

**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**And the**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**Rockingham County – Economic Development Center**  
**425 NC Highway 65**  
**Reidsville, NC 27320**  
**August 31, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARDS**

(County Commissioners Hosting)

Board of Education Present: Ms. Kimberly McMichael, Board Chair and Ms. Vicky Alston, Vice Chair. Board Members: Ms. Paula Rakestraw, Mr. Bob Wyatt, Mr. Doug Isley, Mr. Brent Huss and Ms. Vickie McKinney. Administrative staff: Dr. Rodney Shotwell, Superintendent; Dr. Charles Perkins, Assistant Superintendent Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Cindy Corcoran, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services; Dr. Ken Scott, Executive Director of Human Resources; Ms. Annie Ellis, Financial Officer; and Ms. Renée Everhart, Board Assistant were present.

Board of County Commissioners Present: Mr. Charlie Hall, Chairman. Mr. Mark Richardson, Mr. Kevin Berger and Mr. Craig Travis. Administration Present were Mr. Lance Metzler, County Manager; Mr. John Morris, County Attorney; Mr. Paul Murray, Assistant County Manager and Ms. Jennifer Woods, Clerk to the Board.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Hall called the Board of Commissioner's Meeting to order.  
Ms. McMichael called the Board of Education Meeting to order.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

There was a roll call for the Board of Education with seven members present.  
There was a roll call for the Board of County Commissioners with four members present.  
Mr. Hall recognized Mr. Don Powell, as he will be appointed County Commissioner September 7, 2021.  
Mr. Hall introduced Ms. Leigh Cockram, Director of Economic Development for a report. Ms. Cockram reported on areas of success in business recruitment to Rockingham County and highlighted areas for improvement with the education partners in the county.

### **RCC WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Hall recognized Dr. Mark Kinlaw, President of RCC and Ms. Sheila Regan, Vice President of Academic Affairs for RCC for a report on Workforce Development. Dr. Kinlaw and Ms. Sheila Regan presented a powerpoint presentation highlighting the areas as listed.

- New Degree Programs
  - AAS and Certificate Programs have been put in place
- Workforce Credential Programs – Have put multiple workforce credential programs in place
- Enrollment
  - Reviewed enrollment measured each fall
- RCS Graduate – Enrollment
  - Student/graduates from Rockingham County Schools entering RCC
  - Reviewed enrollment measured each fall for this group
- Enrollment – CCP
  - Career and College Promise enrollment reviewed
  - CCP is tuition free, funded by Reidsville Area Foundation

- Other Workforce Investments
  - Upgrades in the technology infrastructure at RCC
- Emsi
  - RCC has contracted with Emsi to provide data and analysis
- Technology Talent Gap
  - 37,000 unfilled technology jobs in North Carolina
- What are we worried about?
  - RCC does not have students entering these pathways
- Short Term Workforce Development
- Curriculum – Nursing Program
- Industrial Technologies
  - Maintenance Technicians
  - Welders
  - HVAC Technicians
- Business Administration and Information Technology

## **SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN / LONG RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS**

Mr. Hall recognized Dr. Rodney Shotwell, Superintendent of Rockingham County Schools for a report on School Capital Improvements and Long Range Capital Improvement Plans. Dr. Shotwell presented a powerpoint presentation highlighting the areas as listed.

- Redistricting Attendance Zones:
  - Pre-redistricting map
  - Post-redistricting map
- Land Use Study – Development Inventory
- Membership Forecast – School Levels
- Membership Forecast – Elementary, Middle and High Schools
- Preparing for Tomorrow
  - Upcoming residential development
- Restrictive Sales Tax Update
- Roof Replacements - Completed Projects
- Roof Replacements – Under construction Summer 2021
- Future Roof Replacement Request – for 12 roofs
- Top 15 HVAC Projects – total budget of \$41,450,000
- RCS High School Academies
- Charts of Enrollment in the Academies
- Cost Associated with the Academies
  - International Baccalaureate Program – Funded by Reidsville Area Foundation
  - Early College – Funded by State funds
  - Transportation is provided for students in the Academies
- Graduation Dropout Rates – Historical Data 2015-2020
- ESSER Funding – (COVID Relief Monies)
  - Planned expenditures – link was provided

## **CLOSING COMMENTS**

### **Board of Education Members:**

- Mr. Doug Isley thanked the County Commissioners for hosting the meeting. He stated the Board will use funds available to make progress.
- Mr. Bob Wyatt stated it is time to motivate and educate and work on attendance for students.
- Ms. Paula Rakestraw stated upfitting the facilities improves student learning and enrollment. She believes there was a great learning loss during COVID. She thanked the County Commissioners for hosting the meeting.

- Ms. Kimberly McMichael thanked the County Commissioners for hosting the meeting. She would like to have another Joint Meeting with the Commissioners before year-end. She would like the middle school career fare for students to happen.
- Ms. Vicky Alston thanked Dr. Mark Kinlaw and RCC for the presentation. She stated Rockingham County is growing. She stated Reidsville needs a new elementary school.
- Ms. Vickie McKinney thanked the County Commissioners for hosting the meeting. She stated she agrees that students need to be present to learn.

**County Commissioners:**

- Mr. Craig Travis thanked the County Commissioners and the Board of Education for having this meeting. He stated he would like to see the County Commissioners and School Board get involved with the Economic Development Commission.
- Mr. Mark Richardson stated a principal friend had 100% of the graduating class attend a 4-year college. He stated the success was built on influence from the parent to the student. He agrees that middle school career orientation and need to market career paths to our students. He believes in rewards for student participation.
- Mr. Kevin Berger requested the Board of Education and school district review policies in regards to attendance.
- Mr. Charlie Hall stated he appreciates everyone that attended the meeting. He is in support of Workforce Development and showing students a career pathway.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Action: Ms. Rakestraw moved the Board of Education adjourn, seconded by Mr. Huss. The vote was 7/0.

Action: Mr. Berger moved the County Commissioners adjourn, seconded by Mr. Travis. The vote was 4/0.

Minutes read and approved:

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Ms. Kimberly McMichael, Board Chair  
Rockingham County Board of Education

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Dr. Rodney Shotwell  
Superintendent of Schools

September 13, 2021