

**Covington Board of Education
Regular Business Meeting**

MINUTES

January 25, 2024

5:30 PM

Covington Board of Education

25 E. 7th Street Covington, Kentucky 41011

The meeting was streamed via video teleconferencing at:

www.covington.kyschools.us

I. Call to Order

Mr. Tom Haggard, Board chair called the meeting to order and addressed the audience his condolences with the most recent tragedy involving one of our students.

II. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM:

Present Board Members:

Ms. Hannah Edelen

Mr. Stephen Gastright

Ms. Glenda Huff

Mr. Kareem Simpson

Mr. Tom Haggard

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Welcome and Board Chair Comments

Mr. Tom Haggard, Board chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

V. Public Input

The following addressed the Board during Public Input: Rufus Johnson, Cincinnati resident, April Williams who resides at 990 Emery Drive, Nathaniel Bell, Holmes High School staff member, Jerome Bowles, President of NAACP, Heather Crabbe who resides in Independence and Charles Kirtley who resides at 406 Delmar Place.

After public input, Mr. Tom Haggard, Board chair requested to hold off on item #13, BG23-062 Campus Project Estimate of Updated Probable Cost until the February 8, 2024 Regular Working Meeting. All Board members agreed.

At 6 p.m. the Board chair requested a five minute recess. The Board returned from recess at 6:03 p.m.



VI. Report of the Treasurer

1. School Activity Fund Balances - July 2023 through December 2023

Ms. Annette Burtschy, Director of Finance presented the School Activity Fund Balances from July 2023 through December 2023 as an informational item.

2. ESSER III Update on Actual Expenditures

Ms. Annette Burtschy, Director of Finance presented the ESSER III Update on Actual Expenditures as an informational item.

3. Monthly Financials ~ December

4. Warrant Expenditure Report

Motion Passed 012524_01: The Covington Board of Education approves the Monthly Financials for December and Warrant Expenditure Report passed with a motion by Mr. Stephen Gastright and a second by Ms. Hannah Edelen.

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| Ms. Hannah Edelen | Yes |
| Mr. Stephen Gastright | Yes |
| Ms. Glenda Huff | Yes |
| Mr. Kareem Simpson | Yes |
| Mr. Tom Haggard | Yes |

5. Draft Budget FY2025

Motion Passed 012524_02: The Covington Board of Education approves the Draft Budget FY2025 passed with a motion by Mr. Stephen Gastright and a second by Mr. Kareem Simpson.

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| Ms. Hannah Edelen | Yes |
| Mr. Stephen Gastright | Yes |
| Ms. Glenda Huff | Yes |
| Mr. Kareem Simpson | Yes |
| Mr. Tom Haggard | Yes |

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion Passed 012524_03: The Covington Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Stephen Gastright and a second by Ms. Hannah Edelen.

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| Ms. Hannah Edelen | Yes |
| Mr. Stephen Gastright | Yes |
| Ms. Glenda Huff | Yes |
| Mr. Kareem Simpson | Yes |
| Mr. Tom Haggard | Yes |

6. Approval of Minutes ~ January 11, 2024 Special Organizational Meeting

7. Approval of Minutes ~ January 11, 2024 Special Meeting

8. School Garden Mini-Grant Request ~ James E. Biggs Early Childhood Education Center

9. Fundraiser Request ~ Holmes Middle School Free Throw for Friends

10. Fundraiser Request ~ Latonia Elementary BINGO



VIII. Individual Approval Agenda Items

11. Comprehensive District Improvement Plan (CDIP) 2023-2025

Motion Passed 012524_04: The Covington Board of Education approves the Comprehensive District Improvement Plan (CDIP) 2023-2025 passed with a motion by Ms. Hannah Edelen and a second by Mr. Stephen Gastright.

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| Ms. Hannah Edelen | Yes |
| Mr. Stephen Gastright | Yes |
| Ms. Glenda Huff | Yes |
| Mr. Kareem Simpson | Yes |
| Mr. Tom Haggard | Yes |

12. District Facilities Master Plan

Motion Passed 012524_05: The Covington Board of Education approves the District Facilities Master Plan Agreement with SHP passed with a motion by Mr. Stephen Gastright and a second by Ms. Hannah Edelen.

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| Ms. Hannah Edelen | Yes |
| Mr. Stephen Gastright | Yes |
| Ms. Glenda Huff | Yes |
| Mr. Kareem Simpson | Yes |
| Mr. Tom Haggard | Yes |

13. BG23-062 Campus Project Estimate of Updated Probable Cost

The Board made a consensus at the beginning of the meeting to table BG23-062 Campus Project Estimate of Updated Probable Cost to the next regular working meeting on February 8, 2024.

IX. Addendum Agenda (Action Possible)

No Addendum Agenda items to present.

X. Report of the Attorney

No report from the Attorney, Ms. Aaren Meehan.

XI. Board Member Discussion

Mr. Tom Haggard, Board chair opened the floor for Board member discussions.

XII. Board Member Comments

Mr. Tom Haggard, Board chair opened the floor for Board member comments.

XIII. Upcoming Events

Mr. Tom Haggard, Board chair announced the upcoming events.

XIV. Executive Session

No Executive Session requested.



XV. Adjournment

The Board made a consensus to adjourn 6:15 p.m.

_____ Tom Haggard, Board Chair

_____ Alvin Garrison, Superintendent

