

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

September 12th, 2023 - 5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A. Silent Prayer

Chairperson Mink called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and led all who were present in a moment of silent prayer.

B. Roll Call

Chairperson Mink, Matt Chaliff and Angie Woods were all present at the time of roll call. Misty Lakes and Vice Chairperson Goff each arrived late.

C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

Chairperson Mink read the Board Team Commitments aloud.

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

Chairperson Mink asked the Board to amend the agenda to include items: 5E. Approve the contract between Rockcastle County Board of Education and Deco Architects, Inc. for the Mount Vernon Elementary Paving Project (BG 24-096) and 5F. Approve the contract between Rockcastle County Board of Education and Deco Architects, Inc. for the Rockcastle County High School Paving & ADA Ramp Project (BG 21-097). Motion was made by Matt Chaliff to approve the amended agenda. Angie Woods seconded the motion. All those present agreed.

3. SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SHOWCASE:

Rockcastle County High School student council presented "Fall Semester @ The Rock" led by President Ella Bussell & Mrs. Susant Norton-Casey. Following their presentation Gear Up shared an update on their summer and "Going Places with Gear Up" led by Mrs. Cayci Mahaffey, Miss Kayla Bryant and Mrs. Jerrica Brummett. All those in attendance were encouraged to hear from the students and staff at Rockcastle County High School about their summer and fall semester activities.

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:

- A. Approve Minutes of the August 8th, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approve Minutes of the August 22nd, 2023 Special Board Meeting
- C. Approve Bills for Payment
- D. Approve School Trips
- E. Approve Fundraisers
- F. Approve TC-4 Emergency Substitutes
- G. Approve Option 6 Certification
- H. Approve Family Medical Leave Requests
- I. Approve KyCL Round 1, Year 4 Contract
- J. Approve 2023-2024 Certificate of Head Start Full Utilization & Local Head Start MOA
- K. Approve Shortened School Day Request
- L. Approve Jim "The Rookie" Morris Speaker Appearance Contract
- M. Approve Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grant for Save the Children Community Engagement
- N. Approve to Apply for the Perkins Innovation & Modernization (PIM) Grant
- O. Approve Clinical Practical Education Agreement between EKU and Rockcastle County Schools for 2023-2024 School Year

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

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:

A. Review/Approve 2023-2024 Working Budget (Mrs. Sweet)

Mrs. Sweet presented the working budget for 2023-2024. Our budget reflects our Mission and Mrs. Sweet reviewed the financial goals for Rockcastle County Schools. Much conversation was had with regard to SEEK funding and its effect on our working budget. Mrs. Sweet closed by sharing our continued desire to be transparent but prepared for the current school year and the

school year ahead. A motion was made by Matt Chaliff to approve. Anna Goff seconded the motion. All members 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 Angie Woods. Misty Lakes seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

- C. Review/Approve BG-1 Project Application Form for Mt. Vernon Elementary Paving (Mr. Clark)**

Mr. Clark proposed that the Board approve to use SFCC funds for this project. These funds do not have an extension option and must be used. A motion was made by Anna Goff. Angie Woods seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

- D. Review/Approve BG-1 Project Application Form for Rockcastle High School Paving and ADA Ramp (Mr. Clark)**

Mr. Clark proposed that the Board approve to use SFCC funds for this project. These funds do not have an extension option and must be used. A motion was made by Matt Chaliff. Anna Goff seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

- E. Approve the contract between Rockcastle County Board of Education and Deco Architects, Inc. for the Mount Vernon Elementary Paving Project (BG 24-096)**

A motion was made by Anna Goff. Angie Woods seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

- F. Approve the contract between Rockcastle County Board of Education and Deco Architects, Inc. for the Rockcastle County High School Paving & ADA Ramp Project (BG 21-097)**

A motion was made by Anna Goff. Angie Wood seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW:

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

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Reppert shared briefly that September 13 is "High Attendance Day" for Rockcastle County Schools. Many of the schools were participating in incentives to encourage high attendance for this special day. Our attendance has been trending in a positive direction.

Mr. Coffey also briefly commented on the iReady results in instruction. The staff is encouraged by the progress and growth that is being documented through iReady. We are continuing to work districtwide on the learning loss areas through Covid. This information that is being gathered helps to identify needs and in turn helps us to provide individualized instruction to meet student needs.

8. SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Dr. Ballinger reminded the Board Members of the upcoming Regional KSBA meeting on Monday, September 18. In addition she shared that the Hunger Walk would be on September 21 and invited the Board Members to participate if they are available and able to attend. The State Standards Committee is meeting in Frankfort September 13-15 to discuss cut scores and Dr. Ballinger was invited to attend and be a part of this Committee. In closing, Dr. Ballinger shared how encouraged she was by the participation in the Community Based Accountability meetings that had taken place at the TLC the past few weeks. It was phenomenal to see so many great discussions happening as we pursue the next level of strategic planning.

9. BOARD COMMENTS

- Matt Chaliff commented that "attendance matters" for both funding and student achievement. He thanked the staff for what they're doing to promote attendance.
- Anna Goff thanked everyone for the great start back to school and specifically thanked Dr. Ballinger for her involvement in Frankfort and all that is happening there.
- Angie Mink began by sharing how important it is to advocate for all children and the changes happening in Frankfort are a way for us to be involved in that process. She concluded by thanking Mrs. Sweet for her work in the Finance department.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.