

Rockcastle County Board of Education

Angela Stallsworth-Mink, Chairman ♦ Anna Stevens-Goff, Vice Chairman
Matt Chaliff ♦ Misty Lakes ♦ Angela Parsons-Woods

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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

November 7, 2022 - 5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A. Silent Prayer

Chairperson Mink called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and asked the room to participate in a moment of silent prayer.

B. Roll Call

All board members were present.

C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

Chairperson Mink read the Board Team Commitments aloud.

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

Chairperson Mink reminded the board that because this is a Special Meeting the agenda could not be amended. A motion was made by Matt Chaliff to approve the amended agenda. Anna Goff seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

3. SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SHOWCASE:

A. MVES-Mrs. Becky Smith

Mt. Vernon Elementary School Principal, Becky Smith, introduced Mrs. Alaina Taylor and the students of the MVES STLP Club. The students presented four team projects that they plan to submit for competition later in November. Each team shared the various elements of their projects, including: a Focus, Goal, Partners, Action Steps, Tools needed and Communication to others. Team #1 has a focus on Food Insecurity in Rockcastle County. Team #2 focused on Littering in our county. Team #3 focused on Bullying. Each team shared their "elevator pitch" for how they planned to tackle their issue. Mrs. Taylor shared the hard work that the students had put in this school year. Mrs. Becky Smith told the board how proud she is of these students and the teachers at MVES.

B. DECO Architects-Rockcastle County Middle School Project Update

Derek Phillips from the DECO Architect firm shared updates to the RCMS Project with the board. They told the board that tonight was Milestone 2 of 3 and they would ask the board to approve the Design and Development Project tonight, knowing that there could be additional changes and revisions. The board's approval would signify to KDE that the design was moving in the right direction and would allow DECO to release the plans to Codell (Contractor) to develop estimates for the project. DECO shared the project specifications/drawings with the board and expressed their excitement about the progress of the RCMS project.

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:

- A. Approve Minutes of the October 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approve Bills for Payment
- C. Approve School Trips
- D. Approve TC-4 Emergency Substitute Certification
- E. Approve Temporary Provisional Certificate
- F. Approve Requests for Family and Medical Leave of Absence
- G. Approve Shortened School Day Request
- H. Approve Acceptance of Bid Proposal for sale and scrap of two (2) School Buses
- I. Approve MOA with MindSpark Learning for Professional Learning focused on Workforce Development and Career Literacy
- J. Approve Brodhead Elementary School FRYSC Donation
- K. Approve Fundraisers

Board member Misty Lakes asked for clarification on 4I. Mrs. Ballinger explained that this is an opportunity through our COOP, KEDC. Rockcastle County High School will create a team of 3-8 teachers who will work with 6 other districts on activities to address Workforce Development and Career Literacy. A motion to approve Operations/Actions was made by Anna Goff. Second by Matt Chaliff. All those present agreed.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:

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

Motion to approve the Monthly Financial Reports was made by Angie Woods. Second by Matt Chaliff. All those present agreed.

- B. Review/Approve KETS First Offer of Assistance**

Facilities Director Trent Clark explained that this offer helps the district to pay for recurring technology expenses, such as software. The matching amount is included in the budget once the district receives the funds. Motion to approve was made by Matt Chaliff. Second by Anna Goff. All those present agreed.

- C. Review/Approve Design and Development for Rockcastle County Middle School Project**

Motion to approve was made by Angie Woods. Second by Anna Goff. All those present agreed.

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW:

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

Superintendent Ballinger shared with the report the personnel actions from last month and explained the continued need for certified and classified substitutes.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Coordinator of Teaching and Learning Director, Thomas Coffey shared state assessment results with the board, including data analysis that had been completed, as well as next steps for improvement developed by each school principal. Matt Chaliff remarked that he was encouraged to have a "baseline" of data following the past two years of COVID. He remarked that State Education Commissioner Dr. Jason Glass has stated the impact of the pandemic on our students. Board discussion centered around district-wide plans to improve math achievement at every grade level, including a strong focus on standards-based Tier 1 instruction for all students, coupled with math interventions and interventionists in the future. Superintendent Ballinger highlighted our positive rating in Climate and Culture for all schools, which indicates that Rockcastle County Schools is a place where students and staff want to be.
- Finance Director, Jenny Sweet informed the board that the FEMA check has been mailed and is in the amount of \$74,277.78.

8. SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Superintendent Ballinger shared the upcoming Grand Opening of the APP Harvest container at RCHS on Wednesday, Nov. 9th at 1:00 p.m. in the back parking lot of the high school. She invited all board members to attend this event. Governor Beshear may be in attendance, as well as Rocky Adkins.

9. BOARD COMMENTS

- Chairperson Angie Mink surprised Superintendent Ballinger with a small Board Appreciation for her work leading our district through the past two challenging years. She gave to Mrs. Ballinger a box of cards from Roundstone Elementary students, as well as a beautiful metal door hanging for her home. BES Principal Nick Williams presented Mrs. Ballinger with cards his students had created on CANVA. Angie Mink also read aloud a card that all board members had signed. Mrs. Ballinger told the board that she considers this to be the best job in the world. She stated that she loves this community and coming to work every morning. She expressed her deep appreciation to the board for their kindness.
- Matt Chaliff stated how many positive stories about our students he has seen publicized on social media the past several weeks and how proud he was of our students and staff.
- Angie Woods stated that we have a great district!
- Misty Lakes commented on the various visits she has made to the schools and spoke about the attention that our schools have given to the emotional well-being of our students. She has noticed that Rockcastle has a holistic approach to instruction and is helping every student to see their gift and purpose. She also said how much she appreciates Mrs. Ballinger and her efforts to bring the schools/students to the board meetings.
- Anna Goff thanked everyone for their work.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Mink extended prayers to all of our families for a blessed Thanksgiving. Motion to adjourn was made by Matt Chaliff. Second was made by Anna Goff. All those present agreed. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.