

# 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

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2023 - 5:30 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

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#### A. Silent Prayer

Vice Chairperson Goff called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. and led all who were present in a moment of silent prayer.

#### B. Roll Call

All board members were present with the exception of Chairperson Mink. She arrived as the members went into Closed Session..

#### C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

Misty Lakes read the Board Team Commitments aloud.

### 2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

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Vice Chairperson Goff asked the Board to amend the agenda to include items: 4P. Approve MOU between Appalachian Educational Service Agency (AESAs) and Rockcastle Co. Board of Education for 2023-2024 School Year (Gear Up) and 4Q. Approve Rockcastle County Schools Start Times. Motion was made by Matt Chaliff to approve the amended agenda. Angie Woods seconded the motion. All those present agreed.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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No members of the public were present to comment.

### 4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:

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- A. Approve Minutes of the July 17, 2023 Special Board Meeting
- B. Approve Bills for Payment
- C. Approve Federal Cash Request Statement of Assurance
- D. Approve Certified Evaluation Plan for 2023-2024 School Year
- E. Approve CA-AF Emergency Certification for Kagan Miller for 2023-2023 School Year
- F. Approve TC-4 Substitute Teacher Certifications for the 2023-2024 School Year
- G. Approve Option 6 Teacher Certifications for the 2023-2024 School Year
- H. Approve Contract Renewal with Superior Dental Care for 1/1/2024-12/31/2024
- I. Approve MOU with Farming Now! (fka AppHarvest Foundation) for 2023-2024 School Year
- J. Approve 2023-2024 District Funding Assurances (GMAP)
- K. Approve 2023-2024 KPC/KEDC Bakery Bid with Klosterman Baking Company
- L. Approve 2023-2024 KPC/KEDC Dairy Bid with Prairie Farms - Somerset
- M. Approve MOU with UNITE Service Corps of Operation UNITE for 2023-2024 School Year
- N. Approve MOU University of Kentucky Clinical Practice Agreement for 2023-2024 School Year
- O. Approve Fundraisers for Rockcastle County Schools
- P. Approve MOU between Appalachian Educational Service Agency (AESAs) and Rockcastle Co. Board of Education for 2023-2024 School Year (Gear Up)
- Q. Approve Rockcastle County Schools Start Times

A motion was made by Matt Chaliff to approve Operations and Actions. Misty Lakes seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

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**A. Review/Approve Tax Rate for 2023-2024 School Year (Dr. Ballinger)**

Dr. Ballinger stated our current tax rate is 43.2% and proposed to adopt 43.8% for the 2023-2024 School Year. A motion was made by Angie Woods to approve the Tax Rate. Matt Chaliff 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**

A motion was made by Misty Lakes to approve the Monthly Financial Reports. Angie Woods seconded the motion. All those present agreed.

**C. Review/Approve to Redeem Certificate of Deposit for \$3 Million received from the KY General Assembly to Restricted Building Fund Account (Mrs. Sweet)**

Mrs. Sweet recommended the redemption of the CD and that the funds be moved to the general account (restricted to building) due to higher interest rates available. Matt Chaliff made a motion to approve. Angie Woods seconded the motion. All those present agreed.

**D. Review/Approve KSBA Policy Change Draft for Contract Renewal of Superintendent (2nd reading)**

Angie Woods made a motion to approve. Matt Chaliff seconded the motion. All those present agreed.

**E. Review/Approve 2023-2024 Salary Schedule**

Misty Lakes made a motion to approve. Angie Woods seconded the motion. All those present agreed.

**F. Review/Approve Superintendent Contract**

A motion was made by Matt Chaliff to go into Closed Session at 5:46 p.m. Angie Woods seconded the motion. Matt Chaliff made a motion to come out of Closed Session at 7:20 p.m. Misty Lakes seconded the motion.

Chairperson Mink stated that the Board recommends renewing Dr. Ballinger's contract. The contract will begin July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028. In addition to the renewal Chairperson Mink complimented Dr. Ballinger's love for the students, taking the district to new levels and leading by example with higher expectations. Dr. Ballinger reiterated her love for Rockcastle County Schools, its staff & students and her dedication to see Rocket Learners become Rocket Leaders.

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

**G. Review/Approve Payroll & Finance Coordinator Position (Dr. Ballinger)**

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

**6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW:**

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**A. Review Superintendent's Personnel Action Report (Dr. Ballinger)****7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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**8. SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION**

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Dr. Ballinger commented that Rocket Launch Day 1 was phenomenal and complemented Mr. Thomas Coffey for his dedication to planning and preparing these PD days for our staff. Dr. Ballinger continued by giving a brief overview of the New Staff Meet and Greet that was held on Monday, August 7 at the TLC. It was beneficial to have an opportunity to meet everyone and introduce District Staff and Board members that were in attendance. Finally, Dr. Ballinger shared that we were very close to being fully staffed for the 2023-2024 school year.

**9. BOARD COMMENTS**

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- Matt Chaliff shared his enjoyment of the new employee spotlights that were on social media.
- Angie Woods agreed with the spotlights being a positive addition and the opportunity to meet new staff.
- Misty Lakes said, "Good Luck" as the new school year starts.
- Anna Goff echoed similarly and specifically shared her prayers for the new year.
- Angie Mink concluded as she shared the evidence of RCS staff having passion for kids. She specifically enjoyed the new teachers sharing energy and ideas at the Meet and Greet. Her prayers for this year focus on health.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.