

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Central Administrative Offices
511 Harrington Highway
Eden, NC 27288
May 28, 2020
4:00 p.m.

BOARD WORK SESSION
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom due to COVID-19

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Present: Ms. Paula Rakestraw, Chairperson and Mr. Bob Wyatt, Vice Chair. Board Members: Ms. Kimberly McMichael, Mr. Brent Huss, Mr. Doug Isley, Ms. Vickie McKinney and Ms. Amanda Bell. Administrative staff: Dr. Rodney Shotwell, Superintendent; Dr. Sonja Parks, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Logistics; Dr. Charles Perkins, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Annie Ellis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Jonathan Craig, Executive Director of Human Resources and Athletics; Dr. Cindy Corcoran, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services; Board Attorney, Mr. Nick Herman and Ms. Renée Everhart, Board Clerk were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Rakestraw called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The Board members stated their names. Seven board members were present at roll call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Rakestraw announced the regular board meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 8, 2020. This will be a virtual meeting with live stream for the public.

Ms. Rakestraw announced there is a Special Called Meeting of the Board of Education scheduled at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2020. This will be a virtual meeting with live stream for the public. This is for the purpose of finalizing year end budget amendments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Isley moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Bell seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval – Budget Amendments:

Ms. Rakestraw recognized Ms. Annie Ellis for comments regarding approval budget amendments. Ms. Ellis presented the budget amendments as listed for board approval (Attachment 1-A).

Budget Amendment #8 – State Public School Fund

Budget Amendment #9 – Federal School Fund

Action: Ms. Bell moved that the Board approve the budget amendments as presented. Ms. McMichael seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

REPORTS / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on RCS Graduation Parade / Plans:

Ms. Rakestraw recognized Dr. Charles Perkins for comments regarding graduation plans. Dr. Perkins presented an update on the graduation parade plans from each of the high schools. He presented the summaries of the plans that each high school principal had submitted for the board to review as listed below.

- Dalton L. McMichael High School Senior Celebration Parade – May 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Attachment 2-A). Rain date is May 31 from 2-6:00 p.m.
- Morehead High School Graduation Parade Plans – May 30, 2020 (Attachment 3-A)
- Rockingham County High School Graduation Parade Plans: (Attachment 4-A)
 - – May 29th last name starting with A-G -- 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Rain date 6/1, 2:00-6:00)
 - – May 29th last name starting with H-N -- 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Rain date 6/2, 2:00-6:00)
 - – May 30th last name starting with O-Z -- 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Rain date 6/3, 2:00-6:00)
- Reidsville High School Virtual Graduation Ceremony and Drive-thru Parade – Drive-thru parade is scheduled for May 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – The Virtual Graduation is scheduled for May 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (with rain date of May 31st -- Attachment 5-A)

NCDPI Security Grant and COPS Grants:

Ms. Rakestraw recognized Ms. Kacey Sensenich for an update on the NCDPI Security Grant and the COPS Grant. Ms. Sensenich reported on the NC DPI State School Security Grant, stating the district received \$74,836.01 to purchase security cameras. Ms. Sensenich stated the administrators designated where the cameras would be placed at the school sites. Ms. Sensenich reported on the US Department of COPS Grant that was awarded for \$500,097 for school safety. This grant allowed purchases for indoor and outdoor cameras. It allowed for purchase of new servers for the middle and high schools to support the placement of additional security cameras. The cameras will be replacing outdated cameras. The project of camera placement will begin in the western zone.

Micro-Purchase Addendum:

Ms. Rakestraw recognized Ms. Erselle Young for comments regarding the micro-purchase addendum for School Food Services. Ms. Young stated the School Nutrition Department is requesting an increase to the current micro-purchase amount as defined in 2 CFR 200.320. Ms. Young stated the increase would be used for goods and services reflecting separate or aggregate purchases to an account equal to or less than \$10,000. Ms. Young stated the current micro-purchase amount for the School Nutrition Department is equal to or less than \$3,000. Ms. Young stated the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction has recommended each district increase their micro-purchase amount from \$3,000 to \$10,000. Ms. Young stated all procurements transactions will be thoroughly documented and available for review and/or audit by Federal, State and local authorities. Ms. Young will present for board approval in June.

South End Elementary School Overcrowding Update:

Ms. Rakestraw recognized Dr. Sonja Parks for comments and an update on the South End Elementary School overcrowding issues. Dr. Parks presented an update on the South End modular units to provide additional classrooms.

South End School Modular Units: Dr. Parks stated two additional classrooms are needed due to overcrowding at South End Elementary School for the 2020-21 school year. Dr. Parks stated she and Dr. Shotwell traveled to Yadkin County Schools to view used modular units which appeared to be in good condition. She provided slides of the exterior and interior views of the units. Dr. Parks stated a required design plan and site plan would be prepared for review by the City of Reidsville. Dr. Parks stated three units would be purchased at a price of \$1500 each with a total of \$4500 for three units. Dr. Parks stated she will check to see if a fourth modular unit is available for purchase. Dr. Parks will present for Board approval at the June meeting.

Land Use Study Timeline: Dr. Parks presented a timeline from ITRE operated by NC ORED (Attachment 6-A). The group would prepare the Land Use Study at a cost of \$14,500. Dr. Parks stated she would bring for board approval at the June meeting.

School Utilization / Floor Plan: Dr. Parks stated the school floor plans and building utilization information was prepared and will be utilized in conjunction with the Land Use Study.

CLOSED SESSION

Action: Mr. Isley moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (1) (6) to discuss personnel matters and property matters according to state law to preserve the attorney client privilege. Ms. McMichael seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

OPEN SESSION

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Isley. The vote was 7/0.

Personnel Report:

Administrator

Contracts:

Ken Scott

Effective 7/1/20-6/30/24

Elizabeth Covell

Effective 7/1/20-6/30/24

Deirdre Moyer

Effective 7/1/20-6/30/21

Jennifer Hardin

Effective 7/1/20-6/30/24

Ryan Moody

Effective 7/1/20-6/30/24

Jonathan Williams

Effective 7/1/20-6/30/24

Lauryn Duncan

Effective 7/1/20-6/30/24

Kelly Nelson-Danley

Effective 7/1/20-6/30/24

Robert Paschal

Effective 7/1/20-6/30/24

Nathaniel Ziglar

Effective 7/1/20-6/30/24

Employments

—Administration

—Licensed

Enyi Chacon

Monge

Effective 8/14/20

Jenifer Mahecha

Hernandez

Effective 8/14/20

Luz Trejos Huetas

Effective 8/14/20

—Classified

Transfers

—Administrative

Lauryn Duncan

Effective 8/1/20

—Licensed

Casey Elrod

Effective 8/14/20

Deborah Paylor

Effective 8/14/20

Classified

Diane Brown

Effective 5/18/20

Retirements:

—**Administrative**

—**Licensed**

Betty Floyd

Effective 7/1/20

Susan Watkins

Effective 7/1/20

—**Classified**

Cheryl Allen

Effective 7/1/20

Sandra Neal

Effective 7/1/20

Resignations:

—**Administrative**

—**Licensed**

Rachel Alley

Effective 6/30/20

Laura Doan

Effective 6/12/20

Kimberly Doran

Effective 6/12/20

Ashlea Johnson

Effective 6/12/20

Meria Verdi

Effective 6/12/20

—**Classified**

Susana Martinez

Effective 5/12/20

Elizabeth Patterson

Effective 5/29/20

Terminations:

—**Administrative**

—**Licensed**

—**Classified**

Leave Requests:

None

Action: Ms. McMichael moved to accept the amended personnel report as presented, seconded by Ms. Bell. The vote was 7/0.

Action: Ms. McMichael moved to accept the Administrator's Contracts as presented, seconded by Ms. Bell. The vote was 7/0.

Action: Mr. Isley moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wyatt. The vote was 7/0.

Minutes read and approved:

Ms. Paula H. Rakestraw, Board Chair
Rockingham County Board of Education

Dr. Rodney Shotwell
Superintendent of Schools

June 8, 2020