

Rockcastle County Board of Education

Angela Stallsworth-Mink, Chairman ♦ Anna Stevens-Goff, Vice Chairman

Matthew Chaliff ♦ Misty Lakes ♦ Angela Parsons-Woods

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 9th, 2022 - 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A. Silent Prayer

Chairperson Mink called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM. At her direction, those in attendance observed a moment of silent prayer.

B. Roll Call

All members were present, with the exception of Mrs. Angie Woods

C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

Board member Matt Chaliff read the Board Team Commitments aloud.

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

Chairperson Mink asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Anna Goff. Matt Chaliff seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

3. SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SHOWCASE:

DECO Presentation-Rockcastle County Middle School Project Update:

Derek Phillips of the DECO Architect firm shared with the board a video of the new middle school design that has evolved over the past month. He stated that the video will show the exterior and some interior sections of the new building, but that there were still interior areas under design. He told the board that DECO was looking for feedback on the areas they would see in the video this evening. Following the video, Mr. Phillips allowed time for comments and questions. He stated that he would return in September with additional updates and that no further approvals would be needed until October.

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:

- A. Approve Minutes of the July 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of the July 18th, 2022 Special Board Meeting
- C. Approve Bills for Payment
- D. Approve School Trips
- E. Approve Family Medical Leave Request
- F. Approve Final Site Service Agreement for 20 hours of Virtual Webmaster Services for SY 2022-2023
- G. Approve 2022-2023 KPC/KEDC Bakery Bid with Klosterman Baking Company
- H. Approve 2022-2023 KPC/KEDC Dairy Bid with Prairie Farms - Somerset
- I. Approve Early Entry to Kindergarten Request
- J. Approve Letter of Agreement for Professional Services with PIMSER
- K. Approve Emergency Certification for Markita Proctor for SY 2022-2023
- L. Approve TC-4 Substitute Teacher Certifications for the 2022-2023 School Year
- M. Approve Fundraisers for Rockcastle County Schools
- N. Approve Acceptance of Bid Proposal for Sale and Scrap of two (2) School Buses

Superintendent Ballinger told the board that items 4G and 4H (Contracts with Prairie Farms and Klosterman's) had not been received yet, but she asked the board to approve the contracts and give her permission to sign those when they arrived. Motion to approve Operations/Actions was made by Matt Chaliff. Second was made by Anna Goff. All members present agreed.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:

Tax Rate Discussion

A. Review/Approve to Move Forward with Tax Hearing & Advertising (Mrs. Ballinger)

Superintendent Ballinger informed the board that there was a 45 day time period in which to schedule a tax hearing, thereby levying a general tax rate. The hearing would need to be held 7-10 days after publicizing the hearing date. She asked the board if they would approve setting the hearing on August 31st at 4:30? Motion to approve was made by Anna Goff. Second by Matt Chaliff. 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**

Mrs. Jenny Sweet shared the Financial Reports for July with the board. She stated that the finance office was in the process of reviewing the Fund 1 budget and had received the FCC Off of Assistance approved at the last meeting. She asked if there were any questions regarding the reports. Motion to approve was made by Anna Goff. Second by Matt Chaliff. All members present agreed.

C. Approve Investment of \$3 Million of the \$4 Million received from the KY General Assembly restricted to the construction of Rockcastle County Middle School

Superintendent Ballinger shared that Rockcastle County Schools had received \$4 Million from the KY General Assembly and stated the need for the board to approve the investment of \$3 Million of that amount, which would gain interest over one year. The remaining \$1 million will be used to pay architect fees prior to construction. Motion to approve was made by Anna Goff. Second by Matt Chaliff. All members present agreed.

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW:

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

Mrs. Ballinger reported that there were openings for Assistant Principal at RCMS, Pre-school teacher at BES and Coordinator of Teaching and Learning here at Central Office.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

District Programs: Mr. Robbie Phillips shared that he had been working with RCHS student council members to create a video for EKV to attract student teachers. He also discussed his continued work with Meau Jones and our District Equity and Diversity Committee.

Transportation: Mr. Ken Hopkins shared that all full-time driver positions had been filled, as well as full-time sub bus drivers. He also provided updates on buses ordered last October that were due for delivery, as well as his monthly newsletter in the shared Google drive.

Student Services: Mr. Reppert shared the preparations for the start of school, including Active Shooter Training at each school. He discussed the Safety Plans and Procedures in place within the district, including Visitor Awareness training for all Attendance Clerks.

Finance: Mrs. Jenny Sweet stated that her office was reviewing the budget for the new year, including awards for Fund 2 grants.

Food Service: Mrs. Jennifer Mattingly shared the August breakfast and lunch menus and told the board that all schools were fully staffed and subs were in the process of being hired. She also discussed the new bar code scanner system that would be in place at every register this fall as well as plans to do some nutrition education within the schools this year.

Technology: Mr. Brandon Reynolds told the board that Chromebooks are being prepared, as well as chargers. These devices are being distributed to students during Open House at each school. He discussed the new User Agreement and is trying to alert parents to *possible* charges for breakage/damage by students. He shared plans for improved education on the care of Chromebooks and reminded the board about the weekly internet report accessible by parents. Mr. Reynolds also shared a sample of the new interactive panels purchased with RUS grant funds. These panels will be installed in every high school and vocational classroom and each school library.

8. SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Superintendent Ballinger discussed the recent District Day on August 5th and the phenomenal turnout and participation we had by our staff. She shared that KY Education Commissioner Jason Glass zoomed into the morning session, followed by a Keynote address from Taylora Schlosser, former Superintendent of Washington County Schools, who lost her daughter to suicide in 2019. She shared the work of her foundation, RAE of Sunshine and offered to speak to our students as well. Following the keynote, staff were invited to attend 4 breakout sessions throughout the day, led by 34 presenters, both within and outside of our district. The teachers who were presenting were selected by their peers. Mrs. Ballinger also discussed the recent KASA conference and the district leadership retreat held during that week.

9. BOARD COMMENTS

- Matt Chaliff complimented RCMS on their Open House and remarked on the good mood and atmosphere within the building.
- Misty Lake shared how pleased she was with District Day and thought it was well-planned and well-received.
- Anna Goff thanked all of the staff for their hard work this summer and getting ready for school to start.
- Angie Mink took a moment to state that in the July meeting, when Mrs. Ballinger requested the approval of a Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Mink wanted to reiterate that the board had approved the SBDM allocation and did not need to approve those individual positions. She hoped to clear up any confusion. Mrs. Mink also commented that District Day was great and really enjoyed the RCMS update tonight.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Matt Chaliff at 7:17 p.m. Second was made by Anna Goff. All members present agreed. Meeting adjourned.