

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
Russell County Board of Education
Special Called Meeting
Russell County Auditorium/Natatorium
Room 114
August 19, 2021

at 4:00 PM on August 19, 2021 with the following members:
Attendance Taken at 4:01 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 Special Called Meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

3. Roll Call

Rationale:

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

4. Adoption of Agenda

Rationale:

Meeting agenda is provided for your review.

Order #8978 - Motion Passed: If there are no corrections or amendments, I recommend the agenda be approved 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
Ms. Sheila Wicker	Yes

5. Public Comment

6. Discussion with Possible Approval: Application of Waiver- Kentucky Administrative Regulation for a Virtual Academy

Rationale:

As superintendent of Russell County Schools I am requesting a waiver under KRS 156.160(2)(a) (attached) of Section 1, subsections (1) and (4) of 702 KAR 7:125 (attached) promulgated by the Kentucky Board of Education related to pupil attendance. The waiver(s) is requested in order to allow for attendance based virtual learning that might remove barriers that exist to improve learning. The entire waiver application, assurances and plan narrative are attached for review/approval.

Order #8979 - Motion Passed: I recommend approval of the application of waiver for a virtual academy and that it be submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education for approval- 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
Ms. Sheila Wicker	Yes

7. Discussion with Possible Approval: Virtual Academy Teacher

Rationale:

With the addition of a virtual academy program, a teacher for the program is needed. We do not currently have a district allocation for the position.

Order #8980 - Motion Passed: I recommend approval of a position of teacher for the virtual academy- passed with a motion by Mr. Richard Kazsuk and a second by Ms. Joy Wilson.

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

8. Memorandum of Understanding-FRYSC CORPS Youth Service Program

Rationale:

FRYSC CORPS Youth Service Program Memorandum of Understanding has been attached for your review.

Order #8981 - Motion Passed: I recommend approval of the memorandum of understanding with FRYSC CORPS Youth Service Program that has been approved by the board attorney- 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
Ms. Sheila Wicker	Yes

9. Public Comment

10. Adjournment

Order #8982 - Motion Passed: 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
Ms. Sheila Wicker	Yes

Chairperson

Superintendent

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)**

Russell County Board of Education
Auditorium/Natatorium
Room 114
September 02, 2021

5:00 PM on September 02, 2021 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 Special Called 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. Adoption of Agenda

Rationale:

Meeting agenda is provided for your review.

Order #8983 - Motion Passed: If there are no corrections or amendments, I recommend the agenda be approved 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
Ms. Sheila Wicker	Yes

5. Public Comment

6. 2021-2022 Tax Rates (Propose to Leave Rates Unchanged)

Rationale:

KRS 160.470 requires local school boards of education to set tax rates within forty-five (45) days of receipt of certified property assessments. Our current tax rate is 52.2 for real estate and 52.2 for personal property (tangible). I am proposing that we leave tax rates unchanged: 52.2 for real estate, 52.2 for personal property, 52.2 motor vehicle/watercraft and 3% utility tax rate. The

proposed rate was advertised for two consecutive weeks in The Times Journal, with a hearing held prior to this special called school board meeting. A copy of the "notice of hearing" is attached for your review.

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Russell County Board of Education will hold a public hearing at the Russell County Schools Auditorium/Natatorium September 2, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. CDT to hear public comments regarding a proposed General Fund tax levy of 52.2 cents on real property and 52.2 cents on personal property.

This leaves the rates unchanged from fiscal year 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2021 was 52.2 cents on real property and 52.2 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$5,528,953.64. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 52.2 cents on real property and 52.2 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$5,844,148.86. Of this amount \$816,865.83 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax rate for 2021 is 50.2 cents on real property and 52.2 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$5,650,967.67.

The general areas to which revenue of \$315,195.22 above 2021 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$12,607.81; instruction, \$302,587.41.

The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

Order #8984 - Motion Passed: I recommend that the Russell County Board of Education leave tax rates for 2021 unchanged: 52.2 for real estate, 52.2 for personal property, 52.2 motor vehicle/watercraft and 3% utility tax rate- passed with a motion by Ms. Joy Wilson and a second by Mr. Gerald Murray.

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

7. Memorandum of Understanding-Kentucky Incentives for Prevention (KIP)

Rationale:

Kentucky Incentives for Prevention (KIP) Memorandum of Understanding.

Order #8985 - Motion Passed: I recommend approval of the memorandum of understanding with Kentucky Incentives for Prevention (KIP) that has been approved by the board attorney- 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

Ms. Sheila Wicker

Yes

8. Public Comment

9. Adjournment

Order #8986 - 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

Ms. Sheila Wicker

Yes


Chairperson


Superintendent

