

**Powell County Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
**March 21, 2023 6:00 PM**  
**Powell County Middle School Media Center**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Adopt/Approve Agenda**

**Order #23-454 - Motion Passed:** Motion to approve agenda passed with a motion by Lisa Mays and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Kim Hall	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

**IV. Powell County High School Student Advisory Council Presentation**

Discussion:

The Student Advisory Council presented to the Board about their program that they are participating in that deals with student vaping issues within our schools. The program is called "Health Rocks".

They are having lessons with the student body at the middle school three times a week. They stated that the program is highly successful.

The students stated that they teach the middle school students about drug and alcohol abuse. They do activities, make posters and had group sessions in learning about alcohol and substance abuse. The students said that they were surprised how many of those students have been so responsive to the program and how much they are actively participating.

**V. Communication Report**

Discussion:

Mrs. Wasson introduced the coaches of the Middle School Academic Team. They took 3 students to compete in state middle school competition. Gave a report on how those three students did at the state level. Coaches are really excited for next year so they can compete in a full season.

Mrs. Wasson presented her points (below):

- Enjoyed the KSBA Conference and the time spent with the board members learning together
- Attended the Education Law and Finance Conference last week and learned a lot about Human Resource law as well as other legal issues schools are facing
- She stated she was invited to speak at the monthly meeting of the Daughter's of the American Revolution. She shared with them the Learner Profile and what we are working towards in our district for our students.
- We have begun the process of working with Red Rover to manage our absences and substitutes as well as Powerschool to implement our recruiting and hiring software
- Partners for Rural Impact have posted their positions and have over 7 applicants for Powell County as of the last time we were made aware

- We had Ramona Karsner and Erica Price from CKEC walk through our buildings to help evaluate our staffing in special education areas. She stated that she appreciated this service from our Central Kentucky Education Cooperative
- All of the surplus items have been cleared out of Burk, Parson & Bolby warehouse
- We have been doing a lot of work with evaluating the salary scales. She stated she would like to establish a date for a Work Session where she can show the Board the work and get their opinions on where we think we need to be and what we think we can financially manage for the coming year.
- Clay City Elementary is hosting their Wax Museum this Thursday at 9:00 a.m. She invited the Board members to attend if they are able.

Scheduled a Special Work Session meeting on April 11, 2023 at 6 p.m. At PCMS Media Center.

Mrs. Merriman asked about SEEK funding and where the legislature was at in regards to this.

Mrs. Meredith Robinson, DPP, stated that they have yet to make their decision on that but she will be attending at meeting very soon that hopefully she will have some information to report to Mrs. Wasson and hoping that it's favorable.

## **VI. Public Comments**

Discussion:

None

## **VII. Consent Agenda**

**Order #23-455 - Motion Passed:** Motion to approve all consent items as presented passed with a motion by Brenda Crabtree and a second by Kim Hall.

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Kim Hall	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

Discussion:

- A.** Approval of minutes for regular meeting minutes 02-22-2023
- B.** Approval of Payment of Claims
- C.** Approval of Monthly Financial Report
- D.** Approval of Orders of Treasurer
- E.** Approve school wide fundraiser for Stanton Elementary- Spring Fling. April 27th.
- F.** School Wide Fundraiser for Stanton Elementary- Sell Spirit Wear
- G.** Bowen Elementary Fundraiser- Ham Dinner
- H.** Retroactive Approval of Middle School Academic Team Overnight Trip- Louisville
- I.** Quicksand Farms Football Field Maintenance

## **VIII. Selection of Agent of Record for Insurance**

**Order #23-456 - Motion Passed:** Approval of Houchens Insurance to continue services as Agent of Record passed with a motion by Diann Meadows and a second by Kim Hall.

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Kim Hall	Yes

Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

Discussion:

Mrs. Frazier presented to the Board the results of the proposals submitted to the district for Agent of Record for Insurance:

#### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

- RFQ
- Posted on Website & Social Media page
- Opened on March 1 and closed March 9
- Opened RFQ and reviewed March 10
- AGENTS
- Houchens
- Assured Partners
- Maverick
- CONTRACT
- 3 years with the option to renew for up to three additional one-year terms on a year-year basis

#### REVIEW OF QUALIFICATIONS

	<b>Houchens</b>	<b>Assured Partners</b>	<b>Maverick</b>
	70+ educational clients; 63 schools	50 schools, 12 colleges	8 schools, 1 college
Experience	Avg tenure	Avg tenure	Avg tenure
	10 yrs	15 yrs	4 yrs
Market Access	KEMI, Liberty Mutual, Wright, EMC, CM Regent	KEMI, Liberty Mutual, Wright, EMC, CM Regent	KEMI, Regent, Wright, EMC
Risk Management	Yes	Yes	Yes

#### IX. Approval of Updated Technology Plan for 2022-2025

**Order #23-457 - Motion Passed:** Approval of 2022-2025 updated technology plan passed with a motion by Kim Hall and a second by Lisa Mays.

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Kim Hall	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

Discussion:

Ms. Kinser updated the Board on the District Technology Plan. The plan was approved last year (3 year plan) but each year the district is required to update the Board.

This is the list of items that Mrs. Kinser reviewed with the Board:

- Upgraded ALL classrooms technology with Chromebox's 24
- Installed WIFI on all buses
- Install new inventory and help desk system
- Successfully upgraded core bank of switches on the network
- Ms. Kinser showed the the continuing technology aspects of the plan.
- She stated that there are no computer labs at the schools now except for at the high school.
- Have 61 more switches to update. Should have them all in by October.
- Have improved policy and procedures to streamline the repair process
- Ms. Kinser commented on MFA-Multi-Factor Authentication
- Updated Digital Citizenship
- Design comprehensive disaster plan; get a tape system set up for backup
- Help make staff aware of how many copies they make
- Transition of web site host
- ESSER funds helped in paying for all of the updates.
- Will be updating the tech plan with RED Rover & PowerSchool

## **X. Policies and Procedures**

### **A. Second Reading and Approval of Board Policy 03.6 Volunteers**

**Order #23-458 - Motion Passed:** Approval of revisions to policy 03.6- Volunteers passed with a motion by Kim Hall and a second by Diann Meadows .

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Kim Hall	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

### **B. Approval of Proposed Procedure 09.36 AP2 for Waiving School Offered Transportation**

**Order #23-459 - Motion Passed:** Motion to approve Board procedure passed with a motion by Kim Hall and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Kim Hall	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

## **XI. Trip Requests**

**Order #23-460 - Motion Passed:** passed with a motion by Lisa Mays and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Kim Hall	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

### A. Approval of Transportation Method for Baseball Out of State Trip

**Order #23-461 - Motion Passed:** Recommend approval of use of one school bus, truck, and trailer for senior trip to Myrtle Beach or waiver if all parents desire to have children travel with them passed with a motion by Lisa Mays and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Kim Hall	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

### B. After Prom Overnight Trip To Malibu Jack's in Lexington

**Order #23-462 - Motion Passed:** Approval of After Prom Party overnight trip to Malibu Jack's passed with a motion by Diann Meadows and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Kim Hall	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

### C. Approval of Overnight Trip for FBLA State Conference- Louisville

**Order #23-463 - Motion Passed:** Approval of overnight trip to Louisville for FBLA state competition passed with a motion by Brenda Crabtree and a second by Kim Hall.

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Kim Hall	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

## XII. Instruction

### A. Approval for Emergency Teaching Certificate in Special Education

**Order #23-464 - Motion Passed:** Approval of emergency teaching certificate for special education position passed with a motion by Diann Meadows and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Kim Hall	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

## XIII. Facilities

Discussion:

### A. Superintendent Surplus Bus Sale Authorization

**Order #23-465 - Motion Passed:** Motion to authorize Superintendent Wasson to oversee the sale of surplus buses for the 2022-23 school year. passed with a motion by Brenda Crabtree and a second by Kim Hall.

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Kim Hall	Yes

Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

Discussion:

We have 2 buses to surplus.

**B. Consider Approval of a Certified Appraisal of all School Facilities**

**Order #23-466 - Motion Passed:** Motion to approve to hire a Certified Appraiser passed with a motion by Diann Meadows and a second by Lisa Mays.

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Kim Hall	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

Discussion:

Mrs. Frazier presented the options to the Board in regards to an appraisal of all school facilities.

- Two Options: Use KDE rates or a Certified Appraisal for Insurance Coverage
- One certified appraisal firm could not complete an appraisal until May 1st which is too late.
- Houchens Insurance recommended someone who has experience at a lower price - no more than (\$8k) -and that person can do the appraisal in the timeframe needed.

Options Are:

1. Use KDE Rates which would increase property by approximately 20M (including all buildings.)
2. Get a certified appraisal. The appraisal cost would be no more than \$8,000 and could bring significant savings.

Mrs. Frazier stated that it's up to the Board to decide which route to take the district for insurance coverage.

The Board discussed that an appraisal would let us know that we have properly insured our facilities.

**XIV. Approval of Council for Better Education Resolution**

**Order #23-467 - Motion Passed:** Approval of resolution to approve authorization for Superintendent Wasson to support the work of the Council for Better Education as stated passed with a motion by Kim Hall and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Kim Hall	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

Discussion:

The Council for Better Education is supporting all public school districts in Kentucky to keep HB9, a charter school bill, from becoming law. In Kentucky, it is against the Constitution to use public funds for private

schools. The Council for Better Education does not oppose private schools, but strongly opposes the use of public tax dollars or tax credits to be utilized to support private or charter schools. Several talking points are attached to bring light to the necessity of supporting the work of the CBE as they put HB9 to a legal test in the court.

The following resolution was adopted:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Powell County Board of Education authorizes Superintendent Wasson to take all necessary steps to support the Council for Better Education, Inc. ("CBE"), in its legal challenge to the unconstitutionality of House Bill 9, and the payment of any appropriate dues or assessments related to this school district's membership in CBE or its support of the referenced legal challenge.

Mrs. Wasson noted that there is a fee of \$1,949.27 for the district to pay to continue to be a member and support CBE.

#### **XV. Informational Items**

Discussion:

##### **A. Personnel Report**

Discussion:

Mr. David Lyons, HR Director, presented the Personnel Report to the Board.

#### **XVI. Other Business**

Discussion:

None

**XVII.** Per KRS 61.810(1)(c) the Board will enter into closed session to discuss proposed or pending litigation.

**Order #23-468 - Motion Passed:** Motion to go into closed session to discuss proposed or pending litigation passed with a motion by Kim Hall and a second by Lisa Mays.

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Kim Hall	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

#### **XVIII. Return To Open Session**

**Order #23-469 - Motion Passed:** Approval to return to open session passed with a motion by Kim Hall and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Kim Hall	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

#### **XIX. Action Taken as a Result of Closed Session**

**Order #23-470 - Motion Passed:** Approval to direct the Superintendent to cease salary payments to certified employees outside of the Board approved salary schedule due to granting experience credit beyond the

definition of experience in KRS 157.320 and payment of stipends outside of KRS 157.395 effective July 1, 2023. passed with a motion by Kim Hall and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Kim Hall	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

**XX.** Adjourn

**Order #23-471 - Motion Passed:** Motion to adjourn passed with a motion by Kim Hall and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Kim Hall	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

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Board Chairperson

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Board Secretary