

Rockcastle County Board of Education

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

Matt Chaliff ♦ Misty Lakes ♦ Angela Parsons-Woods

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2023 - 5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A. Silent Prayer

Chairperson Mink called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led all who were present in a moment of silent prayer.

B. Roll Call

All board members were present.

C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

Misty Lakes read the Board Team Commitments aloud.

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Anna Goff. Matt Chaliff seconded the motion. All those present agreed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present to comment.

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:

- A. Approve Minutes of the June 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of the June 22, 2023 Special Board Meeting
- C. Approve Bills for Payment
- D. Approve School Trips
- E. Approve Fundraiser Requests
- F. Approve TC-4 Substitute Teacher Emergency Certifications for the 2023-2024 School Year
- G. Approve Option 6 Teacher Certifications for the 2023-2024 School Year
- H. Approve FMLA Request
- I. Approve School Clinic Services Agreement with Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Contractual Agreement for Dr. Callie Shaffer to Provide Consultation and Advisory Services to the School Health Program
- J. Approve Acknowledgement of Data Security and Breach Notification Best Practices
- K. Approve Independent Contract Agreement for Certified Teacher of the Visually Impaired for the 2023-2024 SY
- L. Approve MOU with the City of Mt. Vernon for SRO
- M. Approve Agreement with Berea College Department of Nursing relating to Student Placement Programs
- N. Approve SESC Deeper Learning Content Academy Funding Partnership Agreement
- O. Approve Therapy Services Agreement with Ark Rehab, P.S.C. for 2023-2024 School Year
- P. Approve MOA with MCP Orientation and Mobility Services, LLC for 2023-2024 School Year
- Q. Approve Educational Technology, Research and Leadership Practices Agreement with NCERT for the 2023-2024 School Year
- R. Approve Save The Children Subaward Agreement for 2023-2024 School Year
- S. Approve MOU with Save the Children Foster Grandparent Program effective 7/1/2023 through 6/30/2025
- T. Approve Contract for Therapy Services with Hands on Therapy PSC for the 2023-2023 School Year
- U. Approve Field Experiences Agreement with University of Cincinnati

Following a brief discussion on Option 6 Teacher Certifications, a motion was made by Matt Chaliff to approve Operations and Actions. Angie Woods seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:

A. Review/Approve Mileage Reimbursement Rate for the 2023-2024 School Year (*Mrs. Sweet*)

Finance Officer Jenny Sweet presented the Mileage Reimbursement Rate for 2023-2024. She stated that we review on an annual basis. A motion was made by Matt Chaliff to approve the Mileage Reimbursement Rate. Anna Goff seconded the motion. All those present agreed.

B. Review/Approve Monthly Financial Reports (*Mrs. Sweet*)

1. Month Ending Balance Sheet
2. Revenue & Expenditures for the Month by Fund

Finance Officer Jenny Sweet presented the Monthly Financial Reports and asked if the board had any questions. She noted that this month the district is working on end of year processing. In addition she mentioned that the District has received approximately \$74,000.00 in FEMA funding and an appeal has been filed to receive additional. There were no questions. A motion was made by Misty Lakes to approve the Monthly Financial Reports. Matt Chaliff seconded the motion. All those present agreed.

C. Review/Approve KSBA Policy Change Draft for Contract Renewal of Superintendent (1st Reading)

Chairperson Mink shared the updated policy change draft is due to contradicting statements within the policy. Dr. Ballinger added that the new policy is recommended by our Board Attorney and in line with other Kentucky school districts. Anna Goff made a motion to approve the first reading of the Update. Matt Chaliff seconded the motion. All those present agreed.

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW:

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

At the request of Chairperson Mink, Dr. Ballinger discussed current vacancies across the District.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Dr. Ballinger and Chairperson Mink welcomed both Mr. Bishop and Mrs. Jenni Ellis to Board Meetings. Mr. Bishop will be serving as the new Food Service Director and Mrs. Jenni Ellis will be responsible for taking Board Minutes due to the resignation of Mrs. Jennifer Mattingly. Mr. Clark also shared the report from the recent Auction that brought in \$15,597.40.

8. SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Dr. Ballinger shared that we are gearing up for the 2023-2024 school year. The District staff and Principals will attend KASA July 26-28 and during that time discuss their goals as a leadership team focusing on our "Year of Traction." Staff will return on August 7 for their first PD day and then we will host "Rocket Launch" (fka District Day) on August 8 & 9 at Rockcastle County High School. On August 15 an Active Shooter simulation will be held at RCHS as well. Mr. Reppert is coordinating this simulation.

Dr. Ballinger also gave an update on the RCMS construction project. In order to be most fiscally responsible, we will hold on this project until the January legislative session and request additional funding for the project. The increased cost has influenced the decision and Dr. Ballinger wants to continue making the best and most responsible decision with regard to our financial situation in the matter.

9. BOARD COMMENTS

- Matt Chaliff shared his thankfulness for the good report on staffing for the new school year.
- Angie Woods welcomed Mr. Bishop to the District staff.
- Misty Lakes pointed out the consistent theme of the Department Reports is that each Director is giving credit to all others in their department and what a joy it is to see the teamwork amongst the staff and their ability to continue looking ahead.
- Anna Goff echoed all of the comments and acknowledged that summer break never really comes for District staff.
- Angie Mink repeated her welcome to Mr. Bishop and thanked the entire staff for their efforts. She also voiced her appreciation for Dr. Ballinger's leadership. In closing she shared her disappointment in the delay of the RCMS construction but finished by encouraging everyone that, "all good things come to those who wait."

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Anna Goff to adjourn the meeting. Matt Chaliff seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.