

Rockcastle County Board of Education

Angela Stallsworth-Mink, Chairman ♦ Anna Stevens-Goff, Vice Chairman
Matt Chaliff ♦ Angela Parsons-Woods ♦ Lisa Cornett

Rockcastle Teaching & Learning Center ♦ 250 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 10th, 2026 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A. Silent Prayer

Chairperson Mink called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Chairperson Mink, Anna Goff, Matt Chaliff, and Angie Woods were present. Lisa Cornett was unable to attend.

C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

Chairperson Mink read the Board Team Commitments aloud.

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

A motion was made by Matt Chaliff to approve the agenda. Anna Goff seconded the motion. All those present agreed.

3. SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

A. GEAR-UP (Gear-Up Success Coaches and Amy Whitt)

Our Gear-Up Success Coaches, Mr. Coffey, Ms. Akin, and Ms. Brummett, provided an update on the goals for the Gear-Up grant program. The team of coaches is familiarizing the students with undergraduate programs through financial literacy and required activities to aid them in future College & Career Readiness initiatives.

B. RCMS Construction Update (Codell Construction)

Codell Construction provided the Board with an update on the progress of construction at RCMS.

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:

- A. Approve Minutes of the August 11th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approve Bills for Payment
- C. Approve School Trips
- D. Approve Fundraisers
- E. Approve FMLA Request(s)
- F. Approve TC-4 Substitute Teacher Certification(s) for the 2026-2027 School Year
- G. Approve RCMS Construction Services Pay App #21 (BG #22-444)
- H. Approve Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Authorizing Resolution of the Rockcastle County Board of Education for HB 900 Project Grant Application
- I. Approve Agreement with BSN Sports for August 15, 2026 to June 30, 2031
- J. Approve Tri-Party Sharing Agreement between Rockcastle County Schools, Teach For America, Inc., and CollegeSpring, Inc. for the 2026-2027 Academic Year
- K. Approve Auction Sales Contract with Ford Brothers Inc. Auctioneers
- L. Approve Shortened School Day Request(s)
- M. Approve Equipment Sales Contract between AMS, Inc. and Rockcastle County Schools
- N. Approve SY2026-2027 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant Award

A motion was made by Matt Chaliff to approve Operations and Actions. Angie Woods seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- A. Review/Approve Monthly Financial Reports (Mrs. Sweet)**
1. Month Ending Balance Sheet
2. Revenue & Expenditures for the Month by Fund

A motion was made by Anna Goff. Matt Chaliff seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

- B. Review/Approve Strategic Plan for Rockcastle County Schools (Dr. Ballinger)**

Dr. Ballinger highlighted the updates to outline the vision and mission of Rockcastle County Schools to align with Portrait of a Rocket and Leader In Me initiatives. A motion was made by Matt Chaliff. Anna Goff seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

- C. Review/Approve Tax Rate for 2026-2027 School Year (Dr. Ballinger)**

The Rockcastle County Board of Education adopted a general fund tax levy of 43.8 cents on real property and 43.8 cents on personal property on September 10th, 2026. The General Fund tax rate of 43.8 cents on real property and 43.8 cents on personal property, plus exonerations is expected to produce \$3,634,320.37. The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$268,628.82 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$72,686.41; building fund, \$118,252.28; instruction, \$77,690.13.

A motion was made by Anna Goff. Matt Chaliff seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

- D. Review/Approve FY 2027 Salary Schedule (Mrs. Sweet)**

A motion was made by Anna Goff. Angie Woods seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW:

- A. Review Superintendent's Personnel Action Report (Mrs. Ballinger)**

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Department reports have been uploaded to the Google drive for review. Mr. Reynolds briefly highlighted Rapid Identity changes throughout the district and the technology team pushing through some of the unforeseen issues related to it. Mr. Bishop briefly shared the Food Service department's new setup at RCMS and their adjustment period with the equipment and space.

8. SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATION

Dr. Ballinger emphasized the benefits our district is receiving through our cooperative relationship with SESC. Our staff is receiving great input and trainings as a result of this membership program. Additionally, she shared the new law with regard to presenting the working budget for the 2026-2027 school year. Mrs. Sweet will be sending it to Board members on Monday, 9/14 (2 weeks prior) and a special called meeting will be held on Monday, 9/28, at 5:30pm.

9. BOARD COMMENTS

10. ADJOURNEMENT

A motion was made by Anna Goff to adjourn the meeting. Matt Chaliff seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.