

**ESTILL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)**

**Regular Board Meeting
February 18, 2025, 6:00 PM
Estill County Board of Education
Boardroom
253 Main Street
Irvine, KY 40336**

Board Members

Ms. Donna Isfort

Ms. Carrie Smallwood

Ms. Shiela Samples (Remote)

Ms. Tammy Hardy

Visitors: Jeremy Simpson, Todd Reece, Angie Howell, Ethan Gibson

I. Call to Order

A. Welcome/Pledge

Chairperson Ms. Donna Isfort called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM. She welcomed everyone and asked everyone to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Reminder to Sign In

C. Revisions: No principals were in attendance due to weather conditions.

II. Closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810, Paragraph (f), for the purpose of discussion which may lead to the appointment, discipline, or the dismissal of an individual student or employee

Order #15230 - Motion Passed: The Board approved to go into closed session at 6:09 p.m. pursuant to KRS 61.810, Paragraph (f), for the purpose of discussion which may lead to the appointment, discipline, or the dismissal of an individual student or employee passed with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Ms. Carrie Smallwood.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
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Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
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Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
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Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes
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A. Call Meeting Back To Open Session

Chairperson Ms. Donna Isfort called the meeting back to open session at 6:11 p.m.

III. Consideration/Approval of Appointing New Board Member for District #5

Order #15231 - Motion Passed: The Board members approved Ms. Sharon Whitaker to hold the seat for District #5, passed with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Ms. Carrie Smallwood.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

IV. Facilities

A. Estill County Middle School

1. Update: DECO

Representatives from DECO presented a video and schematic design to the board.

2. Consideration/Approval of Schematic Design

Order #15232 - Motion Passed: Approval of the schematic design that DECO presented to the board passed with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Ms. Carrie Smallwood.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays - 1 Abstained

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Abstain
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

B. Consideration/Approval Of Revised BG 1

Order #15233 - Motion Passed: Approval of revised BG1 passed with a motion by Ms. Carrie Smallwood and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Lost Connection
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

V. Action Items

A. Consideration/Approval of Out-of-State Trips

1. The Eighth Grader's Trip To Kings Island, Mason, Ohio

Order #15234—Motion Passed: The Board approved taking the eighth graders to Kings Island in Mason, Ohio, with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Ms. Carrie Smallwood.

3 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Lost Connection
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

2. Consideration/Approval Of The Revised Travel Voucher

Order #15235 - Motion Passed: Approval of the revised travel voucher passed with a motion by Ms. Carrie Smallwood and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

B. Consideration/Approval Of The Following MOU

1. JAG KY

Order #15236—Motion Passed: The board approved the MOU for the JAG KY, with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Ms. Carrie Smallwood.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

C. Consideration/Approval of the FY25-26 School Calendar

Order #15237 - Motion Passed: Approval of the FY25-26 school calendar passed with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Ms. Shiela Samples.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes

Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

D. Consideration/Approval of Tentative School Allocations

Order #15238 - Motion Passed: Approval of the tentative school allocations passed with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Ms. Carrie Smallwood.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

E. Consideration/Approval Student Accident Insurance Renewal

Order #15239 - Motion Passed: Approval of the student accident insurance renewal with Zurich American Insurance Company passed with a motion by Ms. Shiela Samples and a second by Ms. Tammy Hardy.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

F. Consideration/Approval for the FY26 Draft Budget

Order #15240—Motion Passed: The Board approved the FY26 draft budget, with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Ms. Carrie Smallwood.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

VI. Consent (Action) Items

Order #15241 - Motion Passed: All consent items passed with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Ms. Shiela Samples.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

- A. Approve Minutes of January 16, 2025, Regular Meeting and January 23, 2025, Special Called Meeting
- B. Approve the Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills
- C. Approve Superintendent Travels

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. Update

Mr. Brock said he didn't have much to report since school had been out due to the weather. He had met with principals to discuss adjusting instructional plans due to the missed time, and we've had to modify the calendar. Once we can return, we will work hard right to the very end. Some legislation could potentially allow us this year to revert from the 7 days back to the 1062 hours. It hasn't passed yet, but it's out there; that's House Bill 241. They're also trying to add five additional NTI days to that, which would be helpful for us.

B. Notification of Personnel Actions (See Insert)

C. School Update, Enrollment Attendance, Etc.
Attendance has been down due to illness.

VIII. Principal's Report

The principals did not report at this meeting due to inclement weather.

IX. Board Member Forum

No Board member had anything to discuss at this time.

X. Public Comments

Janet Rose, Jessica Kirby, Brian Kirby, Cassis Willis, and M. McQueen all inquired whether spring break could be used to make up for missed days due to weather conditions.

Mr. Brock's response to the question was:

"I think it's definitely on the table at this point, and we need to consider that.

I'm not going to say yes, and I'm not going to say no, but we will have a recommendation for the board very soon. A lot will depend on what happens with legislation and whether we can gain some days there, but that is definitely under consideration now."

XI. Adjourn

Order #15242 - Motion Passed: Adjourned Board Meeting at 6:56 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Tammy Hardy and a second by Ms. Carrie Smallwood.

4 Yeas - 0 Nays

Ms. Donna Isfort	Yes
Ms. Carrie Smallwood	Yes
Ms. Shiela Samples	Yes
Ms. Tammy Hardy	Yes

Charlie Brock, Secretary

Donna Isfort, Chairperson