

Rockcastle County Board of Education

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

October 12, 2021 - 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Silent Prayer
- B. Roll Call
- C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

Vice-Chair Goff called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM. At her direction, those in attendance observed a moment of silent prayer. All members were present, with the exception of Mrs. Mink. Mrs. Woods read the Board Team Commitments.

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

Mrs. Woods made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Hammond made a second. All members present agreed.

3. SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SHOWCASE:

A. Rockcastle County Middle School (Mr. Phillips)

RCMS students Chelsea Branham, Shannon Eckert, Gracie Peavie and Teacher Cassie Smith shared information regarding their summer mural project in the RCMS cafeteria and the creation of a calming room. Students shared a photo presentation and the positive impact both spaces have had on the school environment.

B. Energy Project Update

Facilities Director Trent Clark provided an update on the district's Energy Project. He noted that the fluid cooler was now installed at Mt. Vernon Elementary School, along with the RCHS Energy Kiosk. The solar array at the high school has saved \$1500 alone since going online. CMTA is coming to the next board meeting to discuss the impact of all energy saving measures.

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:

- A. Approve Minutes of the August 10, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of the September 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- C. Approve Minutes of the September 20, 2021 Special Board Meeting
- D. Approve Bills for Payment
- E. Approve School Trips
- F. Approve Requests for Family and Medical Leave of Absence
- G. Approve MOA with Head Start
- H. Approve KETS Technology Activity Report
- I. Approve Probationary Certification for Douglas Chaney, RCMS MSD Position

Mr. Hammond made a motion to approve Operations/Actions. Mrs. Woods made a second. All members present agreed.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:

A. Review/Approve Purchase of 3 New School Buses (Mr. Hopkins)

Transportation Director Ken Hopkins requested the purchase of 2 Bluebird buses at the cost of \$202,630 and 1 Thomas bus at the cost of \$102,404. He added that they were trying the Thomas model to see the differences in driving and mechanics. Expected delivery is June 2022. Mrs. Woods made a motion to approve the purchase of 3 new buses. Mr. Hammond made a second. All members present agreed.

- #### B. Review/Approve Monthly Financial Reports (Mrs. Sweet)
- 1. Month Ending Balance Sheet
 - 2. Revenue & Expenditures for the Month by Fund

Finance Director Jenny Sweet presented the monthly financial reports. Mrs. Woods made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports. Mr. Hammond seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

C. Review/Approve Academic Interventionist Job Posting Amendment

Superintendent Ballinger asserted the need to amend the requirements for the MVES Academic Interventionist position due to lack of applicants. The amendment included the addition that an applicant may have special education certification. This would potentially attract a larger group of applicants. Mrs. Woods made a motion to approve the Academic Interventionist Job Posting. Mr. Hammond seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW:

A. Review Superintendent's Personnel Action Report (Mrs. Ballinger)

Superintendent Ballinger shared the Personnel Action Report for the month of September 2021.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Department reports were shared via Google Drive with all Board members.

8. SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Superintendent Ballinger shared that the Local Planning Committee (LPC) had their first meeting and that the architect would be sending the draft District Facilities Plan to KDE. The updated plan amends RCMS from a renovation project to a new construction project. She noted that the second meeting of the LPC would be on Monday, October 18th and that the Board would need to have a special called meeting on Tuesday, October 19th to approve the District Facilities Plan so that it can be sent to KDE for approval. Once it is approved by KDE, the public meeting can be scheduled.

Mr. Hammond inquired as to what discussions had taken place in regards to plans for the current middle school building. Mrs. Ballinger noted that there had been limited conversations about those plans until we are more certain that we will receive funding for the new building.

Superintendent Ballinger shared that an advertisement for the Board vacancy was in the Mt. Vernon Signal on October 7th and would be in the October 14th edition as well. She added that the Board would need to review applications after the October 21st deadline.

Superintendent Ballinger noted that it was National School Lunch Week and shared her appreciation to all Food Service staff in the district.

Superintendent Ballinger noted that it was also School Safety Week and encouraged everyone to take the School Safety Pledge linked on our district website.

Superintendent Ballinger provided a COVID update with 40 quarantined students, 15 positive students, 2 quarantined staff and 2 positive staff.

9. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Hammond inquired as to whether Fall break would cause an increase in COVID numbers. Mrs. Ballinger noted that it was a concern, but as of the meeting, COVID related quarantines and positives were decreasing.

Mrs. Woods shared her enthusiasm for the new middle school project and was looking forward to Homecoming events the following Friday.

Ms. Goff shared her appreciation to the staff for all that they do.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Woods made a motion to adjourn at 6:46 PM. Mr. Hammond seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

Angela Stallsworth-Mink, Board Chair

Carrie Ballinger, Secretary