

# Rockcastle County Board of Education

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

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

October 11, 2022 - 6:00 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

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#### A. Silent Prayer

Chairperson Mink called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and asked the room to participate in a moment of silent prayer.

#### B. Roll Call

Misty Lakes was absent. All other board members were present.

#### C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

Chairperson Mink read the Board Team Commitments aloud.

### 2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

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Chairperson Mink requested that the board amend the agenda to add an item: 4K. Approve MOA for ARK Rehab Therapy Services. 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:

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#### A. Rockcastle County Middle School (Mrs. Willis)

Mrs. Jessica Willis presented for RCMS first tonight. She shared a slideshow of projects and events happening at the middle school over the past 6 weeks of school. This included 3D projects from STEM class on the 3D Printer; Hunger Walk, 8th Grade night for volleyball and football, Clubs, Rocket Spotlight, Fundraising efforts for 8th grade trip, the upcoming Spooky Band and Chorus concert, SMile Club collecting candy for DCBS and their Foster Trunk or Treat and Perfect Attendance awards. Mrs. Willis took this opportunity to brag on her staff and students at RCMS for their hard work and service this first part of the school year.

#### B. Rockcastle County High School (Mr. Bussell)

RCHS Student Council members Ella Bussell, Emma Ballinger and Corey Tompkins shared with the board all of the activities and events happening at RCHS so far this year, including extra-curricular activities and clubs. Spotlights in their presentation were those fall sports, Gear Up trips and college visits, Link Crew activities, Rock Moves, Key Club and the Bittersweet Festival, Student Spotlight and Homecoming on Oct.21st.

Following the 2 school presentations, Mr. Marcus Reppert presented each school with High Attendance Day Award certificates for winning our Region back in September. Both schools will go on to compete at the state level, and if they win, will be awarded \$500 for each school.

Both Superintendent Ballinger and Chairperson Mink congratulated the RCHS Student Council for their work and recognition. Chairperson Mink also praised both schools and the district for their high attendance.

#### C. DECO Architects: RCMS Project Update

DECO Architect Project Manager presented an updated video of the RCMS Building project to the board.

#### D. Stilwell Award Presentation: Excellence in Technology

Superintendent Ballinger read a proclamation from the Kentucky Department of Education, recognizing and presenting to 5 individuals the Stilwell Award for Excellence in Technology. This award recognizes meritorious service in the field of technology during the pandemic. The award consisted of a certificate and a commissioned coin. Rockcastle County recipients are: Brandon Reynolds, Trent Clark, Camden Mink, Dawson Nicely, and Kayla Adams.

### 4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:

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#### A. Approve Minutes of the September 13th, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

- B. Approve Bills for Payment**
- C. Approve School Trips**
- D. Approve Requests for Family and Medical Leave of Absence**
- E. Approve Agreement with DECO Architects, Inc. to oversee the District Facility Planning process for the Rockcastle County School District**
- F. Approve TC-4 Applications for Substitute Teaching**
- G. Approve Application for Temporary Provisional Certification**
- H. Approve Fundraisers**
- I. Approve MOU with the University of Kentucky for Clinical Practice Assignments (Student Teachers)**
- J. Approve Research Participation Agreement for LIFT Up Attendance Pilot Study Program**
- K. Approve MOA for ARK Rehab Therapy Services**

Superintendent Ballinger explained the contract or MOA for ARK Rehab Services as a backup in the event that a current provider was absent and unable to service those students. Motion to approve Operations/Actions was made by Anna Goff. Second by Angie Woods. All those present agreed.

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

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**A. Review/Approve Purchase of 4 New School Buses (Mr. Hopkins)**

Mr. Hopkins explained the future purchase of four(4) new school buses. These will be full-sized, regular route buses. Motion was made by Matt Chaliff to approve. Second by Anna Goff. All those in favor agreed.

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

Mrs. Sweet shared the monthly financial reports with the board and reminded them that the Fund 2 grants are on a reimbursable basis. Motion to approve was made by Anna Goff; seconded by Matt Chaliff. All those present agreed.

**C. Review/Approve Board Nominee for Local Planning Committee (LPC)**

Superintendent Ballinger explained that Anna Goff is the current board representative on the district LPC. Mrs. Ballinger asked Ms. Goff if she would be willing to continue to serve in this capacity. Ms. Goff agreed. Motion was made by Matt Chaliff. Second by Anna Goff. All members present agreed.

**D. Review/Approve Committee Member Nominee for Local Planning Committee (LPC)**

Board Members discussed the individuals who had expressed interest in serving on this committee as a community representative. Jason Woods, Josh Bray and Roy Reynolds expressed interest. Motion to accept was made by Matt Chaliff. Second by Anna Goff. All members present agreed.

**E. Review/Approve Full Local Planning Committee (LPC) Membership List**

Board members reviewed the final, complete list of the Local Planning Committee for 2022-2023. Motion to approve was made by Angie Woods and seconded by Matt Chaliff. All those in favor agreed.

**6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW:**

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

Superintendent Ballinger shared current vacancies within the district, both certified and classified.

**7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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Brandon Reynolds discussed the new offer from T-Mobile for free hotspots. He told the board that the district will not be promoting this offer because the amount of data permitted is not very much and there will be a fee once the promotion expires. He also discussed the Parent Monitoring email on technology usage.

Marcus Reppert discussed the upcoming LIFT Up pilot study program, which will send a communication to parents about their child's attendance/absences. He also shared that RCHS has 100% of their online registrations completed and complemented the work of Mrs. Sherri McKinney in getting these completed.

Chairperson Mink asked Trent Clark about the MVES project. Mr. Clark discussed the completion of the project and the small items still left to be completed. Matt Chaliff asked about the possibility of geothermal at the new RCMS building? Mr. Clark explaining the benefits of geothermal and its inclusion in the project.

**8. SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

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Superintendent Ballinger reminded the board about National School Lunch Week.

**9. BOARD COMMENTS**

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Matt Chaliff shared that it is National School Principal's Month and asked everyone to remember to celebrate our school principals.

Angie Woods reiterated that sentiment and sent her accolades to our principals.

Anna Goff thanked our district staff for all of their hard work.

Chairperson Mink welcomed our visitors to the meeting. BJ Hardy introduced himself. Mrs. Mink asked Mrs. Ballinger to check on Board training hours and shared her appreciation to Mr. Tom Atkin for keeping us safe.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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Matt Chaliff made a motion to adjourn. Anna Goff seconded the motion. All those present agreed. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.