

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)**

Russell County Board of Education
Auditorium/Natatorium
Room 114
October 18, 2021

at 5:00 PM on October 18, 2021 with the following members:
Attendance Taken at 5:02 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. Adoption of Agenda

Rationale:

Meeting agenda is provided for your review.

Order #9001 - 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. Russell County Education Association (RCEA) Certified Employee Recognition:
Megan Dyson

7. Russell County High School ACT Action Plan

Rationale:

Russell County High School Principal, Mrs. Shanna Tarter, will provide an overview of Russell County High School's ACT Action Plan.

8. Consent Agenda

Rationale:

- A. Meeting Minutes
- B. Payment of Bills
- C. School Activity Fund Reports
- D. Financial Report
- E. Field Trips
- F. Treasurer's Monthly Report-September 2021

Order #9002 - Motion Passed: If there are no changes or amendments I recommend approval of consent agenda items- 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

Rationale:

September 25, 2021	JROTC	Lake Cumberland Cleanup Halcomb's Landing Boat Ramp
October 15, 2021	RSES Preschool	Heavenly Haven Pumpkin Patch
October 19, 2021	RSES Preschool	Heavenly Haven Pumpkin Patch
October 19, 2021	RSES MSD	Heavenly Haven Pumpkin Patch
November 12, 2021	RCHS FFA	North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Louisville, KY

9. 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 #9003 - Motion Passed: I recommend a shortened school day and/or week for the following students, I.D.#S22-01, I.D.#S22-02, I.D.#S22-03, I.D.#S22-04, I.D.#S22-05 and I.D.#S22-06 and that necessary documentation is forwarded to the Kentucky Department of Education- 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

10. Speech/Language Pathologist Contract

Rationale:

The following Speech/Language Pathologist contract is attached for your review.

Order #9004 - Motion Passed: I recommend approval of the Speech/Language Pathologist contract that has been approved by the board attorney- 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

11. Accept/Reject Bids: Three (3) Surplus School Buses

Rationale:

Three previously identified buses had to be taken out of our bus fleet for Russell County Schools to participate in the Volkswagen Settlement. The Russell County Board of Education previously declared the buses surplus property. The sealed bids received for the buses were opened and tabulated by Central Office staff on September 29, 2021@ 1:00 pm.

Burton Auto Parts

Bus #135	\$ 500
Bus #2031	\$ 500
Bus #2032	\$ 400

Michael Grimsley

Bus #135	\$ 1,000
Bus #2031	\$ 1,000
Bus #2032	\$ 1,000

Order #9005 - Motion Passed: I recommend approval of the bids received from Michael Grimsley on Buses 135, 2031 and 2032- passed with a motion by Mr. Gerald Murray 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

12. Out of State and/or Overnight Trips

Rationale:

The following group have received approval from the Superintendent for the following out of state and/or overnight trips:

Russell County Middle School:

November 7-November 9, 2021	RCMS Y-Club	Kentucky Youth Assembly Louisville, KY
	RCMS Y-Club	State Capitol Building Frankfort, KY

Russell County High School:

November 18-19, 2021	FFA	Murray State University School
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of Agriculture

Order #9006 - Motion Passed: I recommend approval of the out of state and/or overnight trips- 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

13. Fundraisers

Rationale:

The following groups have received approval from the superintendent for the listed fundraisers:

Jamestown Elementary:

November 19-26, 2021

January 28-February 2, 2022

May 16-20, 2022

Scholastic Bookfair

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Salem Elementary PTO:

October 18-November 1, 2021

Little Caesar's Frozen Kits: Pizza,
Breads, Cookies

Order #9007 - Motion Passed: I recommend approval of the school wide fundraisers- passed with a motion by Mr. Richard Kazsuk 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

14. Revision: Russell County Schools' 2021-2022 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (School Operations Plan)

Rationale:

The revision to the Russell County Schools' 2021-2022 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (School Operations Plan) changes the mask requirement for Russell County Schools to the following (the entire plan is attached with changes is attached). The mask requirement would extend to only when Russell County is in the "red status" of high incidence rate of COVID-19.

All visitors, employees, and students are required to wear face coverings/masks while on all school properties/facilities when Russell County is in the "red status" (high incidence rate of COVID-19). The determination will be made on Thursday of each week for the following week based upon the COVID-19 Incidence Rate found at kycovid19.ky.gov - kycovid19.ky.gov (gov.com). Masks will be encouraged but optional when Russell County is in the "low incidence rate" (green status), the "moderate incidence rate" (yellow status) or the "substantial incidence rate" (orange status).

Per CDC order, masks are still required on our buses and per Kentucky Tech directive, masks are still required at the Lake Cumberland Regional College & Workforce Center.

Order #9008 - Motion Passed: I recommend Russell County Schools' revised 2021-2022 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (School Operations Plan) be approved as presented, effective immediately- passed with a motion by Mr. Richard Kazsuk and a second by Mr. Gerald Murray.

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

15. 2022 Kentucky School Boards Association Policy Update (#45)- 1st Reading

Rationale:

This is a first reading-No Action Required

16. Personnel Reports

Rationale:

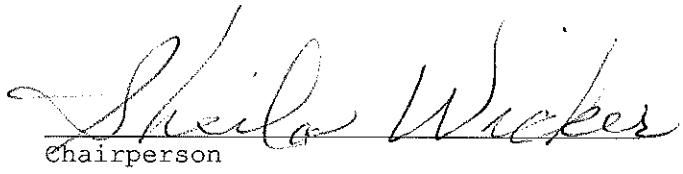
Jackie Matherly	JES-Hired Cook Cashier Cafeteria
Courtney Polston	SES-Resigned Custodian
Steve Betts	RCMS-Resigned Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
Jacob Foster	RCMS-Resigned Social Studies Teacher
Jim Utter	RCHS-Head Custodian
Jason Pierce	RCHS-Custodian
Kassidy Bolin Gibson	District Wide-Speech Language Pathology Assistant
Briana Brown	District Wide- Substitute Teacher
Jenny Menix	District Wide- Substitute Teacher

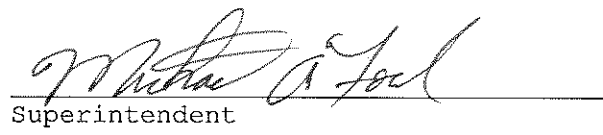
17. Public Comment

18. Adjournment

Order #9009 - 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