

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

Regular Board Meeting
April 16, 2026 6:00 PM
Estill County Board of Education
Boardroom
253 Main Street
Irvine, KY 40336

Attendance Taken at: 6:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Ms. Tammy Hardy
Ms. Donna Isfort (via Google Meet)
Ms. Shiela Samples
Ms. Carrie Smallwood
Ms. Sharon Whitaker

Visitors: Donald Norton, Todd Reece, Tonya Miller, Brooke Mays, Andrea Williams, Jeremy Simpson, Trent Singleton, and Toni-Garrett Hall

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Vice Chair Ms. Carrie Smallwood.

Vice Chair Ms. Carrie Smallwood requested a moment of silence in honor of a respected member of the Estill County community, Former Estill County Football Coach Mr. Hoover Niece, recognizing his lasting impact on the football program and the many students he mentored.

A. Welcome/Pledge

At this time, Vice Chair Ms. Carrie Smallwood welcomed everyone and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Reminder to Sign In

II. Estill Middle School Odyssey Of The Mind Team

Students Iris-Patrick Howard, Delayna Bailey, Jon Osbourne and Kristopher Philhower and Ms. Sarah Beard presented on the newly implemented Odyssey of the Mind program, describing it as a collaborative, problem-solving competition integrating STEM and the arts. The program is largely student-driven

III. Action Items**A. Consideration/Approval of Update Regular Bus Stops Policy 06.33 Second Reading**

Order #15378 - Motion Passed: Approval of Update Regular Bus Stops Policy 06.33 Second Reading 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

B. Consideration/Approval of the Second Reading of the Following Policy Update 03.225, Which is the Classified Expense Reimbursement Policy, and 03.125 Certified Expense Reimbursement

Order #15379 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Second Reading of the Following Policy Update 03.225, Which is the Classified Expense Reimbursement Policy, and 03.125 Certified Expense Reimbursement, 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

C. Consideration/Approval of MindPsi Services Agreement

Order #15380 - Motion Passed: Approval of MindPsi Services Agreement passed with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy 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

D. Consideration/Approval of the MOA with the United States Army

Order #15381 - Motion Passed: Approval of the MOA with the United States Army 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

E. Consideration/Approval of the Agreement with Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation

Order #15382 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Agreement with Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation 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

F. Consideration/Approval RFP for Athletics Advertising Rights Sponsorship

Order #15383 - Motion Passed: Approval RFP for Athletics Advertising Rights Sponsorship passed with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Ms. Shiela Samples.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

G. Consideration/Approval of the Updated Salary Schedule

Order #15384 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Updated Salary Schedule passed with a motion by Ms. Sharon Whitaker 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

IV. Consent Items

- A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Called Board Meeting, March 19, 2026.
- B. Approve the Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills
- C. Approve Superintendent's Travel

Order #15385 - Motion Passed: All Consent Items 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

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Update

Total Enrollment: 2,028 students

ADA: 1,816

Attendance Rate: 92.18%

Middle School Facilities Update:

Mr. Brock provided an extensive update regarding the middle school structural concerns and funding: the District received \$10 million in collaboration with State officials and Kentucky Emergency Management. This funding would aid in student relocation planning; we are not sure what the relocation plan will look like at this time. Potential second funding source for the continued construction of the new Middle School building. Mr Brock, stated the building is currently structurally sound, but movement is occurring over time. Mr. Brock emphasized commitment to student safety. Mr. Brock also said he would be glad to share engineering reports with anyone who would want to see them.

B. Notification of Personnel Actions (See Insert)

VI. Principal's Report

Each Principal was allowed to present to the board and report on developments at their school. Each Principal also shared a handout with the board. (see insert)

VII. Board Member Forum

Chairperson Ms. Donna Isfort commented on helping the Save the Mack project and said that, if you felt so led, you could help them. Future goals include working with students in the Estill Co. School District and the River City Players.

VIII. Public Comments

Rebekah Romans told the board that she thinks it would be beneficial to offer a sign language class at the High School.

IX. Adjourn

Order #15386 - Motion Passed: Adjourned Board Meeting at 7:00 PM 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