

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

November 14th, 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

Angie Woods was absent. All other board members were present.

C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

Chairperson Mink read the Board Team Commitments aloud.

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No members of the public were present to comment.

4. SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SHOWCASE:

A. Staff Recognition of Upholding the Core Values of Rockcastle County Schools

Dr. Ballinger introduced the Core Values established as part of the Strategic Planning process and shared that this will be a part of future board meetings as well. Staff members from each school were individually recognized. These staff members were chosen by the Principal and highlighted for their dedication to Rockcastle County Schools students & staff. Following the recognition Chairperson Mink commented and encouraged them that they are making a difference in the lives of those around them and that their presence is vital.

B. DECO Architects - Project updates

Chris Phillips shared in detail the specifications and costs associated with each project included in the Operations/Actions.

5. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:

- A. Approve Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approve Bills for Payment
- C. Approve School Trips
- D. Approve Fundraisers
- E. Approve Request for Family and Medical Leave of Absence
- F. Approve CA-4F Emergency Certification (C. Bottoms)
- G. Approve TC-4 Emergency Substitute Certification
- H. Approve MOA between Rockcastle County BOE and Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, Inc.
- I. Approve Rockcastle County Schools Perkins Innovation and Modernization Grant MOU
- J. Approve MOU University of the Cumberland's Agreement with Cooperating School Board
- K. Approve Shortened School Day Request
- L. Approve Therapy Professional Service Agreement between Brighter Futures Therapy Center, LLC and Rockcastle County Board of Education
- M. Approve BG-2 for the Rockcastle County High School ADA Improvements/Paving project (BG 24-097)
- N. Approve BG-3 for the Rockcastle County High School ADA Improvements/Paving project (BG 24-097)
- O. Approve Construction Documents Package for the Rockcastle County High School ADA Improvements/Paving project (BG 24-097)

- P. Approve BG-2 for the Mount Vernon Elementary Paving project (BG 24-096)**
- Q. Approve BG-3 for the Mount Vernon Elementary Paving project (BG 24-096)**
- R. Approve Construction Documents Package for the Mount Vernon Elementary Paving project (BG 24-096)**

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

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- A. 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 Anna Goff. Misty Lakes seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

- B. Review/Approve KETS First Offer of Assistance**

A motion was made by Matt Chaliff. Misty Lakes seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

- C. Review/Approve KSBA Policy Change Draft for Disposal of School Property (1st Reading)**

Dr. Ballinger stated that this policy is related to the removal of technology and asked Mr. Reynolds to expound. This change will allow Mr. Reynolds to be able to junk/remove technology based on age/productivity as needed.

A motion was made by Anna Goff. Matt Chaliff seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

- D. Review/Approve District Coordinator Position for Prichard Committee Grant**

As a result of the Prichard Committee grant awarded to Rockcastle County Schools, Dr. Ballinger requested that this position be approved. The position is fully funded by the grant.

A motion was made by Matt Chaliff. Misty Lakes seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

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

A motion was made by Anna Goff. Matt Chaliff seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

7. DISCUSSION/REVIEW:

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

Chairperson Mink inquired about current vacancies. Dr. Ballinger stated that we are well staffed and currently only have one Certified position vacant at Roundstone Elementary.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Clark reported that the gas wells at RCHS will be removed due to the receipt of a federal grant to pay for that removal. Chairperson Mink continued by thanking each Director for their continued dedication and work for Rockcastle County Schools.

9. SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Dr. Ballinger shared that the Superintendent Advisory Council met today and continued their discussion & work on "Portrait of a Learner". This year-long project will work to define & outline the competencies through Rockcastle County Schools. A survey to all staff and high school students will be forthcoming to help in this process.

Fox56 filmed a feature today on the technology grant that we received. This will air at 6pm tonight and will highlight the work of Mrs. Sweet and Mr. Reynolds implemented these funds to benefit our classrooms and students with continued technology improvement.

Dr. Ballinger continued by thanking the Board for their support in her attending the NCERT conference in October. It was a great opportunity to grow and learn from educators across the nation.

In conclusion Dr. Ballinger directed the Board to the Department Reports to view test scores. Mr. Coffey briefly shared the highlights and areas for improvement moving forward stating the key is to focus on grade level standards.

Matt Chaliff commented that curriculum work aligned with standards and coupled with student engagement is key to pointing in the right direction. Chairperson Mink continued by adding that staff is doing extraordinary work above what the "colors" are showing.

10. BOARD COMMENTS

- Matt Chaliff commented that attendance numbers look really good and is thankful for Rockcastle County Schools commitment to growth.
- Misty Lakes added that she is thankful for the school system, their improvement and hard work to care for staff and students.
- Anna Goff continued that she appreciates the countless hours of the staff.
- Angie Mink concluded this thankful season with her gratitude for all that have touched her childrens' lives and how big a task that is for our staff. She also shared her condolences to the Sweet family during their time of loss.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.