns 17 indictments

Seventeen indictments were returned on Friday, July 28 by an Estill County Grand Jury. The indicted persons and their charges are listed as below.

Brandy Crim, 31, of N. Stacy Lane, Irvine, was indicted for second degree criminal possession of a forged instrument.

The indictment states that on March 2, she attempted to cash a \$30.00 check at Cash Express on Sherry Yeager.

Trooper Austin Brasher conducted the investigation.

Deborah J. Stamper, 55, of Beattyville was named in a seven-count indictment.

Her charges are listed as giving officer false name or address; trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (greater than or equal to 10 oxycodone); possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess (methamphetamine pipe and plastic baggies); public intoxication of a controlled substance; trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense and first degree (less than 2 grams methamphetamine); and theft of identity of another without consent.

The last charge states that she possessed a benefit card with the intent to obtain benefits.

Sgt. John Sturniolo conducted the investigation of the events which allegedly

occurred on May 10.

Timothy Charles, 50, of Sandhill Road, Irvine was named in a five-count indictment.

He was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia - buy/possess (clear pipe); tampering with physical evidence (crushing the clear pipe); no/expired registration plates; and operating on a suspended or revoked operator’s license.

The events allegedly occurred on March 27. Trooper Nick Brumback was the investigating officer.

Timothy Puckett, 29, of Broadway, Irvine was indicted for public intoxication of a controlled substance; resisting arrest; third degree assault of a police officer; and second degree disorderly conduct.

The indictment states that Puckett tried to prevent his arrest and had to be tased on May 10. It adds that he kicked and punched Sgt. Sturniolo, the investigating officer, and made unreasonable noise and caused public annoyance by spitting and becoming aggressive towards medical personnel.

Kristy R. Henry, 41, of S. Hudson Ave., Irvine was indicted for second degree forgery and theft by deception - including cold checks

under \$10,000.

According to the indictment, around April 15, Henry falsely made and cashed three checks to herself from H&R Block totalling \$1,451.61.

Trooper Brumback conducted the investigation.

Brittany Meadows, 28, of Clay City, was indicted for complicity to burglary second degree.

The indictment states that she was complicit in the unlawful entry of the home of Floyd Dawes to commit a crime on June 10.

Trooper Brashear was the investigating officer.

Bradley “Joe” Young, 40, Chestnut Stand, Irvine was indicted for public intoxication of a controlled substance, illegal possession of a legend drug (11 neurontin pills); possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense (methamphetamine); and tampering with physical evidence.

The indictment says on April 26, he threw a glass bottle containing methamphetamine by a chain fence in order to conceal evidence.

Sgt. Sturniolo conducted the investigation.

Brianna McIntosh, 21, of Main Street, Irvine was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree and first offense and

drug paraphernalia - buy/possess (a syringe) on May 5.

The investigation was conducted by Trooper Brumback.

Sue Collett aka Sue Richardson, 58, of Bluebird Lane, Irvine was indicted on two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense and also trafficking in a controlled substance, third degree and first offense.

The indictment states that Collett sold 10 hydrocodone to a confidential informant on April 15 and three hydrocodone and seven xanax to a confidential informant on March 27.

Sgt. Sturniolo conducted the investigation.

Jeremy Hall, 27, of Kendallville, IN, faces charges of no/expired KY registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, license to be in possession, receiving stolen property (firearm), and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess on May 25.

The indictment says the firearm, a Rock Island .45 caliber pistol, was reported stolen out of Indiana.

Trooper Brashear was the investigator.

James Rodney Adams, 50, was indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree and first offense. The indictment says that Adams sold heroin to a confidential informant on

Dark Hollow couple arrested for drugs

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The citation says that Mr. Abney instructed the informant to sell the drugs for retail pricing, and he would charge the informant at wholesale prices. This would allow the informant to keep the difference.

The citation says there was a second meeting between Mr. Abney and the informant to renegotiate pricing.

It adds that Mr. Abney had sold oxycodone to another confidential informant behind Estill Springs Elementary School on a previous date.

Abney allegedly set up another transaction when the confidential informant needed more drugs, after the sales were complete.

IPD says there were meth and heroin test kits in the safe that tested positive for each drug.

Mr. Abney reportedly had marijuana pipes, small plastic baggies used to package drugs, and a digital scale.

The citation states that Mr. Abney forced the confidential informant to use illegal drugs during the purchase in order to cover up the transaction.

It adds that Mr. Abney conspired with his son, Scott, to purchase a shotgun. Scott Abney is a convicted felon.

Ronnie Abney was arraigned by video in Estill District Court on Monday. He pleaded not-guilty to all 12 charges. The court appointed a public defender for him.

He is scheduled to return to court on August 16 for a preliminary hearing.

Betty Abney was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree (oxycodone) and trafficking in a controlled substance, third degree (xanax).

Her citation states that she assisted Ronnie Abney in counting the oxycodone and xanax pills to transfer them to the confidential informant.

Mrs. Abney was released on bail Monday from the Clark County Jail. The amount of the bail and her court dates were not available.

3 reportedly injured during rear-end collision on Friday

Both drivers involved in a rear-end collision August 4 on Richmond Road were taken by ambulance to Marcum & Wallace Hospital for treatment of minor injuries, according to a collision report.

A passenger in one of the vehicles was also transported to the local hospital.

Deputy Daniel Smith investigated the wreck, which occurred about two miles west of Irvine.

The report states that Alfred J. Gentry of Edwards Road, Irvine was traveling west on Ky 52 when his vehicle struck a vehicle in the rear which was driven by Ashlee N. Camden of Sunrise Valley.

Gentry’s passenger was identified as Brittney Davis of Reges Road.

Camden’s three passengers did not report any injuries.

Items reported stolen from barn on Spout Springs Rd.

The Estill County Sheriff’s Department is investigating the reports of a theft from a barn.

The theft is being investigated by Deputy Daniel Smith.

The theft was reported August 3 by Michael Poe of Lexington, son of the property owner, who was notified of the theft by neighbors who saw the barn door was open.

Poe reported that a yellow 4-wheeler was missing, along with two black and white Fox brand helmets and

Driver is burned after his vehicle explodes & burns

A driver received burns after his vehicle apparently exploded and caught fire on the night of August 2.

Deputy Russell Morris investigated the incident on Spout Springs Road.

The report states that Derrick Moore of Dry Branch Road, Irvine was driving down Spout Springs Road when his vehicle exploded and caught fire.

The deputy adds the vehicle left the roadway on the right side and went up an embankment before stopping.

The driver was able to exit the vehicle, but Morris said he received several burns.

Driver involved in collision is charged with auto theft

The driver involved in a single vehicle collision was charged with a felony.

Deputy Doc Morris said that a 2010 Hyundai Elantra was involved in an accident August 1 on Cow Creek.

He added the vehicle belonged to Sandra Arvin, who told him the car had been stolen.

Morris charged the driver, Casey Rose, 24, of Millers Creek Road, Irvine with operating on a suspended or revoked license and theft by unlawful taking or disposition of an auto.

Sgt. John Sturniolo of the Irvine Police Department served a bench warrant on Rose for failing to appear in Estill District Court on charges of no tail lamps and operating on a suspended or revoked license.

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