

Rockcastle County Board of Education

Angela Mink, Chairman ◊ Anna Stevens-Goff, Vice Chairman
Larry Hammond ◊ Misty Lakes ◊ Angela Parsons-Woods

Rockcastle Teaching & Learning Center
250 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES

June 11, 2021

5:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** At approximately 5:00, Board Chairperson Angela Mink called the meeting to order
- A. Silent Prayer: At the direction of Board Chair Angela Mink, the Board observed a moment of silent prayer.
- B. Roll Call: All members present.
- C. Reading of the Board Team Commitments: Board Chair Angela Mink stated that it would not be necessary to read the Board Team Commitments because they had been read at two other meetings in the same week.

2. **ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION**

Misty Lakes made a motion to approve the agenda. Anna Stevens-Goff made a second. All members present agreed.

3. **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

- A. Approve to rescind the action taken on June 8, 2021, regarding amendment of the Superintendent's contract term

Board Chair Angela Mink reviewed the follow-up with KRS regarding the amendment of Superintendent Ballinger's contract and the board's request for attorneys' opinions. Superintendent Ballinger shared her follow-up with both Board Attorney, Teresa Combs, as well as a second attorney, Attorney Grant Chenowith. Teresa Combs stated that while the contract language would suffice as written, she also recommended a revision of the language of the contract as approved on June 8, 2021 to ensure clarity. Grant Chenowith seconded this recommendation. Angela Mink stated for clarification that this motion is to undo the action taken on Tuesday night. Motion to approve to rescind the action taken on June 8, 2021, regarding amendment of the Superintendent's contract term was made by Misty Lakes. Angela Parsons-Woods made a second. All members present agreed.

- B. Approve to re-employ and appoint Carrie Ballinger as Superintendent for a 2-year term effective July 1, 2022, at a starting salary no lower than \$112,000.

Board Chair Angela Mink provided clarity for this action item by restating that the action needed would be to start a new contract for Mrs. Ballinger on July 1st, 2022 at the salary discussed on June 8th, 2021. She further clarified that this is what this motion is for, instead of a contract extension. Motion to approve to re-employ and appoint Carrie Ballinger as Superintendent for a 2-year term effective July 1, 2022, at a starting salary no lower than \$112,000.00 was made by Angela Parsons-Woods. Anna Stevens-Goff made a second. Members voted in favor, with one negative vote by Larry Hammond. Following this vote, Larry Hammond stated that he wanted to read a prepared statement to summarize and explain his no vote and asked that this statement be included in the minutes. He then read his statement. Misty Lakes then asked Mr. Hammond questions relating to his statement. Mrs. Ballinger responded to the statement that was read. Board Chair Angela Mink interrupted, stating that it was time to end the discussion and that it be noted that the statement would be included in the minutes. She restated that item 3B was voted on with a 4-1 vote.

- C. Approve to make an addendum to the Superintendent's current contract to establish a salary of \$112,000 for the 2021-2022 school year

Board Chair Angela Mink read the Action Item allowed and explained that this item is changing the salary that we discussed on June 8th. She noted that on Tuesday night, the previous salary of \$105,000 would be changed, as advised by legal counsel. Motion was made by Angela Parsons-Woods. Misty Lakes made a second. All members voted in favor, with one negative vote by Larry Hammond.

- D. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Rockcastle County Schools and Unite Service Corps for the 2021-2022 School Year (*Mr. Reppert*)

Mr. Reppert shared that the district had received the MOU this week and that we currently have 2 Americorps workers in our district, at Roundstone Elementary and at Mt. Vernon Elementary. He explained that this MOU is to continue the relationship that we have had with UNITE for the past several years and that there were no changes. Motion was made by Larry Hammond. Anna Stevens-Goff made a second. All members voted in favor.

- E. Review/Approve District Literacy Program Adoption (*Mrs. Mattingly*)

Mrs. Mattingly shared with the board the process and procedures that had taken place this past spring as the district researched and reviewed options for a comprehensive literacy program for Preschool – Grade 5. She discussed the work that elementary teachers had done the past few months in reviewing samples, listening to presentations by vendors and discussing their thoughts and opinions about instructional practices in teaching reading and writing. Mrs. Mattingly stated that the review committee reached consensus on one publisher, Benchmark Advance. She also asked the board to review this adoption so that required paperwork could be submitted to KDE for approval prior to ordering the materials, due to the fact that this adoption is outside of the regular adoption cycle for ELA textbooks/basal series. She also informed the board that we were being provided resources for eight years for the price of six years. Motion was made by Misty Lakes to approve the literacy program adoption. Angela Parsons-Woods made a second. All members voted in favor. Mr. Hammond asked if the board attorney had been consulted due to the length of the contract, which is typically one year. Mrs. Mattingly stated that a typical adoption cycle is for six years and this is an opportunity to adopt for eight years.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Mink asked for a motion of adjournment. Before the motion, Chairperson Mink recognized a visitor who had entered the meeting room, Mrs. Connie Riddle, who was there to observe. Chairperson Mink asked again for a motion to adjourn. Anna Stevens-Goff questioned Mr. Hammond's earlier statement referencing the boards' knowledge about the nine extra days. Mr. Hammond stated that he didn't think he was referring to that. Chairperson Mink once again requested a motion to adjourn. Misty Lakes made a motion. Anna Stevens-Goff made a second. All members voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Angela Stallsworth-Mink, Board Chair

Carrie Ballinger, Secretary