

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)**

Irvine, Ky., September 19, 2019

The Estill County Board of Education met at Central Office at 6:00 P.M., on the 19th day of September, 2019, with the following members present:

**(1) Rhonda Hardy, Chair (2) Donna Isfort, Vice-chair (3) Jenny Niece
(4) Shiela Samples Jeff Saylor, Secretary**

Minutes of the September 19, 2019, regular meeting of the Estill County Board of Education.

Chairperson Hardy called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M. with members Mrs. Rhonda Hardy, Chairperson; Mrs. Donna Isfort, Vice-chair, Mrs. Jenny Niece, Mrs. Shiela Samples and Superintendent Jeff Saylor present. Mr. Bryan Covey was absent.

VISITORS PRESENT: Jeremy Simpson, Felicia Campbell, Stephen Willis, Lisa Reece, Tonya Isaacs, Angie Howell, Charlotte Arvin, Brooke Mays, Jessica Mullins, Tim Burkhart, Toni-Garrett Hall, Dickie Arthur, Josh Yost, Charlotte O'Bryan, Shawn Conley, Matthew Robertson, Tonya Miller, Ryan Henderson, Rodney Hitch, Sondra Hall, Blake Crowe, Tricia Patterson, Hannah Eaton, Tina Arvin, Brenda Horn, and Lisa Bicknell.

Chairperson Hardy welcomed the audience and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following revisions were made to the agenda:

Facilities	C.a)	Final approval to purchase land
	C.b)	Request approval to purchase property from KBE
Consent	C.	Approve agreement with EKU
	D.	Request emergency certification

RECOGNITIONS

Carhartt, Steam Engine, White House Clinic and BB&T are sponsoring the "Mountain Mover" program. The program is to recognize a certified and classified staff member each month for job excellence. A community member is also recognized for their support and work with the district. Superintendent Saylor presented each a certificate, gift card, and Medal of Excellence. This month's recipients are:

- Certified - Shon Gray, Middle School teacher
- Classified - Allen Plowman, High School custodian
- Community - Meade's Do-It Center represented by Tina Arvin and Brenda Horn

Rodney Hitch and Ryan Henderson of Jackson Energy explained the Coop's efforts to increase Science and Technology in their region. Jackson Energy sponsors *Project Lead the Way*. The initiative is supported through the SOARSTEM project. Mr. Hitch explained that elite teachers were selected to participate. Selected teachers are to get their Masters, National Board Certification as well as STEM certification. Tonya Miller was recognized as the district's teacher having accomplished these requirements. Mrs. Miller was presented a new laptop as well as \$5,000 in robotic kits. Mr. Saylor was presented a \$1,300 reimbursement check for district costs supporting the initiative.

Sondra Hall with Berea College reported that the district was in year two (2) of a seven (7) year GEAR UP grant. Blake Crowe, Hannah Eaton, Tricia Patterson and Suzanne Waite are the GEAR UP support group at the Middle School. The goal is to increase the number of students who stay in school and succeed in postsecondary education. Superintendent Saylor and the Board signed a proclamation proclaiming September 23-27, 2019 GEAR UP Week.

MOTION #14,299

BEREA COLLEGE MOA APPROVED

Mrs. Samples moved and Mrs. Isfort seconded the motion to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Berea College to partner with the GEAR UP Program grant.

All members voted yes.

SCHOOL PRESENTATION(S)

Estill Springs Elementary Principal, Jessica Mullins, announced that KEDC had chosen Estill Springs for their *Stories of Success* through the CHARGE grant. The school was recognized in an article, highlighting their "Gallery Walk". The "Gallery Walk" was made up of bulletin boards focusing on Kentucky places/events. Students were able to virtually visit and learn about Kentucky. Superintendent Saylor also recognized Charlotte O'Bryan, Gifted and Talented Coordinator for her work with the CHARGE grant.

Superintendent Saylor reported that the Estill Springs renovation project was 98% complete, with closeout documents expected by the October board meeting. He also reported that the Roof Replacement project would have closeout documents by October for both the Middle School and Estill Springs. Final inspections were made and the project was in compliance.

MOTION #14,300

PURCHASE OF PUCKETT PROERTY APPROVED

After completing the property acquisition process, as required by 702 KAR 4:050, conditional approval to purchase property has been granted by KDE. Mrs. Isfort moved and Mrs. Niece seconded the motion to purchase the Puckett property on Highway 89, 130+ acres for \$230,000.

All members voted yes.

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MOTION #14,301

REQUEST TO KBE APPROVED

Superintendent Saylor explained that the Kentucky Board of Education would need to approve the purchase of the Puckett property. This approval is required because the property purchase price is greater than 10% of the total projected cost for the bus garage and maintenance building. The KBE is scheduled to have a hearing on requests October 2, 2019. Mrs. Samples moved and Mrs. Niece seconded the motion to request approval of a waiver from the Kentucky Board of Education to purchase the property.

All members voted yes.

Superintendent Saylor announced that bids for the new Bus Garage would be opened October 10th at 2:00 P.M. Bids should be awarded at the October meeting.

MOTION #14,302

PAY APPLICATION #2
AREA TECHNOLOGY CENTER APPROVED

Superintendent Saylor recommended payment of Pay Application #2 in the total amount of \$78,377.90 for the demolition package. Mrs. Samples moved and Mrs. Niece seconded the motion to approve payment as recommended.

All members voted yes.

MOTION #14,303

CHANGE ORDER #1
AREA TECHNOLOGY CENTER APPROVED

Superintendent Saylor explained that the allowance to handle unsuitable or contaminated soils had a remaining balance of \$81,725. That \$81,725 will go back into the project's contingency balance. Mrs. Isfort moved and Mrs. Samples seconded the motion to approve the deductive change order as recommended.

All members voted yes.

The Superintendent reported that the EDA Grant of \$4 million for the Area Technology Center had been approved. Bid packages will be released Monday and the bid opening is scheduled for October 24, 2019.

MOTION #14,304

FY20 WORKING BUDGET APPROVED

Angie Howell, Finance Director, reviewed the FY20 working budget. The budget includes funding for two (2) new buses and has a contingency balance of \$1.6 million. Mrs. Samples moved and Mrs. Isfort seconded the motion to approve the FY20 working budget as presented.

All members voted yes.

MOTION #14,305

CONSENT ITEMS APPROVED

Mrs. Samples moved and Mrs. Niece seconded the motion to approve the following items as presented:

- A. Approve minutes of August 15, 2019 regular meeting.
- B. Approve treasurer's report and payment of claims totaling \$862,545.11.
- C. Approve agreement with Eastern Kentucky University, allowing student teachers in the district.
- D. Approve request for a Social Studies emergency certification for Jonathan Thomas at the High School.
- E. Approve Project Home Memorandum of Understanding between Mercy Health – Marcum & Wallace Hospital and Members of the Project HOME Network. This is a collaborative effort to address the opioid addiction crisis.
- F. Approve Area Technology Corner Stone Ceremony by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to lay the corner stone and bless the new building.
- G. Approve District Assurances, declaring all schools are in compliance with all required assurances.
- H. Approve BEH Physical Therapy Agreement for the 2019-2020 school year.
- I. Approve Estill Springs' school-wide fundraisers for PTO and Relay for Life.
- J. Approve revised Insight Investments Lease for the 1:1 Chromebook initiative.
- K. Approve the following out-of-state trips:
 - a. FBLA – Tennessee, November 11-12, 2019
 - b. Seniors – Washington, D.C., March 29-April 1, 2020
 - c. Band - Tennessee, October 12, 2019 and Indiana, November 14-16, 2019

All members voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Saylor shared the following:

- A. Notification of personnel actions. (See insert)
- B. Activity report.
- C. KSBA Regional meeting overview, including a discussion with Senator Stivers who assured him funding would be available to staff the new Area Technology Center.
- D. Shared a proposal for a Clay Target Club. There would be no cost involved and no weapons or ammunition at the High School. All activities would be held at the Sportsmen's Club. Members are to review the information and it will be presented again at the October meeting.
- E. Asked members to begin thinking about the High School renovation.
- F. Recommended altering the school calendar to make November 4th and 5th to staff days.
- G. Reviewed his FY20 Professional Growth Plan, focusing on Instructional and Cultural Leadership.

BOARD FORUM - Mrs. Isfort wanted to acknowledge Tonya Miller and her accomplishments.

MOTION #14,306

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Samples, seconded by Mrs. Niece to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M.

All members voted yes.

Jeff Saylor, Secretary

Rhonda Hardy, Chairperson

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