

Rockcastle County Board of Education

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Larry Hammond ♦ Misty Lakes ♦ Angela Parsons-Woods

Rockcastle County Middle School ♦ 945 West Main Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Special Board Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2021

5:00 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

At approximately 5:00 PM, Chairman Angela Stallsworth-Mink called the meeting to order.

A. Roll Call – All members present with the exception of Larry Hammond.

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

Angela Parsons-Woods made a motion to approve the agenda. Misty Lakes made a second. All members present agreed.

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Review/Approve Amended 2020-2021 School Calendar

Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert requested that Board amend the 2020-2021 School Calendar to add an additional 20 minutes to the instructional day beginning Monday, April 19th. This amendment would allow the district to meet the 1062 hours of required instruction by May 28, 2021. Misty Lakes made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 calendar amendment. Angela Parsons-Woods made a second. All members present agreed.

4. COMMUNICATION

A. Strategic Planning Meeting – Session #3

Dr. Jim Evans welcomed committee members.

Superintendent Ballinger read the Group Norms determined during Session #1:

Group Norms:

- Communicate with open honest dialogue in a safe environment.
- Respect each other's opinion.
- Be a respectful listener.
- Stay on task and start and end on time.
- If we are meeting virtually we will keep our cameras on as warranted.
- Be honest and bring your best experiences to the table.

Dr. Evans reviewed the Belief Statements developed during Session #2:

Belief Statements:

1. We believe that every student will learn to their fullest potential when provided with a safe and positive learning environment, caring and nurturing adults, and high-quality relevant learning opportunities.

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2. We believe in putting students first in everything we do. This requires high expectations for staff and students, as well as supportive partnerships among families and the community.
3. We believe in our teachers, our students, and our families. This foundation is the cornerstone of student success.
4. We believe all students will be respected, educated and given the opportunity to succeed.
5. We believe in supporting the whole student in all aspects of their education: socio-emotional, academic, and athletic.

Parameters Defined:

Dr. Evans presented the list of draft Parameters as submitted to the Google form. Committee members voted for their top five parameters with the following result:

1. We will foster a love of learning in students to produce lifelong learners and encourage students to think critically.
2. We will operate schools which are physically and emotionally safe with environments conducive to learning.
3. We will acknowledge the necessity to educate, feed and support all students.
4. We will do everything in our power to help our students achieve their goals.
5. We will develop educational programs and support services that respond to student and community needs.

Vision Statement Development:

Dr. Evans provided examples of vision statements. He explained the importance of vision statements being understood and shared by members of the community, how they should be broad enough to include diverse perspectives, inspiring and uplifting to everyone and easy to communicate.

Committee members formed groups and brainstormed possible vision statements. Groups shared their ideas and committee members casted votes for their top five statements.

“Rocket Learners to Rocket Leaders” received the most votes and was defined as the vision statement.

Due to lack of time, Dr. Evans asserted that committee members would work on the Mission Statement at the next meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Misty Lakes made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 PM. Angela Parsons-Woods made a second. All members present agreed.

Angela Stallsworth-Mink, Board Chair

Carrie Ballinger, Secretary