

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

**Special Called Board Meeting
July 27, 2026 6:00 PM ET (5:00 CT)
Estill County Board of Education
Boardroom
253 Main Street
Irvine, Kentucky 40336**

Present Board Members:

Ms. Donna Isfort
Ms. Carrie Smallwood attended at 6:18
Ms. Sheila Samples
Ms. Tammy Hardy
Ms. Sharon Whitaker

Visitors: Jeremy Simpson

I. Call To Order

Chair Ms. Donna Isfort called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

A. Welcome/Pledge

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

B. Reminder to Sign In

II. Action

A. Consideration/Approval of the KSBA Policy Updates, Annual Policy Second Reading

Order #15418 - Motion Passed: Approve the KSBA policy updates second reading passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Sharon Whitaker.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

B. Consideration/Approval of Policy 09.214 Toilet Training

Order #15419 - Motion Passed: The Board approved policy 09.214, passed with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Ms. Sharon Whitaker.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

C. Consideration/Approval of the 2026-2027 CEP Draft

Order #15420 - Motion Passed: Approval of the 2026-2027 CEP draft passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

D. Consideration/Approval Of The Following 2026 - 2027 Student Handbook

Order #15421 - Motion Passed: The board approved the 2026-2027 student handbooks for all schools, passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

1. High School
2. Middle School
3. Estill Springs
4. West Irvine
5. Success Academy
6. Virtual Academy
7. South Irvine

E. Consideration/Approval of The 2026-2027 Student Disciplinary Code

Order #15422 - Motion Passed: Approval of the 2026-2027 student disciplinary code passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Sharon Whitaker.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

F. Consideration/Approval of the Trauma-Informed Care Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year

Order #15423 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Trauma-Informed Care Plan for the 2026-2027 school year passed with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Ms. Shiela Samples.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

G. Consideration/Approval of the Draft 2006-2027 Salary Schedule

Order #15424 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Draft 2026-2027 salary schedule passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

H. Consideration/Approval: Estill County Schools District Staffing Plan Draft 26-27

Order #15425 - Motion Passed: Approval of the 2026-2027 Estill County School District staffing plan draft passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

I. Consideration/Approval of the Interagency Agreement

Order #15426 - Motion Passed: Approve the Interagency Agreement passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Sharon Whitaker.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

Ms. Carrie Smallwood came into the meeting at 6:18 PM.

J. Consideration/Approval of the Federal District Funding Assurances

Order #15427 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Federal District Funding Assurances 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

K. Consideration/Approval of the ARC Chairpersons for the Estill County School District

Order #15428 - Motion Passed: Approval of the ARC Chairpersons for the Estill County School District passed with a motion by Ms. Carrie Smallwood 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

L. Consideration/Approval of the Annual Review of Data Security Best Practices

Order #15429 - Motion Passed: The board approved the annual review of data security Best Practices passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Carrie Smallwood.

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

Order #15430 - 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

A. Approve Minutes of June 11 and 18th Board Meetings

B. Approve Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills

C. Approve Superintendent's Travel

IV. Superintendent's Report

Update Preparations are underway for the return of students on August 12, 2026. Work continues in coordination with Emergency Management regarding the modular classrooms, which are expected to arrive soon. The target timeline to set up the units and transition middle school students is September–October. Site visits will not be possible until the units are fully

installed on-site. Staff professional development is ongoing. The New Teacher Academy, led by Ms. Mullens, successfully met today. District leadership/staff will be attending the KASA Conference from Wednesday through Friday of this week.

V. Public Comments

No public comments that pertain to the board agenda.

VI. Adjourn

Order #15431 - Motion Passed: The board adjourned the meeting at 6:24 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