

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

**Regular Board Meeting  
December 19, 2024, 6:00 PM  
Estill County Board of Education  
Boardroom  
253 Main Street  
Irvine, Kentucky 40336**

**Present Board Members:**

Ms. Donna Isfort  
Ms. Carrie Smallwood  
Ms. Shiela Samples  
Ms. Tammy Hardy

Visitors:

**I. Call To Order**

Chairperson Ms. Donna Isfort called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

**A. Welcome/Pledge**

Chairperson Ms Donna Isfort asked some of the students in the audience to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Reminder to Sign In**

**C. Revisions**

**II. Recognitions**

**A. School/Student Presentation Estill Springs Elementary School**

Principal Ms. Jessica Mullins presented the Estill Springs Elementary School to the board.

Mr. Matthew Roberts, a Teacher, and some of his students presented the 3D printing class to the board.

Ms. Lydia Smith, Choir Teacher, and the student choir program sang Dominick the Donkey.

Ms. Weekley and Ms. Wilson's students presented Learning to be Grateful for Diversity through their Choose Love SEL Program. Each group presented different Christmas celebrations.

**B. Swearing Ceremony of SRO Tom Beall and Patrick Younts**  
Mr. Brock swore in the two SRO Officers.

**II. Action**

**A. Consideration/Approval of New Fiber Contract**

**Order #15210 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the new fiber contract with Irvine Community Television, Inc. passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

**B. Consideration/Approval FY24 Financial Audit**

**Order #15211 - Motion Passed:** Approval of the FY24 Financial audit passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Carrie Smallwood.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

**C. Consideration/Approval Estill County High School Bass Team Out of State Trip**  
Leesburg Florida January 22nd to January 28th.

**Order #15212 - Motion Passed:** Approved the Estill County High School Bass Team Out of State Trip to Leesburg, Florida, from January 22nd to January 28th, passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

**D. Consideration/Approval Of Shorten School Day**

**Order #15213—Motion Passed: The motion to shorten the school day for a particular student was passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.**

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

**E. Consideration/Approval of the 25 - 26 Calendar Committee**

**Order #15214 - Motion Passed:** Board approved One (1) school district principal; Josh Yost (HS), Tammy Combs (ATC); One (1) school district office administrator other than the superintendent; Donald Norton (CO) One (1) member of the local board of education; Carrie Smallwood Two (2) parents of students attending a school in the district; Brooklyn Moreland (HS/WI) Bo Leach (MS) One (1) school district elementary school teacher; Amy Hall (ESE) One (1) school district middle or high school teacher; Jessica McQueen (HS) Two (2) school district classified employees Peggy Bryant (CO) Laura Freeman (BG) Community member(s) Joe Crawford (HS/MS) Johnna Osborne (HS) to be on the 25-26 Calendar Committee and approved the passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

**F. Consideration/Approval Tentative MOU for Gear Up 2025**

**Order #15215—Motion Passed: The board approved the tentative MOU for Gear UP 2025, with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.**

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

**G. Consideration/Approval of Comprehensive District Improvement Planning (CDIP)**

**Order #15216—Motion Passed: The board approved the Comprehensive District Improvement Planning (CDIP),** passed with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Ms. Shiela Samples.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

**IV. Consent**

**Order #15217 - Motion Passed:** All consent items were passed with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Ms. Shiela Samples.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

**A.** Approve Minutes of November 21, 2024

**B.** Approve the Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills

**C.** Approve Superintendent's Travel

**D.** Approve Little Caesar's Fundraiser for the Choir & Music Arts Programs at Estill Springs

**V. Superintendent's Report**

**A.** Update:

The last of the makeup tests was done this week. We will discuss the data in the January meeting. The Performing Arts program is doing a fantastic job. The Athletic program is in full swing. If you haven't been out to support the teams, you should get out and support them and see what a good job they are doing. It's hard to believe half of the school year is over. The Middle School Planning is in full swing, with a tentative floor plan and meetings scheduled in January.

**B.** Notification of Personnel Action (see inserts)

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

Attendance last year 91.88%

Attendance this year: 92.47%

203 Students enrolled

**VI. Principal's Report**

Each Principal reported to the Board (see inserts)

**VII. Board Member Forum**

Ms. Donna Isfort recognized the Academic Team for an undefended fall season and for being Tournament champions. I spoke about the new baseball and softball coaches. For baseball, Mr. Tanner Crowe and Mr. Ronnie Riddell; for Softball, she congratulated four students on getting the YMT Mountain scholarship.

**VIII. Public Comments**

Mr. Brock addressed these concerns with each of these two individuals. The comments did not pertain to the agenda of the board meeting.

**IX. Adjourn**

**Order #15218—Motion Passed: The board approved adjourning the meeting at 7:22 PM,** with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Carrie Smallwood.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays**

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

---

Charlie Brock, Secretary

---

Donna Isfort, Chairperson