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

Regular Board Meeting
September 17, 2026 6:00 PM ET (5:00 CT)
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

Updated Attendance:

Ms. Sharon Whitaker was updated to be present at 6:14 PM.

Visitors: Tonya Miller, Todd Reece, Josh Yost, David Moore, Tasha Halcomb, Amanda Bryant, Jessica Mullins, Jeremy Simpson, Brooke Mays, and Toni-Garrett Hall

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Ms. Donna Isfort called the meeting to order at 6:08 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 Updated Policy 03.121 First Reading

Order #15447 - Motion Passed: The board approved the first reading of updated Policy 03.121, passed on a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and seconded by Ms. Tammy Hardy.
4 Yeas - 0 Nays

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

B. Consideration/Approval of the Working Budget

Order #15448 - Motion Passed: Ms. Carrie Smallwood moved to approve the working budget, and Ms. Shiela Samples seconded.

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 a Schoolwide Fundraiser for Estill County Middle School.

Order #15449 - Motion Passed: The schoolwide fundraiser for Estill County Middle School to sell Estill gear passed on a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples, seconded 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 a Shortened School Day For An Individual Student

Order #15450 - Motion Passed: Ms. Tammy Hardy moved to approve a shortened school day for an individual student, and Ms. Sheila Samples seconded.

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. Consideration/Approval of the Following MOU/MOA's

A. 2026 KIP Survey & MOU

Order #15451 - Motion Passed: MOU 2026 KIP Survey passed with a motion by Ms. Carrie Smallwood, seconded by Ms. Sheila 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

B. Everybody Counts MOU

Order #15452 - Motion Passed: The Board approved the MOU with Everybody Counts on motion by Ms. Sheila Samples and 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 the Occupational Therapy Independent Contractor Agreement with Ashley Coomes, OTR/L

Order #15453 - Motion Passed: Ms. Shiela Samples moved to approve the Occupational Therapy Independent Contractor Agreement with Ashley Coomes, OTR/L, and Ms. Carrie Smallwood seconded.

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 Kentucky River Foothills Development Council, Inc.

Order #15454 - Motion Passed: Approval of the Kentucky River Foothills Development Council, Inc. 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

IV. Consent Items

A. Approve Minutes of the August 20th Regular Meeting and the Special Called Meeting of September 10, 2026

B. Approve Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills

C. Approve Superintendent's Travel

Order #15455 - Motion Passed: All the consent items passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples, seconded 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: Mr. Brock reported that we are off to a really good start with school. The Middle School modular building is on a waiting list with the state agency agreements.

B. Notification of Personnel Actions (See Insert)

VI. Principal's Report

Each Principal/ School representative presented to the board and shared a flyer. Please see the flyer insert.

VII. Board Member Forum

Chairperson Ms. Donna Isfort thanked everyone for allowing her and the board members to attend the Regional Meeting in Breathitt Co. These meetings are good for networking with other nearby districts.

VIII. Public Comments: No Public comments for this agenda.

IX. Adjourn

Order #15456 - Motion Passed: The Board adjourned the Meeting at 6:45 p.m. on 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

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Charlie Brock, Secretary

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Donna Isfort, Chairperson