

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

**Regular Board Meeting
October 16, 2025, 6:00 P.M.
Estill County Board of Education
Boardroom
253 Main Street
Irvine, KY 40336**

Present Board Members:

Ms. Tammy Hardy

Ms. Donna Isfort

Ms. Shiela Samples

Ms. Carrie Smallwood

Ms. Sharon Whitaker

Visitors: Josh Yost, Tonya Miller, Jessica Mullins, Todd Reece, Brooke Mays, Jeremy Simpson, Jeff Rogers, Victoria Barnett, Toni Garrett-Hall, and Amanda Bryant

I. Call to Order

Ms. Donna Isfort called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

A. Welcome/Pledge

Chairperson Ms. Donna Isfort welcomed everyone and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Reminder to Sign In

II. Action Items

A. Consideration/Approval of Out-of-State Trips

Order #15317 - Motion Passed: The board approved the out-of-state trips for Bands of America and FCCLA Capitol Leadership, passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Sharon Whitaker.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

1. Bands of America Grand Nationals, November 12-15 - Indianapolis, IN.
2. ECHS FCCLA Capitol Leadership in Washington D.C., November 15-19, 2025

B. Consideration/Approval For Shortened Days For A Student

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Order #15318 - Motion Passed: The Board approved a shortened day for a student, per a request, with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Sharon Whitaker.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

C. Consideration/Approval of the Following MOA/MOU

1. New Horizons Academy/KEDC

2. Emily Johnson, Teacher of the Visually Impaired

Order #15319 - Motion Passed: The following MOU for New Horizon's Academy/KEDC and Emily Johnson contract passed with a motion by Ms. Carrie Smallwood and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

D. Consideration/Approval of The Public Record and Duty Under Law

Order #15320 - Motion Passed: The Board received the Kentucky Open Records and Open Meeting Acts and Managing Government Records passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

E. Consideration/Approval of an Updated Salary Schedule

Order #15321 - Motion Passed: The Board approved the updated salary schedule, passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

III. Consent Items

- A. Approve Minutes of September 18, 2025, Regular Meeting
- B. Approve Monthly Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills
- C. Approve Superintendent's Travel

Order #15322 - Motion Passed: All consent items passed with a motion by Ms. Carrie Smallwood and a second by Ms. Sharon Whitaker.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

IV. Superintendent's Report

- **A. Update:** The superintendent met in Frankfort, topics included project funding, draw schedule, and planning options. However, no commitments can be made until the legislative session. The superintendent has now met with all key individuals involved in funding and will continue to follow up to ensure the project remains a priority. On Monday, teachers participated in a professional development day focused on improving student data collection and instructional decision-making. The goal is to monitor student mastery of standards approximately every 5–6 weeks. Staff reviewed and revised assessments to increase rigor, shifting from basic recall (Depth of Knowledge Level 1) to more complex application and analysis levels (Levels 2–4). This effort aims to improve instructional quality and measure student proficiency more effectively.

Enrollment:

Current ADA (Average Daily Attendance) is approximately 1,856, with a total enrollment of 2,048 students, not including virtual students.

Ms. Mullins and Ms. Cornet attended the Victoria Fellows program this week, focused on supports for gifted and talented students. The event provided professional learning, networking, and opportunities to share the district's progress in gifted education. Discussions centered on House Bill 190, legislation supporting advanced coursework and gifted services across academic, leadership, and artistic domains. Legislative Update and District Response concerning House Bill 190: The current law states that students who score proficient or distinguished on state assessments *may* be placed in advanced courses. Anticipated changes are expected to make this mandatory ("shall") placement. The district is proactively preparing for this change—adding honors courses at the middle school and planning for elementary-level enrichment options. The superintendent praised Miss Cornet for her proactive work and planning, noting she is already implementing initiatives beyond current legislative requirements—keeping the district ahead of state mandates.

B. Notification of Personnel Actions (See Insert)**V. Principals' Report (See Inserts from each Principal's handouts)****VI. Board Member Forum**

No Board comments at this time.

VII. Public Comments

No Public comments at this time.

VIII. Adjourn

Order #15323 - Motion Passed: Adjourned Board Meeting at 6:51 P.M. passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

Charlie Brock, Secretary

Donna Isfort, Chairperson