

Rockcastle County Board of Education

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

February 13, 2023 - 5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A. Silent Prayer

Chairperson Mink called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 PM. At her direction, those in attendance observed a moment of silent prayer.

B. Roll Call

All members were present with the exception of Angie Parsons-Woods.

C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

Matt Chaliff read the Board Team Commitments aloud.

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

Anna Goff made a motion to approve the agenda. Matt Chaliff seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

3. SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SHOWCASE:

A. Rockcastle Academy for Academic Achievement (Mr. McClure)

Mr. Dusty McClure, Principal at the Academy for Academic Achievement shared information about the programs and services offered to Rockcastle County students at the Academy, both in-person and virtual. He discussed the online program, Edgenuity, used by students to recover credits and work toward their high school diploma. He noted that the students in his care often struggle, both personally and/or academically and, for a variety of reasons, require an alternate setting and system of support to be successful. He shared the ongoing contact and communication with the families of these students, the structure of their daily schedule, and the work of the JAG teacher from RCMS, as well as Somerset Mental Health.

Two students, Madison Isaacs, who attends the Academy in -person and Jazzlyn Garland, a student in My Rock Online, shared their personal stories and struggles in a regular school setting. They discussed the hard work they had completed toward meeting their goals, as well as their appreciation for the staff and support they had received there. Mr. McClure echoed the students and assured the board that the Academy was fulfilling a need for our district. Board members thanked the students for their genuine and candid stories.

B. Abigail Miller-RCMS Art Student

Ms. Cassie Smith, Art teacher at RCMS introduced Abigail Miller, a 7th grade student who designed artwork to be displayed on a large banner at the upcoming KSBA Winter Conference in Louisville. The conference is for Board members across the state and Abigail's banner will be featured during the conference, along with artwork created by other students across the state. Abigail is part of the Gifted and Talented program (GATE) at RCMS in Visual Art. Chairperson Mink praised Abigail and her creativity and expressed her excitement about seeing the work on display later this month.

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:

- A. Approve Minutes of the January 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of the January 30, 2023 Special Board Meeting
- C. Approve Bills for Payment
- D. Approve School Trips
- E. Approve Requests for Family and Medical Leave of Absence
- F. Approve TC-4 Emergency Certified Substitute Teacher
- G. Approve Fundraisers
- H. Approve Resolution Entering into a Contract with the Rockcastle County District Finance Corporation
(See Resolution Statement Below)
- I. Approve Mass Evacuation Agreement with Rockcastle Detention Center
- J. Approve Agreement with Edulastic Enterprise and Rockcastle County Schools for SY 2023-2024

Matt Chaliff made a motion to approve Operations and Actions. Misty Lakes seconded the motion. All members 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

There were no questions regarding the Monthly Financial Reports. Motion to approve was made by Anna Goff. Matt Chaliff seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

- B. Review/Approve SBDM Tentative Allocations for SY 2023-2024 (Mrs. Sweet)**

Mrs. Jenny Sweet shared with the board members the Tentative SBDM Allocations for the 2023-2024 School Year. She noted that this budget will be shared with the building principals to allow them to make instructional decisions for next year. She stated that the allocation shows the recommendation that the district use the state recommended student-teacher ratios. Chairperson Mink asked how this would impact personnel. Dr. Ballinger stated that the revised ratios would not affect staffing for the 2023-2024 school year.

Mrs. Sweet told the board that adjusted ratios will help the district in applying for grant funds in the future. The board also reviewed the increased funding for middle/high school athletics to assist in rising costs for these programs, along with additional funding for Instructional materials across the district. Matt Chaliff made a motion to approve the Tentative SBDM Allocations for SY 2023-2024. Misty Lakes seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

- C. Review/Approve 2nd Reading of the 2023-2024 School Calendar Committee Recommendation (Mr. Reppert)**

Mr. Reppert reviewed the process of creating the school calendar with the board, including their first reading of the proposal in January. He relayed that he had received no additional comments or feedback from stakeholders and asked the board to approve Option #2. Misty Lakes made a motion to approve the Option #2 calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year. Matt Chaliff seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

- D. Review/Approve BG-2 Document for Rockcastle County Middle School Project**

Derrick Phillips with DECO Architects shared the required BG-2 document with the board for approval before it can be sent to KDE. Motion to approve, with the added permission to allow Dr. Ballinger to sign the document, was made by Matt Chaliff. Anna Goff seconded the motion. All those present agreed.

- E. Review/Approve BG-3 Document for Rockcastle County Middle School Project**

Motion to approve, with the added permission to allow Dr. Ballinger to sign the document, was made by Matt Chaliff. Misty Lakes seconded the motion. All those present agreed.

- F. Review/Approve CPTED Checklist for Rockcastle County Middle School Project**

Motion to approve, with the added permission to allow Dr. Ballinger to sign the document, was made by Misty Lakes. Anna Goff seconded the motion. All those present agreed.

- G. Review/Approve Construction Document for Rockcastle County Middle School Project**

Derrick Phillips distributed thumb drives to all of the board members, which contained the Construction Document in its entirety (approximately 1000 pages). He asked the board to approve this document, which he stated is 95% completed, with the option to rescind approval if needed at the next meeting.

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW:

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

Board members reviewed the Superintendent's Personnel Action Report. No discussion.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Food Service Director, Jennifer Mattingly, shared progress made to date on the implementation of a new online menu, Nutrislice. This new format will allow stakeholders to see nutritional information for each food item on the menu and give them the ability to make healthy, nutritional decisions for themselves and/or their children. Mrs. Mattingly informed board members that the site should go live on March 1st and that students and parents would have the ability to download the menu app on their phones. Mrs. Mattingly also told the board that she, along with Holly Robinson and a district committee had started the process of becoming a Farm to School District. Grant funds have been approved and training is being scheduled for local farmers/producers.

8. SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Dr. Ballinger reminded board members of the upcoming KSBA Conference in Louisville and that all hotel and registration arrangements have been made. She also invited board members to register for one or more Lunch and Learn sessions during the conference. Dr. Ballinger also informed the board that the District Spelling Bee would be on February 28th.

9. BOARD COMMENTS

- Chairperson Mink took a moment to recognize the RCHS Cheerleaders on their performance at the UCA National Competition this past weekend in Orlando, Florida. Dr. Ballinger asked the board to officially recognize the cheerleaders at the March Board Meeting.
- Matt Chaliff noted that it was School Counselor's Recognition week and praised our district school counselors for the work that they do with our students. He also praised our custodial staff for the care and pride they take in our facilities. He noted that he has the opportunity to travel to many different schools around the state and by far, the buildings in Rockcastle County are the cleanest, best maintained schools in the state, regardless of the building's age.
- Chairperson Mink requested that the district send something for the family of former RCHS Principal, Mr. Ronnie Cash, who passed away over the weekend.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Matt Chaliff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anna Goff seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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4F: Resolution Entering into a Contract with the Rockcastle County District Finance Corporation

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ROCKCASTLE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, CONFIRMING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE KENTUCKY SCHOOL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH SAID COMMISSION; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE ROCKCASTLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION AND ANY FURTHER NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS; APPROVING CERTAIN ARCHITECTS; PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CERTAIN SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE PROCEDURES; AND APPROVING THE PLAN OF FINANCING THE COST OF SAID PROJECT.