

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

**Regular Board Meeting  
April 15, 2021 6:00 PM  
Estill County Board of Education  
Boardroom  
253 Main Street  
Irvine, KY 40336**

**Present Board Members:**

Ms. Donna Isfort  
Mr. Bryan Covey  
Ms. Sheila Samples  
Ms. Tammy Hardy  
Ms. Carrie Smallwood

**Visitors Present:** Coy Hall, Shawn Conley, Peter Fisher, Stephanie Moore, Stephen Willis, Jeremy Simpson, Angie Howell, Rebecca Lee

**I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Ms. Donna Isfort called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

**A. Welcome/Pledge**

Chairperson Ms. Donna Isfort welcomed the audience and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Reminder to Sign In**

**C. Revisions**

Superintendent Saylor added an ATC site visit under Superintendent's report at the May Board meeting (VF).

**D. Estill County Area Technology Center Principal - Mr. Coy Hall**

Mr. Coy Hall, Principal at the Area Technology Center, introduced himself and said he was excited to be part of the Estill County School System and Powell. Mr. Hall believes this is an excellent opportunity for the students and the community. Mr. Hall is from Lee County and has taught for the last 13 years at Clark County Area Technology Center as a welding instructor.

Mr. Saylor requested a moment of silence before moving forward for Jon Potts, Estill County High School Art Teacher, who passed away. Let us honor his contribution to our school district for the years that he was with us and remember his family.

Chairperson Ms. Donna Isfort asked for a moment of silence at this time.

## II. Facilities /Construction Update

### A. Area Technology Center

#### 1. Update

Mr. Peter Fisher, with Ross Tarrant Architects, gave an update on the ATC building construction crews are installing elevators, finishes in including paint and floor finishes. Permanent utilities are in the building, HVAC is operational. During the progress meeting, they talked about the timeline with the substantial completion date of June 28, 2021, with the final completion set for July 22, 2021.

Pedway Tower: Work continues on the block, Roof by May 15, 2021.

#### 2. Approval Pay App #20 and associated DPO's

**Order #14506 - Motion Passed:** Pay application#20 and associated DPO's in the amount of \$471,672.87 passed with a motion by Mr. Bryan Covey and a second by Ms. Shiela Samples.

#### 5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

#### 3. Approval of Change Order 13-4

**Order #14507- Motion Passed:** Change Order # 13-4 passed with a motion by Ms. Carrie Smallwood and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

#### 5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

#### 4. ATC Furniture Update

Ross Tarrant handles the ordering and set up of the ATC furniture to be delivered and set up by July 2021. Three different companies are being used to furnish the ATC Center. The three companies will cover classroom furniture, lounge furniture, and office furniture.

**B. Bus Garage****1. Update**

Peter Fisher, with Ross Tarrant Architects, gave an update on the Bus Garage Project. Mr. Peter Fisher said they are working toward getting to the point of closeout. Fencing has gone up this month. The gate is installed. They are working through some of the kinks on the gate operation. The contractor has been on-site over the last two weeks; bad weather has sort of impeded some progress. Progress needs to happen over the next month with getting the site to final completion.

**2. Approve Pay Application #14**

**Order #14508 - Motion Passed:** Approval of Pay application #14 for \$28,268.00 passed with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Mr. Bryan Covey.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

**C. High School Phase 7 Renovation Project****1. Update/Project Timeline and Projected Completion**

Mr. Peter Fisher with Ross Tarrant Architects gave an update on the High School Project. High school phase seven documents were uploaded to Imaging today; we have the approval to bid from KDE. May 5th is the pre-bid meeting, and then bids will be received by May 13<sup>th</sup>. When the Board meets on May 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have recommendations for you on the bid packages. Construction will begin on June 15th.

**2. Multivista Revision updated quote: will bring back May Board Meeting****D. Estill County Bleacher Project****1. Approval of Pay application #1 and #2 for Bleacher installation (Bid Package 1) and associated DPO's**

**Order #14509 - Motion Passed:** Approval of pay application #1 and #2 for Bleacher installation (Bid Package 1) and associated DPO's passed with a motion Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

**2. Approve Pay Application #1 and #2 for Bleacher Demolitions (Bid Package 2)**

**Order #14510 - Motion Passed:** Approval of pay application #1 and #2 bleacher demolitions passed with a motion by Mr. Bryan Covey and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

**3. Consideration /Approval of BG4 for the Estill County Bleacher Project Bid Package #1**

**Order #14511 - Motion Passed:** Approval of BG4 bid package #1 passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

**Order #14512 - Motion Passed:** Approval of BG4 bid package #2 passed with a motion by Mr. Bryan Covey and a second by Ms. Shiela Samples.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

**E. Air Quality Upgrades: ESSER II**

**1. West Irvine Elementary HVAC upgrades**

**a. Consideration/Approval of Construction Documents**

**Order #14513- Motion Passed:** Approval of construction documents to include alternate #1 passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Mr. Bryan Covey.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

## 2. Estill County District-Wide Air Purification/HVAC upgrades

### a. Consideration / Approval of Construction Documents

**Order #14514 - Motion Passed:** Approval of District-Wide construction documents for the air purification/HVAC upgrades project. Approval passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Carrie Smallwood.

#### 5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

### III. Action Items

#### A. White House Clinic: Mobile Oral Health Program

Ms. Stephanie Moore White House Clinic was present to talk about the mobile oral health program. They are in the process of submitting a grant application for a school-based expansion opportunity. What we had requested in the letter to support our application is for the purchase of a mobile dental bus it would have preventative work as well as treatment.

**Order #14515 - Motion Passed:** White House Clinic: Oral Health Program passed with a motion by Ms. Carrie Smallwood and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

#### 4 Yeas - 0 Nays - 1 Abstained

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Abstain
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

#### B. Cares II Funding Budget

**Order #14516- Motion Passed:** Approve Cares II funding budget passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

#### 5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

#### C. SBDM Allocation Request

##### 1. ECHS

##### 2. ECMS

**Order #14517 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the SBDM allocation from two Middle and .5 High School teaching positions passed with a motion by Mr. Bryan Covey and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

**D. Waiver of KAR7:125 concerning Pupil Attendance and Virtual School Enrollment**

**Order #14518 - Motion Passed:** passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Mr. Bryan Covey.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

**E. Dataseam Information Technology Apprentice Program Approval of agreement between Kentucky Dataseam Initiative, Inc and Estill County Schools to participate in the Dataseam-sponsored Information Technology Specialist Apprenticeship Program.**

**Order #14519 - Motion Passed:** Dataseam Information Technology Apprentice Program Approval of agreement passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

## F. Leave Of Absence

**Order #14520 - Motion Passed:** A motion to amend the agenda to add a closed session passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Carrie Smallwood.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays - 1 Abstained**

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Abstain
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

**Order #14521 - Motion Passed:** A motion to go into a closed session pursuant to KRS 68.810, paragraph (f), for the purpose of discussion, which may lead to the appointment, discipline, or the dismissal of an individual student or employee motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy Ms. Donna Isfort excused herself from the discussion in closed session.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays - 1 Abstained**

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Abstain
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

**Order #14522 - Motion Passed:** Vice Chairperson Bryan Covey called the meeting back in session; no action was taken. A motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays - 1 Abstained**

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Abstain
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

**Order #14523 - Motion Passed:** A motion to approve medical leave of absence until May 31 for the 2020-2021 school year passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays - 1 Abstained**

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Abstain
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

**IV. Consent (Action) Items**

**Order #14524 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the consent items passed with a motion by Mr. Bryan Covey and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

**A.** Approve Minutes of March 18, 2021

**B.** Approve Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills for \$1,008,994.67

**C.** ESSER II Funding Assurances

**D.** 2021 Technology Surplus (See Insert)

**E.** Estill County Health Department Request: ECHS COVID-19 Vaccination Site

**F.** SB 128 requests to use the 2021-2022 school year as a supplemental school year.

**G.** KDE MOA District 180 School Turnaround Initiative

**H.** FRYSC Contract FY 2022

**I.** NTI Plan FY 2022

**J.** Other

**V. Superintendent's Report**

**A.** Notification of Personnel Actions (See Insert)

**B.** End of Year Festivities

School	Dates	Activity	Time
South Irvine ELC			
Estill Springs Elementary	Monday, May 24	Drive-Thru Kindergarten Graduation	We will have scheduled times for each Kindergarten Class
West Irvine Intermediate	Friday, May 21	5th Grade Graduation	All-day (each class has a scheduled time)
Middle School	Monday, May, 24	8th Grade Graduation	9 AM-12 PM
High School	Friday, May 21 Saturday, May 22 Friday, May 28	Prom Prom Graduation	

**C. Spring Sports Update/Segment Guidance**

Estill County School District will follow all new Covid-19 guidance: concerning concession stands, and all other CDC and Health Department Guidance will be followed.



**D. Retiree Celebration**

June Board meeting will be a called Special meeting at the Estill County High School for Retiree Celebration.

**E. May Board Meeting ATC Walkthrough**

May Board meeting will be called a special called meeting at 5:00 PM to walk through ATC meeting. The Regular Meeting will be at Estill County Board of Education at 6:00 PM.

**F. Other****VI. Board Member Forum**

Ms. Donna Isfort just wanted to take time out to recognize the Lady Engineers softball team, which she stated was on fire. The baseball team is also off to a great start. The track team is doing well, and one athlete has broken three school records this spring.

Ms. Donna Isfort was concerned about the band practice and all the vandalizing going on to the band equipment. Mr. Saylor described the fence around the area and said he had spoken to Ms. Jessica Mullens concerning this safety feature, and they both believe this would help. Cameras installed would also help.

**VII. Public Comments ( Questions copy as they appeared on the open question forum)**

Q. What happened to the sign in front of central office & will there be a sign in front of the bus garage?

A. The sign out front of Central Office was old looked terrible, so we had it removed. The State Highway will place the new signage at the Bus Garage

Q. What are the plans for the old Irvine High School? Will the gym remain and be connected to Estill Springs Elementary?

A. We are exploring various options, including demolition of the facility

Q. Has the Board considered a stoplight in front of the high/middle school & landfill entrance?

A. Multiple studies show that this doesn't meet the guidelines for a stoplight.

Q. Good evening, Please as a board and for 1 school year and second chance to experience the educational experience of the Estill County School System vote yes for kids sake under the language of SB 128. This county and these kids have dealt with so much in the last 13 months with COVID, flooding and it all took the spirit, social time and educational experience away from so many, We are Estill Strong and some of these kids are just wanting to experience the classroom, see their class mates, participate in activities and enjoy the upgrades of facilities district wide. Make it work for 1 year for the kids sake.

Q. I am in support of SB 128 and encourage your approval so that our children may repeat this year to improve academically. Failure to do so will put most children behind to the point they will never catch up, virtual learning is not a replacement for in person teaching for the younger kids. Don't kid yourselves, virtual teaching is/ was not the answer moving forward we must redouble our efforts to

bring regularity and consistency to these children's lives so they can learn and catch up. We must seize this opportunity as a district to give these children the ability to repeat. I'm sure standardized test scores will be affected for years to come if this action is not taken. If this district slogan is "It's about the Kids" then approval of this should be a no-brainer!!! There may be challenges surrounding this issue but there is nothing that cannot be overcome...it seems all other districts are finding a way! I would encourage the Board and staff to find a way to make this work as well. It IS about the KIDS!!!!

Q As a former teacher in Estill County Schools I totally support the plan to allow our students time to broaden their knowledge and experience. Every student is different in learning style and maturity so it seems only fair to provide a way for each of them to overcome the upsets, frustration and gaps in their lives that the last year has caused. They need time! Let's give it to them. We can be assured that time and focused direction is necessary in every area of their lives. Let's all accept our responsibility to help others in every way we can to soften the effect of the chaos. Let's also appreciate the efforts of the leaders, teachers and all who are involved in the efforts to better the lives of all of us. May we please do it?.

A. Parents have until May 3<sup>rd</sup> to request a supplement school year. Board will make a final decision at the May 20<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting.

### VIII. Adjourn

**Order #14525 - Motion Passed:** Adjournment of the Board meeting at 8:55 PM passed with a motion by Mr. Bryan Covey and a second by Ms. Shiela Samples.

### 5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Mr. Bryan Covey	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
Mrs. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

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Jeff Saylor, Secretary

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Donna Isfort, Chairperson