

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
(MINUTES)**

Russell County Board of Education  
Special Called Meeting  
Auditorium/Natatorium Room 114  
September 16, 2021 @ 4:00 PM

With the following members:  
**Attendance Taken at 4:00 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. Public Comment**

**5. Adoption of Agenda**

Rationale:

Meeting agenda is provided for your review.

**Order #8987 - 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

**6. Discussion with Possible Action: Accept/Reject Bids for Russell County High School/ANC Paving & Drainage Project.**

Rationale:

Attached is a bid recommendation and bid tabulation from Branscum Construction Company, INC regarding the paving & drainage project at Russell County High School and the ANC. The base bid came in \$159,570.26 above cost estimates and the alternate bid (applying two coats of stripping) was \$7,850. The total cost of the bids, including the alternate is: \$673,241.26 (\$167,420.26 above initial cost estimates). The original cost estimate was \$505,821.00.

**Order #8988 - Motion Passed:** I recommend the bids for the Russell County High School/ANC Paving & Drainage Project be accepted 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
Ms. Sheila Wicker	Yes

**7. Discussion with Possible Action: Revised BG1 Russell Co. High School/ANC Paving & Drainage Project**

**Rationale:**

At the July 29, 2021 meeting of the Russell County Board of Education a BG1 was approved for the Russell County High School/ANC Paving & Drainage Project. A revised BG1 (attached) needs to be approved and submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education for approval to reflect the final bid costs and the engineer and construction management costs.

**Order #8989 - Motion Passed:** I recommend the revised BG1 for the Russell County High School/ANC Paving & Drainage project be approved as presented and 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

**8. Discussion with Possible Action: Architect & Construction Management Contracts-Russell County High School/ANC Paving & Drainage Project**

**Rationale:**

At the July 29, 2021 meeting of the Russell County Board of Education it was approved that Branscum Construction Company, INC. would serve as construction manager and AGE Engineering Services, INC. as consultant for the Russell County High School/ANC Paving & Drainage Project

Attached are the owner/consultant and owner/construction manager (with performance bond and payment bond documents) contracts for Russell County Board of Education with Branscum Construction Company, INC, and AGE Engineering Services, INC. With board approval, the contracts will be sent to the Kentucky Department of Education for review and approval.

**Order #8990 - Motion Passed:** I recommend approval of the contracts with Branscum Construction Company, INC and AGE Engineering Services, INC as presented and that they be forwarded to the Kentucky Department of Education for review and approval- 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. Discussion with Possible Action: Amend Russell County Schools' 2021-2022 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (School Operations Plan)**

**Rationale:**

At the July 29, 2021 special called meeting of the Russell County Board of Education, Russell County Schools' 2021-2022 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan was approved. At that time, masks were encouraged but optional except when students were on the school bus (required on school bus per Centers for Disease Control (CDC) order). The Kentucky Board of Education later passed an emergency regulation requiring masks but with the passage of SBI on Thursday, September 9, 2021 that regulation is null and void effective Friday, September 17. Per CDC order, masks are still required on school buses. Masks are also still required at the Lake Cumberland Regional College & Workforce Center as it is a state ran facility.

The amended Russell County Schools' 2021-2022 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (School Operations Plan) includes the following notable changes:

- 1) Staff, Students and Visitors will be required to wear a face covering when indoors.
  - 2) Per previous board action (08/19/2021), a virtual academy is an option for some students.
  - 3) Instruction will be provided during student quarantine events.
  - 4) Test to Stay continues to be an option in certain situations per Lake Cumberland District Health Department guidance.\*
  - 5) Will continue to follow quarantine guidance from the Kentucky Department of Public Health/Lake Cumberland District Health Department
- \*The Kentucky Department of Public Health is developing a model "test to stay" plan that the district will need to review at a future meeting.

**Discussion:**

**Order #8991 - Motion Passed:** I recommend Russell County Schools' 2021-2022 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (School Operations Plan) be approved as presented- passed with a motion by Ms. Sheila Wicker and a second by Mr. Richard Kazsuk.

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

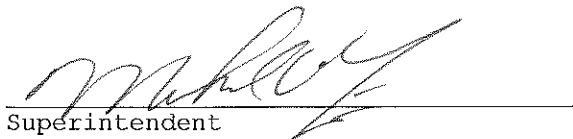
**10. Public Comment**

**11. Adjournment**

**Order #8992 - Motion Passed:** Adjournment of the meeting 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

