

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

**Regular Board Meeting  
April 18, 2024, 6:00 PM  
Estill County Board of Education  
Boardroom  
253 Main Street  
Irvine, KY 40336**

**Present Board Members:**

Ms. Carrie Smallwood  
Ms. Tammy Hardy  
Ms. Shiela Samples  
Mr. Bryan Covey (Remote)  
Ms. Donna Isfort

**Visitors:** Jeremy Simpson, Jessica Napier, Josh Yost, Charlotte O’Byan, Jessica Mullins, Tasha Halcomb, Angie Howell, Donald Norton, Andrea Williams, Amanda Bryant, Toni Garrett Hall, Allison Banks, Jessica Isaacs, Leslie Dooley, Phil Hardy, Jenny Hardy, and Darrell Billings

**I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Ms. Donna Isfort called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**A. Welcome/Pledge**

Chairperson Ms. Donna Isfort welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked them to stand and lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Reminder to Sign In**

**C. Revisions**

The following items were added as revisions

**II B. ATC Engineering Program/TSA**

**III E. Consideration/Approval of Bids for Property, Fleet, Liability, and**

**Workers Compensation Insurance.**

**IV. G Approve Surplus Items**

**IV. H Approval of the Independent Auditor Contract (moved from action to consent)**

**II. Recognitions**

**A. Middle School Student Presentation**

Four Student Council members, Brylee Bringegar, Tenley Flynn, Kynlee Brown, Jonathon Dooley, and FYSC Mike Flynn, worked together on a presentation to the board titled “ On Track for Student Excellence.” During this presentation, they spoke about their social awareness programs, cultural diversity and inclusiveness, leadership development, transition programs, celebration success, and what they plan to do before school is out for the year.

**B. ATC Engineering Program/TSA update**

Ms. Allyson Banks presented the TSA program to the board. Technology Student Association is a national nonprofit organization that engages science, technology, engineering, and math. There are 300,000 plus middle and high school student members that make up this organization. This year, the Estill Co. Area Technology TSA team competed with about 1,800 plus students in Louisville, Kentucky. The ATC had 37 students who went to state. Their goal is to take their winners to Nationals in Orlando, Florida, in June so they can return to a fall board meeting and give the board a good report on what happened.

**III. Action Items**

**A. Consideration/Approval Law Enforcement Supervisor Position**

**Order #15128 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the Law Enforcement Supervisor passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

**B. Consideration/Approval School Resource Officer (SRO) Position**

**Order #15129 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the School Resource Officer (SRO) Position passed with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Ms. Shiela Samples.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

**C. Consideration/Approval of the Revised 2023-2024 School Calendar**

**Order #15130 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the revised 2023-2024 school calendar by including TE on April 8th and moving closing day to May 20th passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

**D. Consideration/Approval of Additional District Agricultural Teacher**

**Order #15131 - Motion Passed:** Approval of additional district agricultural teacher passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

E. Consideration/Approval of Bids for Property, Fleet, Liability, and Workers Compensation Insurance

**Order #15132 - Motion Passed:** Approval of bids for Property, Fleet, Liability, and Workers Compensation Insurance passed with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Ms. Carrie Smallwood.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

IV. Consent Items

**Order #15133 - Motion Passed:** All the consent items passed with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Ms. Carrie Smallwood.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

- A. Approve Minutes of March 21, 2024 Regular Meeting
- B. Approve The Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills
- C. Approve Superintendent's Travel
- D. Approve MOA FY25 Engineering Program Instructor at Estill Co. ATC
- E. Approve Addendum to Procurement Procedures
- F. Approve Agreement with MindPsi Psychological Services
- G. Approve Surplus Sale Items
- H. Approval of The Independent Auditor Contract

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Update  
 Mr. Brock reported to the board that they would celebrate retirees in May. Job postings have been posted earlier this year. We've tried to get them up early because college graduates usually start looking for job postings in March and April.

#### Updates from Cohort

Standard one: we're in the midst of our last push for standards mastery for students; we've finished our diagnostics test. We've got some very good results and are very pleased with where we're at districtwide and improving our academics. We're in this last home stretch push before the end of the year to try to move those kids on to proficiency and get them the ones that have not made a grade level yet to push them up to a grade level. I am happy that our students have met their stretch goals. We've had several, and we celebrate them and ensure they know it's a big deal. The ATC is adding a welding program, and we've met with some local partners. Angie and I've already talked about how we will have to kick in some money from the board to get that going, but the original bid started at about \$500,000, and then it got down to 360. Then Link-Belt has generously donated a bunch of welders, so we're looking at the 90 to 100 range. I have contacted Powell County to see if they'd be interested in partnering with us, as it also serves their students. This program is needed and is our students' number one requested program.

Standard three, which is culture, we have done several celebrations in the district regarding academics and kids meeting goals. You saw the blue carpet event that the Middle School put on; every school celebrates its students for meeting goals. We're in the home stretch of feeding and cooking for all school staff. New Teachers Academy has a final meeting on Monday after school that's gone very well, and we're happy with the progress that they're making. We have been funded for our Aviation program to start at the High School; the simulator has been completely paid for, and they are currently putting it together at ECU. I met with President McFadden and the Director of the Aviation program the first year; the plan is to get it in a space where students can get on it and play with it like a video game to gauge their interest. Then, we'll start offering classes next spring or next year, and several classes are dual credit through ECU. This program is a big win for our students.

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

**C. School Update: Enrollment, Attendance, etc.**

91% attendance rate and enrollment are the same as last month's, 2208.

#### **VI. Principal's Report**

Each Principal was allowed to present to the board. Principals took the time to discuss what was happening within their schools and end-of-year events. (See Inserts)

#### **VII. Board Member Forum**

Carrie Smallwood commented that she appreciates Facebook posts from the schools, keeps her informed, and enjoys all the pictures.

Donna Isfort mentioned another student, Luke Hughes, who was awarded the Governors Scholars program. Donna also spoke about the upcoming registration for the community for classes at the ATC building and a Paraeducator class at the Adult Learning Center.

VIII. Public Comments: No public comments at this time.

IX. Adjourn

**Order #15134 - Motion Passed:** Adjourned Board Meeting at 7:10 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Carrie Smallwood.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays**

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

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Charlie Brock, Secretary

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Donna Isfort, Chairperson