

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)**

Ft. Mitchell, KY

The BEECHWOOD Board of Education met in the Beechwood Cafeteria at 6:00 PM, on September 11, 2023, with the following members present:

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Jeanne Berger
Mr. Bradford Hood
Dr. Ronald Savignano
Mrs. Amy Sleet
Mrs. Melanie Stricker

I. Call to Order

The mission of Beechwood Independent School District is to provide innovative education grounded in tradition. Our educational vision is to inspire students to embrace responsibility, productivity and compassion of a global community. Our vision is communicated to students, faculty, and our community by various media from the printed word to the internet and is exemplified by our district slogan: Innovative education grounded in tradition.

I.A. Call to Order / Roll Call

I.B. Staff Members Present

Dr. Mike Stacy, Superintendent	Mrs. Lauren Steltenkamp, Special Ed Director
Mr. Alan Yanke, High School Principal	Mr. Tim Lillard, Technology Director
Mrs. Jana Bromley, Asst High School Principal	Mrs. Stephanie Layton, Business and University Liaison
Mr. Zach Ashley, Elementary Principal	Mrs. Kristi Ward, Finance Director
Mrs. Alicia Wittmer, Asst Elementary Principal	Mrs. Lori Reed, Board Secretary
Mr. Justin Kaiser, Dir of Operations	

I.C. Recognition of Guests

I.C.1. Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) participants: Vega Martinez, Taylor Phelps, Mary Kate Richmond, Lindsey Thurber, Sophie Williams and Will Hiner

I.C.2. Governor's Scholar Program (GSP) participants: Danica Gorlewski, Emma Hetzel, Miles Yelton and Allison Goodwin

I.D. Closed Session to discuss pending litigation per KRS 61.810(c)

Motion Passed: Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation per KRS 61.810(1)(c) passed with a motion by Mr. Bradford Hood and a second by Mrs. Melanie Stricker.

Mrs. Jeanne Berger	Yes
Mr. Bradford Hood	Yes
Dr. Ronald Savignano	Yes
Mrs. Amy Sleet	Yes
Mrs. Melanie Stricker	Yes

I.E. Exit Closed Session

Motion Passed: Motion to Leave the Closed Session passed with a motion by Mr. Bradford Hood and a second by Mrs. Melanie Stricker.

Mrs. Jeanne Berger	Yes
Mr. Bradford Hood	Yes
Dr. Ronald Savignano	Yes
Mrs. Amy Sleet	Yes
Mrs. Melanie Stricker	Yes

I.F. Public Comment

Each Person wishing to address the Board of Education must sign in. When called upon to speak the person who speaks should stand, give his/her name and group he/she represents, and then address his/her comments directly to the Board of Education Chairperson.

No public comment was made.

II. Discussion and Action Agenda

II.A. Public Relations and Marketing Firm

Motion Passed: Motion to approve Strategic Advisors as Public Relations and Marketing firm passed with a motion by Mr. Bradford Hood and a second by Mrs. Melanie Stricker.

Mrs. Jeanne Berger	No
Mr. Bradford Hood	Yes
Dr. Ronald Savignano	Yes
Mrs. Amy Sleet	Yes
Mrs. Melanie Stricker	Yes

II.B. Working Budget SY 2023-2024

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the working budget for the 2023-2024 school year passed with a motion by Mr. Bradford Hood and a second by Mrs. Jeanne Berger.

Mrs. Jeanne Berger	Yes
Mr. Bradford Hood	Yes
Dr. Ronald Savignano	Yes
Mrs. Amy Sleet	Yes
Mrs. Melanie Stricker	Yes

Discussion: The Board approved the working budget for 2023-2024.

- Each Board member voted yes on the working budget with additional commentary relating to being able to address the Commissioner of Education to address the issues with being a SEEK loser when property values are dramatically increased (31%). Dr. Stacy and the Board are looking forward to being able to speak on behalf of the Beechwood families and the Ft. Mitchell community.
- Dr. Stacy shared the need to highlight what a 31% property value increase does to Beechwood, which is a 1.139 million loss in funds. Therefore, we are adopting a budget below the 2% required contingency threshold.
- We do have reserve funds for contingency (turf, furniture, tech, non-BG1 construction funds, etc.).
- If we move that out of savings, then we don't highlight the loss we are taking from the 31% property valuation increase.
- This will cause the KDE to look into why we have gone under the limit as a means to highlight what this has done to our SEEK loser situation. This will create a temporary audience from the state to show the stress it puts on our budget.

- After the budget revision, we would then transfer \$500,000 from our savings into our contingency fund to get us back in good standing.
- If we get another property increase in the next cycle, then we would have to take a drastic tax increase or make drastic cuts.
- We are asking for a phased timeline as would occur for a district that loses a large amount of tax revenue for some reason.

III. Consent Agenda

Motion Passed: Approval to adopt consent agenda passed with a motion by Mrs. Melanie Stricker and a second by Mrs. Amy Sleet.

Mrs. Jeanne Berger	Yes
Mr. Bradford Hood	Yes
Dr. Ronald Savignano	Yes
Mrs. Amy Sleet	Yes
Mrs. Melanie Stricker	Yes

III.A. Approval of Minutes

III.A.1. 08/14/2023 Tax Hearing

III.A.2. 08/14/2023 Regular Meeting

III.A.3. 08/28/2023 Joint Session with SBDM Councils

III.B. Monthly Bills

III.C. Surplus of FACS textbooks

Lisa Sletto, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher, would like to surplus 2 sets of textbooks that are outdated and doesn't teach these topics:

Strengthening Family & Self

30 books (2004)

Good condition

The Developing Child

36 books (2004)

Good condition

III.D. Interagency Agreement - DCCH and Beechwood

III.E. MOA - Beechwood and KECSAC

III.F. Pay Application #15 for Phase B

III.G. Field Trips over 100 miles

III.G.1. Washington DC - 6th grade trip

III.G.2. Connor Prairie, Fishers, IN - 2nd Grade

III.H. Leaves without Pay

Jill Justice - September 26, 2023 - November 3, 2023

Julie Fedders - September 28 and 29, 2023

Christine Stevenson - September 27 - November 6, 2023

Annie Schleusner - September 28 and 29, 2023

III.I. Technology Activity Report (TAR)

IV. Information**IV.A. Superintendent's Report****Construction update:**

- Stadium entrance lights were held up in shipping but next week should wrap up lower field entrance.
- We need to make sure all of our finishing elements are ordered timely so that Phase B (front new building) is not delayed due to the shipping of these items.
- We are waiting for steel to be set in the new auditorium.
- Hoping to still be "dried in" by November 1 in order to do the inside work this winter.
- Tours of the new building will be offered to the public on Saturday October 21 (Homecoming weekend)
- Gym/locker room renovations will start after basketball season in February.

- The Band Festival was a great success.

IV.A.1. Finance Report**IV.A.2. SBDM Meeting Minutes****IV.B. Personnel Report**New Hires

Kellianne Welker Cafeteria

Amy Bushelman Cafeteria

V. Agenda in Official Board Minutes

Motion Passed: Approval of making the agenda part of the official board minutes passed with a motion by Mr. Bradford Hood and a second by Mrs. Amy Sleet.

Mrs. Jeanne Berger	Yes
Mr. Bradford Hood	Yes
Dr. Ronald Savignano	Yes
Mrs. Amy Sleet	Yes
Mrs. Melanie Stricker	Yes

VI. Other Business**VI.A. Board****VI.B. Staff****VI.C. Public****VII. Adjourn**

Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn the meeting passed with a motion by Mrs. Jeanne Berger and a second by Dr. Ronald Savignano.

Mrs. Jeanne Berger	Yes
Mr. Bradford Hood	Yes
Dr. Ronald Savignano	Yes
Mrs. Amy Sleet	Yes
Mrs. Melanie Stricker	Yes

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

APPROVED: _____
Chairman