

**Powell County Board of Education Regular Meeting
February 18, 2025 6:00 PM
Powell County Middle School Media Center**

Attendance Taken at : 5:43 PM

Present Board Members:

Mark Collier
Brenda Crabtree
Lisa Mays
Diann Meadows
Kathy Merriman

- I.** Call to Order
- II.** Pledge of Allegiance
- III.** Adopt/Approve Agenda

Order #25-131 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve agenda passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

IV. Staff/Student Recognitions

Mrs. Sarah Wasson, Superintendent, spoke about the loss of Mr. Jason Rogers, a teacher at the High School.

Mrs. Kathy Merriman wanted to also recognize the loss of Mr. Mike Crowe, a long-time educator and administrator for Powell County Schools, and Mrs. Mariam "Mermee" Todd, who was also a teacher and administrator for the district.

A moment of silence was held in honor of these three employees who meant a lot to the Powell County School District family.

V. Communication Report

Superintendent Wasson shared the following communication report:

- Mr. Brewer met with transportation department personnel on February 13 and there is now a timeline on the Hall's Lane project. The projected start date is April 28 and the final date is by August 1, but Mr. Brewer said they hope to be done before then. They assured him that they would not close the road until after graduation, so the timeline could change slightly if graduation is delayed. Mr. Brewer spoke to the Board sharing what was discussed at the meeting he attended.
- We received documentation that the Gap funding audit is complete. We passed all the various items they were looking for and remain on the list for potential Gap funding if the legislators allow.

- The ORI application for our new police force was submitted Feb. 7 and confirmation has been obtained that it was received. I don't know how long it will take to be processed or if other information will be required, but we are one step closer to having it.
- We had the scare of losing a little over \$60,000 in SEEK funding due to a shortfall from state funding, but the Governor has approved the funding so our SEEK should come in as projected. That was good news. As of now, the additional funding we were to receive as funds allowed will not be sent to districts.
- Ms. Frazier and I attended what was termed a "SEEK Road Show" in Lexington hosted by CKEC. KDE staff presented how SEEK is calculated and what factors into SEEK.
- Throughout this bad weather of flooding, cold, and snow we have been working with the county government and emergency management to let them know we can provide assistance from the schools with shelter if needed. The county road crews were instrumental in us being able to get back in school last week after a quick one-day snow.
- Ms. Robinson has told me, including today and Thursday, we have missed 22 days of school so far this year. 10 of those were NTI, so we are currently making up 12 days of school. I sent a survey to staff to find out if they had a preference of taking all of spring break before going into the first week in June or if they prefer I start with 3 days of spring break and then go to the end of the year and then go back to spring break or if they prefer I start with the first week of June before taking any spring break. As of 3:45 this afternoon, 197 staff responded and only 19.3% want me to start using the first week in June before taking any spring break. The staff was also asked to list commitments they had during spring break that couldn't be easily changed. I'll be looking at all that information to make a good decision of when we use make-up days on spring break after I think everyone has responded and I have all the information possible.
- Looking ahead at baseball and softball field projects, I met with the superintendent of Rising Sun who is doing the site work at the school project. I asked him if the location of the baseball and softball field as in our current master plan is doable. He said it definitely is, but the streams will be an issue that has to be resolved. He felt like there was enough fill on the property that we wouldn't have to bring in any from outside. We walked the property to get a feel for the layout of the land and the fields do sit down from the school, but the fields themselves are pretty flat. When Ms. Frazier closed out the old BG projects, I was hoping to maybe use that funding to get started with at least permits or site work for this project, but in our opinion the roof at the middle school is a higher priority at this time. However, I want the Board to know we aren't forgetting the desire to have better athletic fields and are working toward that goal with every chance we have.
- Jaylee Hearne will swim Friday in the state swimming finals. Jaylee is a 13 year old 8th grader swimming for the Powell County School District as our only current swim team member.

New Stanton Elementary Construction Updates

- The steel joists are being placed in the gymnasium at this time.
- The rest of the building other than the front lobby area has all joists placed.
- They need 4 good weather days to have the entire classroom and administrative section under roof.
- Weather permitting, the entire building should be under roof in the next month.

- The freezer and cooler in the kitchen are supposed to be here by the end of the week.
- They are prepping the mezzanine in the gymnasium area to have concrete poured there.
- Clark Energy has set the main electric pole so they are working on next steps to get electric run to the building.
- The transportation department is going to be working with the city to get utilities moved to where they will need to be when they do the road widening project and they won't have to move them twice.
- I should have price adjustments soon for the changes in casework that I have requested to see if we want to do them.
- There is a lot of work going on inside the building. Concrete and masonry work is hard in this weather. The construction teams are still working well together to get done what they can despite the difficulty with the weather.

VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Consent Agenda

Order #25-132 - Motion Passed: Motion to approve all consent items as presented passed with a motion by Lisa Mays and a second by Mark Collier.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

A. Approval of Minutes for Special Called Meeting 02.05.25

B. Approval of Payment of Claims

C. Approval of Monthly Financial Report

D. Approval of Orders of Treasurer

E. Approval of Monthly Trip Requests

F. Approval of Clay City Elementary Fundraisers

G. Approval of 2025 KISTA Used Bus Sale Resolution

H. Approval of Bass Fishing Overnight Trip

I. Retroactive Approval of Mark Schonwetter Grant

VIII. Facilities

A. Bid for Middle School Gym Wall, Floor, and Goals

Order #25-133 - Motion Passed: Approval of the bid from Tekton in the amount of \$763,000 and also accept Alternate 1 in the amount of \$37,101 to replace the goals passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Lisa Mays.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

COO Doug Brewer presented the bids for the middle school gym wall project. He discussed that the base bid includes repairing the wall, installing a new gym floor, installing a new ladder on the mezzanine to reach the roof because the current ladder is not safe, and it also includes painting the gym. He explained there were three alternate bids. Alternate 2 and 3 were for basketball goals on the sides of the gymnasium and the cost of those for the use they would have is not recommended. He shared that Alternate 1 is to replace the main goals on each end of the gym floor and they would be able to be controlled electronically. He recommended Alternate 1.

Board member Brenda Crabtree asked if we knew anything about Tekton. Eric Steva with JRA Architects said that he got letters of recommendation for their company and spoke to other architects who worked with them, mostly on medical facility work. He stated that all the bid pricing was close- within approximately \$25,000 of each other, so there was not a major discrepancy. He felt confident that his architect firm and the special inspection company that we hire will monitor the work and it will be done right.

B. Middle School Gym Roof Bids

Order #25-134 - Motion Passed: Approval of accepting the bid from Bri-den roofing company in the amount of \$323,000 to replace the entire gym roof passed with a motion by Brenda Crabtree and a second by Lisa Mays.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

COO Doug Brewer spoke to the roofing bids. Garland Roofing asked three companies to bid both a fix on the area that is currently leaking in the gym and provide a cost for replacing the entire gym area roof with a new roofing system. Mr. Brewer and Superintendent Wasson believe the best option is to fix the entire roof because we are concerned that a temporary fix may give us a 3-5 more years without problem, but if we are putting a brand new gym floor down and don't replace the entire roof we could have more problems in the future. Additionally, the way insurance works now, insurance will not cover damage to 17 year old roofing systems in the same way they used to. CFO Alicia Frazier has closed some BG projects and there is approximately \$232,000 left over from those projects that we can use on the roof, and we only need to take approximately \$59,000 out of the general fund maintenance and building repair category to add to the money already in the project fund.

The updated BG1 was shown to the Board to demonstrate where the funding for the project would come from is the full roof was replaced.

C. Revised BG1 for Middle School Structural Repairs and Roof Replacement

Order #25-135 - Motion Passed: Approval of the revised BG1 for middle school wall and roof repairs passed with a motion by Kathy Merriman and a second by Mark Collier.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

D. Pay Application #12 for New Stanton Elementary & Solid Ground Invoice

Order #25-136 - Motion Passed: Approval of pay app #12 & Solid Ground Invoice for construction of the New Stanton Elementary passed with a motion by Lisa Mays and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

E. BG5 Close Outs

Order #25-137 - Motion Passed: Approval of the BG5 for the Bowen and Stanton Elementary roofing projects passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

CFO Alicia Frazier explained that the close outs of the Bowen and Stanton roofing projects were complete and did not have any residual because ESSER funds were used.

IX. MOA with JAG Kentucky for High School

Order #25-138 - Motion Passed: Approval of the MOA with JAG Kentucky passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Kathy Merriman.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

The District started the JAG program at the high school last year and would like to continue it this year. At the high school, we will fund 18% of the position out of general fund, 25% out of federal funds, and \$40,000 will be from the JAG program.

There is also a support letter allowing one period of the day to be for the teaching and learning pathway.

X. MOA with JAG Kentucky for Middle School

Order #25-139 - Motion Passed: Approval of MOA with JAG for the Middle School passed with a motion by Lisa Mays and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

JAG has agreed to provide a staff member for the Middle School to start the program in the middle grades. The first year, they will take \$2,000 of the \$40,000 provided to pay for training, so all funds above the

\$38,000 remaining will come from general fund. We believe the value of what the program offers our students is worth the investment.

XI. Law Enforcement Protection Program Grant Application

Order #25-140 - Motion Passed: Approval to apply for grant funding from the Law Enforcement Protection Program passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Lisa Mays.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

Superintendent Wasson requested to apply for the Law Enforcement Protection Program grant. This grant would potentially reimburse the district for the cost of items such as weapons, body armor, and ammunition for our own School Based Law Enforcement Agency. Superintendent Wasson would be the person authorized to apply for the grant and make the purchases for the district.

XII. Revision of Policy 02.31- School Resource Officer

Order #25-141 - Motion Passed: Approval of 1st reading of Policy 2.31 revisions passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Brenda Crabtree.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

Superintendent Wasson explained that we currently have policy for a School Resource Officer, but in having our own SBLEA, we have to update the policy. KSBA helps to create policy that follows the requirements of the law. Policy requires two readings, and this is the first of those two.

XIII. Review of Procedure 02.31 AP.1 School Resource Officer

According to our Board policy, procedures only need to be reviewed by the Board to provide input for change. This procedure was developed by KSBA and is used by other districts with their own SBLEA. KSBA ensures that procedures follow the requirements of the law. The Board reviewed the procedure and did not have any changes to make.

XIV. Job Descriptions for School Based Law Enforcement Positions

Order #25-142 - Motion Passed: Approval of job descriptions for Lead SRO and SRO as presented passed with a motion by Mark Collier and a second by Kathy Merriman.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

HR Director David Lyons shared the new job descriptions for SRO and Lead SRO.

One job description requires a 4 year degree and one doesn't to allow for a candidate with a degree to pay into teacher retirement if they would like to have a second retirement account. This is an effort for recruitment and retention.

The Lead SRO will also take the lead for Safe School Coordinator in the district, so we have written it to report to the Superintendent/Designee. A district person will support the Chief in this role.

XV. Medical Leave

Order #25-143 - Motion Passed: Approval of medical leave for Gladys King passed with a motion by Lisa Mays and a second by Mark Collier.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

Gladys Marie King is seeking medical leave.

XVI. Informational Items

A. Personnel Report

The personnel report was presented by HR Director David Lyons.

XVII. Other Business

There was no other business.

XVIII. Adjourn

Order #25-144 - Motion Passed: Motion to adjourn passed with a motion by Brenda Crabtree and a second by Lisa Mays.

Mark Collier	Yes
Brenda Crabtree	Yes
Lisa Mays	Yes
Diann Meadows	Yes
Kathy Merriman	Yes

Board Chairperson

Board Secretary