

**RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)**

Russell County Auditorium Natatorium
Room 114
January 24, 2022

at 5:00 PM on January 24, 2022 with the following members:

Attendance Taken at 5:03 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 #9040 - 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:
January 2022: Amy Melton**

7. Title I Schoolwide Programs-Annual Meeting

Rationale:

Tonya Rexroat, Director of Federal Programs, along with school principals will provide an update on Title I Schoolwide programs.

8. Consent Agenda

Rationale:

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

Order #9041 - 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

9. Dance Team Request

Rationale:

Russell County Schools Dance Team Coach, Amanda Turner, will be at the January 24 school board meeting to request funds that would allow the Dance Team to compete at a National Competition that will be held in Louisville. The approximate cost would be \$3,500 (including hotel rooms, bus driver pay and bus mileage). This is informational and the trip request is included with the other out of state and/or overnight trip requests. Due to COVID-19, the Dance Team has had little opportunity the past two years to participate in events.

Motion was made by Ms. Sheila Wicker to approve the requested funds of \$3500 for the Russell County Schools Dance Team to compete at a National Competition seconded 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. Review with Possible Revision: Russell County Schools' 2021-2022 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (School Operations Plan)

Rationale:

All of the new guidance that we have recently received is attached for your review. The test to stay now includes exposures outside of school. There is the option to not quarantine if universal masking is in place.

11. School Year 2022-2023 Schedule/Calendar

Rationale:

The Russell County School District Calendar Committee has met to develop a draft

2022-2023 School Year Calendar/Schedule. This draft was presented to you for a 1st reading at the December 20, 2021 meeting.

KRS 158.070 (complete 158.070 is attached for your review) reads in part: "Prior to adopting a school calendar, the local board of education shall hear for discussion the school district calendar committee's recommendations and the recommendation of the superintendent at a meeting of the local board of education.

During a subsequent meeting of the local board of education, the local board shall adopt a school calendar for the upcoming school year that establishes the opening and closing dates of the school term, beginning and ending dates of each school month, student attendance days, and days on which schools shall be dismissed. The local board may schedule days for breaks in the school calendar that shall not be counted as a part of the minimum school term." The SY 2022-2023 schedule/calendar is attached for your review.

Order #9042 - Motion Passed: I recommend the approval of the 2022-2023 School Schedule/Calendar with 170 instructional days and more than 1,062 hours of instruction- 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

12. Change Orders-Deducts for Lake Cumberland Regional College & Workforce Center

Rationale:

The attached six change orders are deducts as we close out purchase orders for the Lake Cumberland Regional College & Workforce.

Order #9043 - Motion Passed: I recommend approval of the six change order deducts for the Lake Cumberland Regional College & Workforce Center and authorize Superintendent Michael Ford to complete the necessary paperwork 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. School Facilities Construction Commission Offer of Assistance

Rationale:

The SFCC is presenting an offer of Assistance in the amount of \$23,641.

Order #9044 - Motion Passed: I recommend that we accept the SFCC Offer of Assistance and escrow the full amount of \$23,641- 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

14. 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:		
January 28, 2022	RCMS Y-Club	Nashville Parthenon Grek Greek Restaurant Greek Orthodox Church Nashville, TN.
Russell County High School:		
February 3-4, 2022	RCHS Swim Team	KHSAA Region 3 Swim Championship
February 8-14, 2022	Russell County Cheerleaders	National High School Cheerleading Championships Orlando, FL
March 20-22, 2022	RCHS- YClub	Kentucky United Nations Assembly Louisville, KY
March 25-27, 2022	RCHS Dance Team	Crown Dance National Competition Louisville, KY

April 15-16, 2022 RCHS Baseball Louisville Invitational Tournament Louisville, KY

Order #9045 - 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 Ms. Joy Wilson.

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

15. Amend Previously Approved BG1 for Russell Springs Elementary School Freezer Project.

Rationale:

The Russell County Board of Education previously approved a BG1 for an exterior freezer addition at Russell Springs Elementary School but subsequently rejected the bids to place the freezer outside because of the associated costs. A freezer can be placed inside one of the kitchen storage areas. The revised BG1 is attached along with the quote reflecting the installation of the freezer inside.

Order #9046 - Motion Passed: I recommend the revised BG1 for the freezer at Russell Springs Elementary School be approved and authorize Superintendent Michael Ford to complete the necessary paperwork- passed with a motion by Ms. Joy Wilson 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

16. Revised Shortened School Day and/or Week

Rationale:

The shortened school day and/or week documentation was revised for student ID#S22-07. 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 #9047 - Motion Passed: I recommend the revised shortened school day and/or week documentation for the following student, I.D.#S22-07 be approved and forwarded to the Kentucky Department of Education- 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

17. FY-23 Draft Budget

Rationale:

According to the requirements set forth by the Kentucky Department of Education, local boards of education are mandated to review a Draft Budget by January 31 of each year.

Expenditures \$ 25,000,000

Revenues \$ 25,000,000

18. Personnel Reports

Rationale:

Melinda Thomas	RSES- Retiring School Nurse
Matthew Brown	RSES- Resigning Instructional Assistant
Nancy Hammond	RCMS- Retired Cafeteria Manager
Kelley Miniard	RCMS- Hired RCMS Cafeteria Manager
Tonya Rexroat	RCMS- Head Softball Coach
Joshua Dickerson	RCHS- Custodian

Taylor Grider	RCHS- Biology Teacher
Jeffrey Dustin Perkins	RCHS- MSD
Melinda Wilson	RCHS- MSD Aid
Lindsey Brockman	RCHS- Resigned Biology Teacher
Amy Hardin	Standby Bus Driver to Full-time Bus Driver
Kim Weston	Central Office- Retiring
Kaitlyn McQueary	District- Speech Language Pathologist
Sara Redmon Poynter	District- Speech Language Pathologist
Haley Hadley	District- Substitute Teacher
Tammy Emerson	District- Substitute Teacher

19. Public Comment

20. Adjournment

Order #9048 - 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