

Powell County Board of Education Regular Meeting
September 19, 2023 6:00 PM
Powell County Middle School Media Center

Attendance Taken at : 5:56 PM

Present Board Members:

Brenda Crabtree

Kim Hall

Lisa Mays

Diann Meadows

Kathy Merriman

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Adopt/Approve Agenda

Order #24-35 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve agenda passed with a motion by Diann Meadows and a second by Lisa Mays.

Brenda Crabtree	Yes
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Kim Hall	Yes
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Lisa Mays	Yes
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Diann Meadows	Yes
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Kathy Merriman	Yes
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Mrs. Sarah Wasson, Superintendent, stated that per a request from Sherman Carter Barnhart, that the BG-3 needed to be added to the agenda for approval and would be added as Item D.

IV. Communication Report

A. General Communication Report

Superintendent Wasson reported the following:

- We received a \$2,000 check from Sterling Health to help us cover some of the expenses of our students attending athletic events. This year the high school students will get into high school events free of charge and middle school students will get into middle school events free of charge. We appreciate our partnership with Sterling Health.
- I was invited by Zoning Administrator Chris Chaney to sit in on a city planning and zoning Comprehensive Plan committee meeting and attended that meeting on August 30th. The city is doing good work towards updating their Comprehensive Plan which will present overall needs of the city. Some of the things discussed at that meeting were the need for housing, the need for a strong infrastructure, and the need for adult educational services. In some communities the schools are utilized after hours for education and training opportunities for adults and that is something that we can explore to provide adults a path to learning closer to home.
- We have had two construction meetings since the last Board meeting in an effort to get to the point where we are today in preparation of bidding the new Stanton Elementary School

project. In one of the meetings we discussed furniture options for the new cafeteria, discovery hub (media center), and discovery zones.

- We have the following positions open for hire: Social Studies at the Middle School, FMD at the high school, Law Enforcement at the high school, custodian at Bowen Elementary, and FMD assistants at the high school.
- Tomorrow I will travel to Lexington to the DPP conference to present to the experienced DPP group and Ms. Robinson is going to help me with the presentation. Tomorrow night is also the homecoming parade.
- Thursday morning I will attend the KEDC meeting with training on personnel and Thursday night is senior night for boys soccer at 6:45.
- Monday and Tuesday of next week I will attend the Superintendent Summit in Lexington and several of our administrators will attend the Continuous Improvement Summit in Lexington.
- Master Plan progress- The master plan that Sherman Carter Barnhart created is complete and demonstrates that we can include a baseball and softball field on the property when funds allow and we would like to move forward.

B. Master Plan Work for New School Property

The Master Plan for the property where Stanton Elementary was shown to the Board. There is room for the weather station project without interfering with future ball fields and room for baseball and softball.

Board Member Kim Hall asked if it would interfere with possible expansion of the school, and Superintendent Wasson pointed to the classroom side of the building demonstrating that expansion would take place in the voids at the end of the building.

V. Public Comments

No Public Comments

VI. Consent Agenda

Order #24-36 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve all consent items as presented 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

- A.** Approval of minutes for regular meeting minutes 8.15.2023
- B.** Approval of Payment of Claims
- C.** Approval of Monthly Financial Report
- D.** Approval of Orders of Treasurer
- E.** Retroactive Approval of Superintendent Travel- KASA
- F.** Approval of National FFA Convention Trip to Indianapolis
- G.** Approval of National FBLA Conference Trip to Dallas, TX
- H.** Approval of HS Pigman KYTSA Scholars Program Grant Application

- I.** Approval of Shortened Day/Week
- J.** Approval Of Book Vending/Books Donation from Whitaker Bank
- K.** Approval to Surplus Ricoh Copiers
- L.** Approval of Bowen Elementary Photography Contract
- M.** Approval of Powell County Middle School Photography Contract
- N.** Approval of Library Grants for Bowen Elementary
- O.** Approval of Technology Activity Report (TAR)
- P.** Approve Trip Requests
- Q.** Approval of Golf Lease With Beechfork Golf Club

VII. Review of CMTA Energy Savings Contract

CMTA representative Chris Spurrier reported the following:

- Year 6 of 20 year
- Guaranteed Annual Savings (Year 6) = \$263,239
- Actual Annual Savings (Year 6) = \$293,819
- Excess Savings for District = \$30,581.00
- Track electric and natural gas usage
- **Electric Usage:**
- Baseline = 4M kWh
- Guaranteed = 3.1M kWh
- Actual = 2.3M kWh
- District-wide electricity consumption showing a 41% reduction
- **Natural Gas Usage**
- Baseline = 154K CCF
- Guaranteed = 77,557 CCF
- Actual = 77,800 CCF
- District-wide Natural Gas consumption showing a 50% reduction
- **School Energy Efficiency:**
- PCMS experienced 70% reduction in energy use; the most energy efficient school in the district

VIII. New Stanton Elementary Construction Items

- A.** Approve the updated BG-2 form for the New Stanton Elementary School (BG No. 21-072)

Order #24-37 - Motion Passed: Approval of updated BG-2 form for the New Stanton Elementary School (BG No. 21-072) 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

Mrs. Allison Commings, SCB, stated that the BG-2 is the standard KDE form used with construction projects. She presented to the Board the updated form.

- B.** Approve the updated CPTED checklist for the New Stanton Elementary School (BG No. 21-072)

Order #24-38 - Motion Passed: Approval of the updated CPTED checklist for the New Stanton Elementary School (BG No. 21-072) 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

Mrs. Allison Commings, SCB, stated that this form addresses the safety mechanisms that will be placed in the school, including card readers for all access doors, inside and outside.

C. Approve the updated Construction Documents for the New Stanton Elementary School (BG No. 21-072) for submittal to KDE and HBC

Order #24-39 - Motion Passed: Approval of the updated Construction Documents for the New Stanton Elementary School (BG No. 21-072) for submittal to KDE and HBC 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

Mrs. Allison Commings, SCB, reviewed with the Board the updated architectural plans showing the changes that were made per the past several meetings with SES staff, District staff, and the Board.

Mr. Donnie Crain, CMTA, reviewed with the Board the energy part of the architectural plans. He also stated that within the plans, they have proposed to install fans in office ceilings to help with circulation of the air.

Mrs. Commings then reviewed with the Board the 3-D images of the outside of the proposed building and stated the changes that were made in regards to roof lines, exterior coverings and the addition of canopies to the front and back of the building to protect students /staff during inclement weather.

D. Approval of BG-3 for Stanton Elementary Project

Order #24-40 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve the BG-3 For the new Stanton Elementary Project 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

Mrs. Allison Commings, SCB, presented to the Board the BG-3 that shows the projected construction and soft costs for the SES Project.

- General Construction = \$25.9M
- Project Soft Costs = \$5.1M
- 5% Contingency build in Soft Costs = \$1.2M
- Projected Overall Cost = \$31M
- Anything the district has paid in the past towards Architecture / Engineer fees and Construction Manager fees will be deducted from the amount shown on the form

Mrs. Alicia Frazier noted that the district has already paid at or around \$1M towards the project.

E. Approve to advertise and receive bids for the new Stanton Elementary School project

Order #24-41 - Motion Passed: Approval of advertising and receiving bids for the new Stanton Elementary School project 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

Mrs. Allison Commings, SCB, stated that the bidding target is to receive bids by mid November of this year and that the bids would be good for 60 days.

IX. Scholarship Opportunities for Students and Introduction

Representative Bill Wesley presented to the Board information about the possibility of having an Aero Mechanics class at Powell County High School, bring in HCTC (Hazard) for more medical type classes and partner with WKU and ECU for scholarship opportunities for students of eastern Kentucky.

Rep. Wesley stated that the district would have free access to a flight simulator for approximately 3 months through ECU to see if interest in the course would be substantial enough to warrant having the class taught at the high school.

Rep. Wesley spoke more in detail about the Aero Mechanic course to the Board stating that with Powell County having access to a working airport it would be good to get interest in aviation jobs that our kids could get when they get out of high school. He said he would give us a free hanger to build on our facilities or around our facilities to start a mechanic shop. He stated this would open up a six figure job for our kids as soon as they graduate. He later stated that we could go ahead and set an airplane in the hanger so kids could work on the mechanics. The airplane offered to us would be for mechanics, not flight.

He told us that he would be offering civic helicopter rides to teachers, cooks, and school board members.

Representative Wesley also spoke about putting our construction projects on the list of projects that need help with funding in Frankfort.

It should be noted that the district does not currently have funding for another CTE pathway and when an interest survey was done, the biggest interest was in criminal justice careers. The District is willing to explore interest in aviation.

X. Set The Tax Rate

Order #24-42 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve four percent revenue increase at a tax rate of 52.1 plus 0.4 cents due to exonerations to recover prior year losses and keep current motor vehicle tax rate at 50.2 passed with a motion by Brenda Crabtree and a second by Diann Meadows .

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

Mrs. Alicia Frazier, CFO, presented to the Board the recommendation for the Tax Rate:

- Recommendation to approve the 4% tax rate increase

- Will generate \$3.7M for the district
- Keep the maximum Tax Rate on Motor Vehicle at 50.2

XI. Approve the 2023-2024 Working Budget

Order #24-43 - Motion Passed: Approval of the FY24 working budget 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

Mrs. Alicia Frazier, CFO, presented the Working Budget to the Board:

- **General Fund Budget - REVENUE**
- **General Fund Budget - EXPENDITURES**
- **Fund2 - Special Revenue / Grants**
- **District Activity Fund**
- **School Activity Fund**
- **Capital Outlay**
- **Building Fund**
- **Construction Fund**
- **Debt Service**
- **Food Service**

XII. Instruction

A. Approve Emergency Teacher Certifications

Order #24-44 - Motion Passed: Approval of emergency certifications 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

B. Approval of the 2023-2024 use of Emergency Certified and Non-Certified Substitutes

Order #24-45 - Motion Passed: Approval of the use of Emergency Certified and Emergency Non-Certified Substitutes passed with a motion by Brenda Crabtree and a second by Lisa Mays.

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

XIII. Facilities

A. Approval of Stanton Elementary Roofing Project - Pay Application #6

Order #24-46 - Motion Passed: Approval of Pay App #6 for the Stanton Elementary Roofing Project 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

B. Approval of Stanton Elementary Change Order Form

Order #24-47 - Motion Passed: Approval of change order for replacement of rotten decking on the Stanton Elementary roof passed with a motion by Lisa Mays and a second by Kim Hall.

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

XIV. Informational Items

A. Personnel Report

XV. Other Business

No Other Business

XVI. Enter into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(m) to discuss student requests for hardship graduation and partial day students.

Order #24-48 - Motion Passed: Enter into closed session 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

XVII. Return To Open Session

Order #24-49 - Motion Passed: Return to open session 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. Action Taken as a Result of Closed Session

Order #24-50 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve all applications except J and N and deny the partial day application 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

XIX. Adjourn

Order #24-51 - 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

Board Chairperson

Board Secretary