

# 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  
May 9th, 2023 - 5:30 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

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#### 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 Anna Stevens-Goff.

#### C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

Board member Misty Lakes read the Board Team Commitments aloud.

### 2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

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Chairperson Mink asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include items 4Q and 4R in Operations and Actions. A motion was made by Matt Chaliff to approve the amended agenda. Angie Woods seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

### 3. SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SHOWCASE:

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#### A. Rockcastle Area Technology Center, Mr. Sherman Cook

Principal Sherman Cook began the presentation by sharing highlights of the year for each program at the RATC, including the increase in percentage of students who have obtained industry certifications and have passed state End of Program Assessments. Among these programs, 100% of Welding seniors earned AWS 2F certification and 100% of Health Science seniors passed their NOCTI Health Core exam. The Completer Success Rate at RATC is 81.33% this year, surpassing their goal of 71%, which includes students earning industry certifications, End Of Program Assessment success or one class of Dual Credit. The showcase also highlighted 5 seniors here at the meeting who shared with the board their experiences in their programs at the RATC and the benefits they have received through these programs. Daniel Wilson, a senior in Automotive shared that he has already been hired by Ford to work immediately following graduation with a high paying job with benefits. Additional seniors, Kara Bullock-Business Technology, Reagan Rumsey-Health Science, John T. Kelley-Welding and Emma Phillips-Electricity talked about their high school experience and their love for their teachers and their programs. To close the program, information was shared about student participation in state, national and international competitions. Board members praised the students and Mr. Cook for their successes and their perseverance and wished them all a wonderful life after graduation.

### 4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:

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- A. Approve Minutes of the April 11th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approve Bills for Payment
- C. Approve School Trips
- D. Approve Fundraisers
- E. Approve FMLA Request(s)
- F. Approve Option 6 for Teaching Certification
- G. Approve Substitute Teaching Certification
- H. Approve Letter of Engagement for Fiscal Year 2023 Audit with Shad J. Allen, CPA, PLLC
- I. Approve Independent Auditor's Contract for Fiscal Year 2023 with Shad J. Allen, CPA, PLLC
- J. Approve Transfer of ESSER II funded positions to ARP ESSER ending June 30, 2024.
- K. Approve Americorps Seniors through Save the Children
- L. Approve KEDC Master Agreement
- M. Approve Resolution for Designation of Agent for FEMA

- N. Approve Contract for Public Assistance Grant
- O. Approve One (1) year Renewal for Imagine Learning Digital Libraries
- P. Approve CTE Student Travel Agreement with Partner District(s)
- Q. Approve Community Eligibility Provision Intent to Participate
- R. Approve Shortened School Day Request

Motion to approve Operations and Actions was made by Angie Woods. Misty Lakes seconded the motion. All those present agreed.

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

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

Finance Officer Jenny Sweet shared with the board the work being completed to close out the 2022-2023 fiscal year and preparations to begin the new 2023-2024 fiscal year. Motion to approve the Monthly Financial Report was made by Misty Lakes and seconded by Matt Chaliff. All those present agreed.

**6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW:**

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

Board members reviewed the Personnel Action Report. Dr. Ballinger reported that retirements have been posted and that there has been an increase in applicants for positions, which is good news.

**7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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There were no questions about the department reports, which were shared in the Board Google Drive.

**8. SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

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- Dr. Ballinger reminded the board of the End of the Year lunch that would be served to our schools on May 24th. She invited any board member who wanted to attend and help in serving the meals to do so.
- She also shared with the board that May 25th would be the Bid Day for the RCMS project, with a pre-bid day occurring on May 10th.
- Dr. Ballinger also wished everyone a Happy Teacher Appreciation Week and expressed her thankfulness for all staff in every position in our schools and emphasized the importance of teamwork at every level in order to have a successful district.
- She also asked to board to check their calendars due to the need to hold a Special Board Meeting at the end of May to discuss the 2023-2024 Salary Schedule, among other items. Board members agreed to meet on May 25th at 5:30 p.m.

**9. BOARD COMMENTS**

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- Matt Chaliff: Praised the teamwork aspect at the RATC and shared his appreciation for everyone's hard work.
- Angie Woods: Gave a "Shout out" to the Graduating Class of 2023
- Misty Lakes: Shared her love for the RATC program and the ability for students to learn what they *don't* want to do in addition to what they *want* to do in life.
- Angela Mink: Expressed her appreciation for all staff and shared how humbling it has been to watch these graduates grow into successful adults.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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Motion to adjourn was made by Matt Chaliff at 6:25. Second was made by Angie Woods. All those present agreed. Meeting adjourned.