

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Central Administrative Offices
511 Harrington Highway
Eden, NC 27288
March 23, 2020

WORK SESSION and BUDGET
SESSION MINUTES
1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Via Live Stream
Board Members may access via
Conference Call-In

Present: Ms. Paula Rakestraw, Board Chair and Mr. Bob Wyatt, Vice Chair. Board Members: Ms. Amanda Bell, Mr. Brent Huss, Ms. Kimberly McMichael and Mr. Doug Isley. 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; and Ms. Renee Everhart, Board Clerk were present. Board Member Mr. Wayne Kirkman was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Rakestraw called the meeting to order. Six members were present. (Four Members participated via conference call.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Rakestraw announced the next regular board meeting of the Rockingham County Board of Education will be at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, April 20, 2020 at Central Administrative Offices, 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC.

Ms. Rakestraw announced the Board will hold a Public Hearing on the request budget for the 2020-2019 school year on Monday, April 20, 2020 during the regular board meeting. Ms. Ellis will present the request budget and the public is welcome to comment. A sign-up sheet will be provided for those wanting to speak during the public hearing.

Ms. Rakestraw announced there is no work session scheduled in April. The school district spring break is scheduled for April 6-10, 2020.

Ms. Rakestraw announced the RCS Retirement Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2020 at Rockingham County Middle School beginning at 6:00 p.m. The school is located at 182 High School Road, Reidsville, NC.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Ms. Rakestraw asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Action: Mr. Huss moved that the Board amend the agenda to add item 3.5 Action – Revision to Policy 2302 – Remote Participation for Board Meetings. Ms. McMichael seconded the motion. The vote was 6/0.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval – Extend Interim Budget Resolution for Current Fiscal Year from April 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020:

Ms. Rakestraw recognized Ms. Annie Ellis for comments regarding extending the interim budget resolution. Ms. Ellis presented the interim budget resolution extension for April 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020 for board consideration (Attachment 1-A).

Action: Ms. Bell moved that the Board approve the interim budget resolution extension for April 1 through April 30, 2020 as presented. Mr. Wyatt seconded the motion. The vote was 6/0.

Approval – Resolution for Energy Services Agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc.: Authorizing Financing Contract with Banc of America Public Capital Corp as Lender:

Ms. Rakestraw recognized Dr. Sonja Parks for comments regarding the agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc. authorizing the financing for the Energy Services Contract with Banc of America Public Capital Corp as the lender. Dr. Parks stated that Ms. Kim Smith has negotiated the finance rate of 2.1% with the Banc of America for the project. Dr. Parks stated the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners approved the necessary resolution to support the project on Monday, March 16, 2020. Dr. Parks presented the resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an Energy Services Agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc.; authorizing the execution and delivery of an installment financing contract with Banc of America Public Capital Corp as the lender (Attachment 2-A and Attachment 3-A). Dr. Parks requested board approval as presented.

Action: Mr. Huss moved the Rockingham County Board of Education approves the resolution to approve the execution and delivery of the Energy Savings Agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc. and the financing agreement with Banc of America Public Capital Corp as the lender as presented. Ms. Bell seconded the motion. The vote was 6/0.

Approval – Resolution Authorizing Rockingham County Schools to File an Application for Approval of a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract to the North Carolina Local Government Commission (LGC):

Ms. Rakestraw recognized Dr. Sonja Parks for comments regarding the resolution authorizing the school district to file an application for approval of a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract with the LGC. Dr. Parks presented the resolution authorizing Rockingham County Schools to file an application for approval of a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract to the North Carolina Local Government Commission (LGC) for execution and delivery of an Energy Services Agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc.; (Attachment 4-A and 5-A). Dr. Parks requested board approval as presented.

Action: Ms. Bell moved the Rockingham County Board of Education approves the resolution to authorize Rockingham County Schools to file an application for approval of a Guaranteed Energy Services Contract to the North Carolina Local Government Commission (LGC) as presented. Ms. McMichael seconded the motion. The vote was 6/0.

Approval – South End Elementary School Modular RFP Proposals:

Ms. Rakestraw recognized Dr. Sonja Parks for comments regarding South End Elementary School modular proposals. Dr. Parks stated the school district will need to release a Request for Proposals for an eight-classroom modular building at South End Elementary School in Reidsville. Dr. Parks reviewed the invitation to bid, conditions scope, form of proposal and specifications (Attachment 6-A and 7-A). The date set for the RPF is April 6, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Parks stated bids will be received at RCS Administrative Offices at 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC on April 17, 2020 until 2:00 p.m. Dr. Parks requested board approval to release the RFP for Modular Unit Proposals as South End Elementary School.

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board approve the school district to release the RFP for Modular Unit Proposals at South End Elementary School, as presented. Ms. McMichael seconded the motion. The vote was 6/0.

Approval – Revision Board Policy 2302 – Remote Participation to Board Meetings:

Ms. Rakestraw recognized Board Member Mr. Huss for comments regarding the Board Policy 2302. Mr. Huss suggested the board revise the Board Policy 2302 – Remote Participation at Board Meetings to suspend the limitation of three meetings per calendar year. Following Board discussion, the Board agreed to suspend the three meeting remote limitation through December 31, 2020. Dr. Cindy Corcoran stated following board vote, the Policy Committee will revise the existing policy for Board adoption reflecting the change.

Action: Mr. Huss moved that the Board approve to suspend the three meeting limitation for remote participation to Board Meetings through December 31, 2020 as stated, revising the Board Policy 2302, Ms. McMichael seconded the motion. The vote was 6/0.

REVIEW ITEMS / REPORTS

Discussion of Proposed 2020-2021 Request Budget:

Ms. Rakestraw recognized Ms. Annie Ellis for comments regarding the 2020-2021 Request Budget. Ms. Ellis reviewed the Request Budget. Ms. Ellis presented a powerpoint presentation (Attachment 8-A). The budgets were reviewed in detail, with Directors presenting information regarding budget requests specific to each budget code in the 2020-2021 Request Budget. Ms. Ellis stated she will present the budget for public hearing and additional discussion at the April 20, 2020 board meeting. Ms. Ellis stated the public document is provided at the link online at: <https://www.rock.k12.nc.us/finance> (scroll to “RCS Budgets & Reports” and click “Draft Proposed Budget 2020-2021”).

ADJOURNMENT

Action: Mr. Isley moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bell. The vote was 5/0. (Ms. McMichael had left the meeting.)

Minutes read and approved:

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

Dr. Rodney Shotwell
Superintendent of School

April 20, 2020