

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
(MINUTES)**

Russell County Auditorium/Natatorium Complex  
(Meeting will be held in the Auditorium)  
October 19, 2020

In accordance with current guidelines, guests attending this meeting will be asked to seat 6ft apart and wear a mask and attendance is limited to no more than 50.,

at 5:00 PM on October 19, 2020 with the following members:

**Attendance Taken at 5:01 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Mr. Gerald Murray  
Ms. Joy Wilson  
Mrs. Brenda Higginbotham  
Mr. Richard Kazsuk  
Ms. Sheila Wicker

A sign in sheet was available for the public.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer**

**2. Call to Order**

Rationale:

The Chair calls the Regular Board Meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

**3. Roll Call**

Rationale:

This action is taken by calling each board member's name, with the board member answering present.

**4. Public Comment**

**5. Adoption of Agenda**

Rationale:

Meeting agenda is provided for your review.

**Order #8814 - Motion Passed:** If there are no corrections or amendments, I recommend the agenda be approved as presented- passed with a motion by Mr. Richard Kazsuk and a second by Mrs. Brenda Higginbotham.

Mr. Gerald Murray	Yes
Ms. Joy Wilson	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Higginbotham	Yes
Mr. Richard Kazsuk	Yes
Mrs. Sheila Wicker	Yes

**6. Lake Cumberland Regional College and Workforce Center Construction Update**

Rationale:

Representatives from Sherman Carter Barnhart Architects and Branscum Construction will provide the board with a construction update on the Lake Cumberland Regional College and Workforce Center.

**7. Consent Agenda**

Rationale:

- A. Meeting Minutes
- B. Payment of Bills
- C. Construction Funds
- D. School Activity Fund Reports
- E. Financial Report
- F. Treasure's Monthly Report September 2020
- G. Out of State and/or Overnight Trip  
October 20-24, 2020 Russel County Bass Fishing Team Paris, Tennessee

**Order #8815 - Motion Passed:** If there are no changes or amendments I recommend approval of consent agenda items passed with a motion by Mrs. Brenda Higginbotham and a second by Ms. Joy Wilson.

Mr. Gerald Murray	Yes
Ms. Joy Wilson	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Higginbotham	Yes
Mr. Richard Kazsuk	Yes
Mrs. Sheila Wicker	Yes

**8. Russell County Schools-Hybrid Schedule**

Rationale:

Russell County Schools switched to all virtual classes on Monday, October 19, 2020, due to COVID-19, Russell County needs to be Orange, Yellow, or Green Level at a future weekly checkpoint before resuming in person learning.

At the September 21, 2020 meeting of the Russell County Board of Education a hybrid schedule for middle and high school was approved when in-person classes were available. In-person class option for students with last name A-L on Monday and Tuesday, In-person classes for students with last name M-Z on Thursday and Friday w/ all middle and high students virtual on Wednesdays and the middle school and high school will have extra cleaning/sanitation/disinfection. (NOTE: The oldest student in the household will determine the day the student attends if there are different children in the household with different last names that would put the students attending different days.)

Our elementary schools have had more students attend in-person than what was originally planned for; students in classes can't properly social distance. I propose that the elementary schools also operate under the hybrid model, once in-person classes resume under the guidelines of the "COVID-19 Mode of Instruction Metrics for K-12 Education" issued by the Kentucky Department of Public Health and Kentucky Department of Education".

Parents/Guardians will have the option of children staying virtual for the entire 2020-2021 school year.

Athletic and Extra Curricular Events need to be approved/denied on a case by case basis.

**Order #8816 - Motion Passed:** I recommend that the elementary, middle and high school all operate on a hybrid schedule as noted, once in-person classes resume under the guidelines of the "COVID-19 Mode of Instruction Metrics for K-12 Education" issued by the Kentucky Department of Public Health and Kentucky

Department of Education regarding classes and authorize the Superintendent to approve or deny participation in athletic events/extra-curricular activities on a case by case basis- passed with a motion by Ms. Joy Wilson and a second by Mr. Richard Kazsuk.

Mr. Gerald Murray	No
Ms. Joy Wilson	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Higginbotham	Yes
Mr. Richard Kazsuk	Yes
Mrs. Sheila Wicker	Yes

**9. Tender of Completion Contractor to Russell County Board of Education and Release Agreement with Lexon Insurance Company**

Rationale:

As noted at the September 2020 meeting of the Russell County Board of Education, Rodgers Aluminum and Glass, LLC is unable to complete their portion of the job at the Lake Cumberland Regional College & Workforce Center and were declared in default. The bonding company has provided the attached "Tender of Completion Contractor to County and Release Agreement". This agreement allows Lake Cumberland Glass, LLC to take over and complete the agreed upon work. The complete contract with exhibit is attached for your review. There are no additional costs to the Russell County Board of Education.

**Order #8817 - Motion Passed:** I recommend that the Russell County Board of Education approve the attached "Tender of Completion Contract and Release Agreement" with Lexon Insurance Company as presented- passed with a motion by Mrs. Brenda Higginbotham and a second by Mr. Richard Kazsuk.

Mr. Gerald Murray	Yes
Ms. Joy Wilson	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Higginbotham	Yes
Mr. Richard Kazsuk	Yes
Mrs. Sheila Wicker	Yes

**10. Nonresident Contract**

Rationale:

Contracts are required by KRS 157.350, which reads in part: "Each district which meets the following requirements shall be eligible to share in the distribution of funds from the fund to Support Education Excellence in Kentucky. (4) Includes no nonresident pupils in its average daily attendance, except by written agreement with the district of the pupils' legal residence.." Districts to enter into nonresident contract include:

**Casey County**---for the school year 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024  
5/5 Students attending Casey Co. residing in Russell Co. School District

**Order #8818 - Motion Passed:** I recommend approval of the non-resident contract with the Casey Co. School District for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and authorize the state funds to follow students where they are attending school- passed with a motion by Ms. Joy Wilson and a second by Mrs. Brenda Higginbotham.

Mr. Gerald Murray	Yes
Ms. Joy Wilson	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Higginbotham	Yes
Mr. Richard Kazsuk	Yes

Mrs. Sheila Wicker Yes

**11. Shortened School Day and/or Week**

Rationale:

Local Boards of Education must approve requests for students to have a shortened school day and/or week. The decision is determined by the needs of the student. The documentation, including the Board's recommendation, is then submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education.

**Order #8819 - Motion Passed:** I recommend a shortened school day and/or week for the following students, I.D.#S21-01, I.D.#S21-02 and I.D.#S21-03 and that necessary documentation is forwarded to the Kentucky Department of Education- passed with a motion by Mrs. Brenda Higginbotham and a second by Ms. Joy Wilson.

Mr. Gerald Murray	Yes
Ms. Joy Wilson	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Higginbotham	Yes
Mr. Richard Kazsuk	Yes
Mrs. Sheila Wicker	Yes

**12. Personnel Reports**

Rationale:

Patti Glover	Resigned- RCHS Secretary (Effective Oct. 16, 2020)
Keith Ellis	Hired- RCMS Assistant Athletic Director
Jamie Hammond	Hired- RCHS Administrative Assistant
Glenda Prater	Hired- Interim Head Swim Coach
Dustin Gossage	Hired- Assistant Football Coach
Tabitha Wade	Hired- RCMS 8th grade Social Studies Teacher

**13. Adjournment**

**Order #8820 - Motion Passed:** Adjournment of the meeting passed with a motion by Mrs. Brenda Higginbotham and a second by Mr. Richard Kazsuk.

Mr. Gerald Murray	Yes
Ms. Joy Wilson	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Higginbotham	Yes
Mr. Richard Kazsuk	Yes
Mrs. Sheila Wicker	Yes

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Sheila Wicker, Chairperson

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Michael Ford, Superintendent