

**ESTILL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)**

**Special Board Meeting
December 17, 2020 6:00 PM
Estill County High School
Auditorium
397 Engineer Road
Irvine, KY 40336**

Attendance Taken at: 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Mr. Bryan Covey
Mrs. Rhonda Hardy
Mrs. Donna Isfort
Mrs. Jenny Niece
Ms. Shiela Samples

Visitors Present:

Tonya Isaacs, Charlotte O'Bryan, Jeremy Simpson, Jeremy Faulkner, Stephen Willis, Peter Fisher, Carrie Smallwood, Kathy Samples and Tammy Hardy.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Hardy called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

A. Welcome/Pledge

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

B. Reminder to Sign In

C. Revisions

There were no revisions to the agenda. (Special meeting)

II. Board Member Recognition

Superintendent Saylor recognized outgoing board members Rhonda Hardy and Jenny Niece. Both members were presented a plaque for their dedicated service to the students and district.

Kathy Samples, Community Leader, addressed the Board. Ms. Samples thanked the Board for their dedication and service to the students and school district. She challenged the new board members to continue putting students first.

III. Facilities

A. Construction Update

1. Consider rescinding 2018 SFCC Offer of Assistance

Order #14463 - Motion Passed: The Board accepted a \$17,000 SFCC Offer of Assistance earlier in the year. These funds were to be used for facilities. The cash requirement to obtain this \$17,000 cost the district approximately \$650,000. KDE locked the use of these funds tied to Capital Outlay monies. Superintendent Saylor asked the Board to rescind the acceptance of the SFCC Offer. This would free up the Capital Outlay funds for future use. Rescinding the SFCC Offer of Assistance in the amount of \$17,000 passed with a motion by Mrs. Jenny Niece and a second by Ms. Shiela Samples.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Mrs. Rhonda Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Mrs. Jenny Niece	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes

2. Area Technology Center

a. Update

Jeremy Faulkner, with Codell Construction, gave an update on the Area Technology Center project. Mr. Faulkner reported that Area B has been painted and the roof decking on Area A will begin 12/28/2020. Senator Stivers, Senator Storm and Representative Bill Wesley will be here to tour the ATC facility 12/21/2020.

b. Pay Application #016

Order #14464 - Motion Passed: Pay Application #016 in the amount of \$985,524.11 passed with a motion by Mr. Bryan Covey and a second by Mrs. Jenny Niece.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Mrs. Rhonda Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Mrs. Jenny Niece	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes

3. Bus Garage

a. Update

Peter Fisher, with Ross Tarrant Architects, gave an update on the Bus Garage Project. Mr. Fisher reported the project has a few final items to complete, including fence details. The building is now occupied and being used. Final completion should occur by February, 2021.

b. Pay Application #10 with Associated Direct Purchase Orders

Order #14465 - Motion Passed: Pay Application #10 was approved at the November meeting, but the total amount was incorrect. Both Peter Fisher and Superintendent Saylor recommended approval of the updated Pay Application #10. Approval of Pay Application #10 with associated direct purchase orders, in the amount of \$66,657.19 passed with a motion by Mrs. Jenny Niece and a second by Mr. Bryan Covey.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Mrs. Rhonda Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Mrs. Jenny Niece	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes

c. Pay Application #11 Associated Direct Purchase Orders

Order #14466 - Motion Passed: Pay Application #11 with associated direct purchase orders, in the amount of \$985,524.11 passed with a motion by Mrs. Jenny Niece and a second by Mrs. Donna Isfort.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Mrs. Rhonda Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Mrs. Jenny Niece	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes

4. Phase #7 Renovation Project - E.C.H.S.

a. BG-1 Update

Peter Fisher announced that the BG-1 for the Phase 7 Renovation Project has been approved by KDE.

b. Approve Design/Development documents, pending KDE approval

Order #14467 - Motion Passed: Mr. Fisher reviewed the BG-1, BG-2 and BG-3. Due to cost being \$2 million higher, alternates were done to offset and hold construction costs down. The BG-2 includes ten (10) alternates. Approval of the BG-2, BG-3 and Design/Development documents, pending KDE approval, passed with a motion by Mrs. Donna Isfort and a second by Mrs. Jenny Niece.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Mrs. Rhonda Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Mrs. Jenny Niece	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes

IV. Approve District Comprehensive Improvement Plan

Order #14468 - Motion Passed: Charlotte O'Bryan, Instructional Supervisor, reviewed both the schools' and the district's Comprehensive Improvement Plans. Ms. O'Bryan explained the importance of the plans and goals. Superintendent Saylor asserted that academics will be the focus going forward for the remainder of his contract. Approval of the District Comprehensive Improvement Plan passed with a motion by Mrs. Donna Isfort and a second by Ms. Shiela Samples.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Mrs. Rhonda Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Mrs. Jenny Niece	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes

A. School Comprehensive Improvement Plans

School Comprehensive Improvement Plans were presented for review.

V. Consent (Action) Items

Order #14469 - Motion Passed: Approval of the following consent items passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Mrs. Donna Isfort. Mrs. Jenny Niece abstained from approval of the November 19, 2020 minutes due to her absence.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Mrs. Rhonda Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Mrs. Jenny Niece	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes

A. Approve Minutes of November 19, 2020 regular meeting.

B. Approve Treasurer's Report and payment of bills totaling \$1,666,826.03.

C. Approve medical leave of absence extension for High School custodian Josh Combs.

D. Approve UK Student Teacher Agreement for the 2020-2021 school year.

E. Revised District Staffing including a certified Transportation Manager, STEM Teacher, and revisions to the Secretary to Superintendent and Transportation Secretary jobs.

VI. Public Comments

Technology Director, Jeremy Simpson, shared public comments/questions that were submitted via the website. Questions were:

Q. Red Status?

A: Twenty-five (25) cases put the county in “Red”, which is less than 2% of the population.

Q.: Will students return January 4, 2021?

A.: Preschool students will return four (4) days a week, all other students will return two (2) days per week.

Q.: Address safety for teachers.

A.: Temperature scanners, masks, sanitizer sprayers were purchased and a hybrid schedule was implemented.

Q.: Can school start after the vaccine is administered?

A.: 48% of the staff requested the vaccine. A date has not been scheduled for vaccinations. Students will return regardless of the date of vaccination. Parents will have the option for their students to remain on remote learning.

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. Notification of Personnel Actions (See insert)

B. Kentucky Women in Education Leadership - Charlotte O'Bryan was chosen as a 2021 inductee.

C. Shared Christmas Meal Flyer announcing the schedule for meals being served during Christmas Break.

D. Back-to-school update & possible action – update was addressed under questions/answers.

Superintendent Saylor said students will return to school January 4, 2021 on a hybrid schedule, pending the Governor’s mandates.

VIII. Board Member Forum

Board members Bryan Covey, Shiela Samples Donna Isfort thanked outgoing members Jenny Niece and Rhonda Hardy for their service. Mrs. Niece and Mrs. Hardy said it had been an honor to serve the district and students.

IX. Closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810, Paragraph (c), discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency

Superintendent Saylor withdrew his request for a Closed Session.

X. Adjourn

Order #14470 - Motion Passed: Adjournment of Board Meeting at 8:15 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Mrs. Donna Isfort.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Mrs. Rhonda Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Mrs. Jenny Niece	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes

Jeff Saylor, Secretary

Rhonda Hardy, Chairperson