

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Central Administrative Offices
511 Harrington Highway
Eden, NC 27288
May 10, 2021
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
(Live Streaming for Public View)

Present: Ms. Kimberly McMichael, Board Chair and Ms. Vicki Alston, Vice Chair. Board Members: Ms. Paula Rakestraw, Mr. Brent Huss, Mr. Doug Isley, Ms. Vickie McKinney and Mr. Bob Wyatt. 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, Director of Human Resources and CTE; Ms. Annie Ellis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Nick Herman, Board Attorney; and Ms. Renée Everhart, Board Assistant were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. McMichael called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. McMichael announced the work session is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 24, 2021 at the Central Administrative Offices, 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC via live stream.

Ms. McMichael announced the next regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021 at the Central Administrative Offices, 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC via live stream.

Ms. McMichael announced the RCS High School Graduation Ceremonies are scheduled as listed. The Early College is scheduled Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Keys Gymnasium on the RCC Campus; McMichael High School is scheduled Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 7:30 pm in the football stadium (rain date is June 4th at 7:30 pm); Morehead High School is scheduled Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 7:30 pm in the football stadium (rain date is June 5th at 9:00 am); Reidsville High School is scheduled Friday, June 4, 2021 at 7:30 pm (rain date is June 5th at 9:00 am); Rockingham County High School is scheduled Friday, June 4, 2021 at 7:30 pm in the football stadium (rain dates is June 5th at 9:00 am).

MOMENT OF PRAYER

Reverend Thomas Joseph Tarpley, Jr. from Main Street Methodist Church in Reidsville, NC gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Rakestraw moved that the Board amend the agenda, moving the closed session to follow Board Comments and approving the amended agenda as presented. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion and the vote was 7/0.

Ms. McMichael recognized Sheriff Sam Page and Reidsville Councilman Mr. James Festerman as attending the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / BOARD COMMENTS

Public Comments:

1. Kelly Toney
2. Houston Barrow
3. Diane Parnell
4. Ruth McCollum

Board Comments:

Ms. Alston thanked Rev. Tarpley for delivering the invocation. Ms. Alston stated the community is so proud of the Reidsville Football Team for the State Championship win. Ms. Alston read a statement regarding her personal character, her support of the students and parents of Rockingham County and her intent to remain and fulfill her term on the Board of Education.

Mr. Wyatt congratulated the seniors in the graduating class at McMichael High School. He thanked Ms. Shelby Ryan and Tennis Coaches for promoting tennis in our schools all over the county. Mr. Wyatt thanked Assistant Principal Mr. Troy Marquart for attending all tennis events and other events for McMichael High School.

Mr. Isley said thank you to all classified staff working for Rockingham County Schools. He commended students on good manners as he witnessed young men opening doors for the high school ladies.

Ms. Rakestraw congratulated the 2021 seniors and graduating class. She thanked the parents and students that volunteered for the Parent Advisory Council. She thanked the high schools and administrative staff for the work to produce the proms for the students. Ms. Rakestraw stated she could not sign the resolution read by Ms. Toney during public comments as she has concerns regarding guidance counselors and student nurses not staffed adequately. She will follow-up with a conversation regarding the resolution.

Ms. McMichael thanked Rev. Tarpley for the innovation. She also congratulated Rev. Tarpley for his son's accomplishments graduating with the class of 2021. She congratulated the Reidsville Rams for their win to take the State 2A Football Championship. She thanked the staff and administration for their work to organize the high school proms.

CLOSED SESSION

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

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

OPEN SESSION

CONSENT ITEMS

Presented consent items for Board consideration:

1. Approval Consent Items – Consent Personnel: Additions to the Substitutes List for: child nutrition, bus driver, bus monitors, teacher substitutes, Head Start Program substitutes and SACC early childhood substitutes list for 2020-2021.
2. Approval Consent Item – Gifts, Grants and Donations – Ms. Annie Ellis (Attachment 1-A)
3. Approval Consent Item – School Nutrition Vendor List for 2021-2022 – Ms. Erselle Young (Attachment 2-A)
4. Approval Consent Item – School Accident Insurance and Athletic Insurance Coverage – Ms. Annie Ellis
5. Approval Consent Item - Board of Education Meeting Minutes for approval:
 - April 19, 2021 – Open Session Board Meeting Minutes

Action: Ms. Rakestraw moved that the Board approve the consent items as presented. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

Bus Driver Substitute List:

None

Bus Monitor Substitute List:

None

Child Nutrition Substitute List:

None

SACC/Early Childhood Center Substitute List:

None

Substitute Teacher List:

Laura Springs

Substitute Head Start Teacher List:

None

ACTION ITEMS

Approval – Renewal of Malwarebytes Technology for Fiscal Year 2021-2022:

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Kacey Sensenich for comments regarding the renewal of Malwarebytes technology for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Ms. Sensenich stated the Malwarebytes protects end points against malware, viruses, hackers and ransomware, etc. Ms. Sensenich requested board approval to renew the 1-year contract with Malwarebytes and eSentire for the total annual cost of \$78,773.40 as presented.

Action: Mr. McKinney moved that the Board approve the renewal of the Malwarebytes annual contract as presented. Mr. Isley seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

Approval – McMichael High School Lobby Gymnasium Roof Bid Proposal:

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Rodney Shotwell (Dr. Parks was not present) for remarks regarding the McMichael High lobby gymnasium roof bid tabulation. Dr. Shotwell presented for board review and approval the lowest bid proposed out of the four bids received at \$85,950. The bid came from Professional Roofing (Attachment 3-A).

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board approve to accept the lowest bid for the McMichael High School lobby gymnasium roof bid as presented. Mr. Isley seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

Approval – Budget Amendments:

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Annie Ellis for comments regarding the budget amendments. Ms. Ellis presented the budget amendments as listed for board approval (Attachment 4-A).

- Budget Amendment #27 – State Public School Fund
- Budget Amendment #28 – Local Current Expense Fund
- Budget Amendment #29 – Federal Grant Fund
- Budget Amendment #30 – Capital Outlay Fund
- Budget Amendment #31 – Other Restricted Fund

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board approve the budget amendments as presented. Ms. Alston seconded the motion. The vote was 5/1. Mr. Isley and Mr. Huss voted opposed.

Approval – Contracting Small Roof Repairs:

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Rodney Shotwell (Dr. Parks not present) for comments regarding the contracting of small roof repairs. Dr. Shotwell presented for board review and board approval that small roof repairs be contracted using an outside contractor as listed with the guidelines below.

- Minor repairs up to \$5,000 will be completed by RCS Maintenance Department
- Small roof repairs from \$5,000-\$75,000 will be processed by obtaining at least three quotes from outside contractors.
- All roofing projects over \$75,000 will go through the Request for Proposal process

Action: Mr. Isley moved that the Board approve the contracting of roof repairs over \$5,000 - \$75,000 be processed with an outside contractor as presented. Ms. Alston seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

Approval – Grads Give Back Program:

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Rodney Shotwell for comments regarding the Grads Give Back Program. Dr. Shotwell presented for board review and board approval of the Grads Giveback Program within the guidelines as listed below.

- It is a unique program to engage our alumni to support our high schools
- It will raise funds annually
- The company will handle the work to obtain and secure the contact information of our alumni for the purpose soliciting donations
- The school district would be responsible to secure an icon link on each high school webpage
- The schools receive 100% of the donation from the alumni
- The program generates money for the company on the donation site by asking for an additional tip amount over and above the gift to the school
- Several school districts in North Carolina are already signed up for the program

Action: Mr. Isley moved that the Board approve the Grads Giveback Program as presented. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

Approval – Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Wentworth:

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Rodney Shotwell for comments regarding the Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Wentworth. Dr. Shotwell presented for board review and board approval the Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Wentworth to provide baseball and softball programs on site of property located at 8806 NC 87, Reidsville NC. The Interlocal Agreement will provide parameters for future capital improvements, i.e., lights on the ball field. (Attachment 5-A).

Action: Ms. Rakestraw moved that the Board approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Wentworth as presented. Mr. Isley seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

REPORTS / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Head Start Program / Draper School Site:

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Cindy Corcoran for the report regarding the Guilford County and Rockingham County Head Start Program Expansion Grant. Dr. Corcoran reported May 4, 2021 a joint meeting of the Guilford Development Center and Rockingham County Schools was held to discuss the use of the Draper facility to support ages 3-5 Early Learning Head Start Classrooms to serve 116 families. The topics covered in the meeting were purpose of the grant, timeline of grant, Draper facility, MOU, and tours of Guilford Development Center and Reidsville High School Childhood Center. Dr. Corcoran stated there is no additional information to provide at this time but there would be no monetary commitment by the Board of Education.

Title I - Safe School Survey:

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. June Nealy for comments regarding the Title I Safe Schools Survey for 2020-2021. Ms. Nealy stated the Safe Schools Survey is a requirement of federal programs and will provide feedback to inform planning and school improvement efforts for the future. She provided the survey that will be given. The Title I Safe Schools Survey for 2020-2021 is due to be completed month end May 2021.

Board Chair Announcements:

There were no announcements.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Employments:

—Administration

—Licensed

Lakin Wingfield

Effective 8/2/21

Paul Boone

Effective 8/13/21

—Classified

Ciara Farmer

Effective 5/3/21

Sayuri Gutierrez

Effective 5/10/21

Susan Gwynn

Effective 4/19/21-6/2/21

Christie Moricle

Effective 5/3/21

Randy Shropshire

Effective 5/3/21-6/8/21

Courtney Slade

Effective 5/17/21

Arionna Wilkerson

Effective 5/17/21-6/8/21

TERMINATIONS:

—Licensed

—Classified

TRANSFERS:

—Administration

Erselle Young

Effective - TBD

—Licensed

—Classified

Richard Edwards

Effective 3/22/21-6/2/21

Stephanie Houghton

Effective 3/10/21

Michael Knight

Effective 4/19/21

Melissa Lawson

Effective 4/19/21-6/8/21

David Hewitt

Effective – 4/23/21-6/8/21

Marcelle Laidlow

Effective 5/17/21

Francesca Somorang

Effective 4/14/21-6/8/21

Helen Ziglar

Effective 5/3/21

Resignations:

—**Administration**

—**Licensed**

Paul Biggs

Effective 6/30/21

Joshua Follweiler

Effective 6/30/21

—**Classified**

Lou Ann Isley

Effective 4/28/21

Robert Malloy

Effective 4/1/21

Ashley Pinchback

Effective 4/30/21

Retirements:

—**Administrative**

Gary Pyrtle

Effective 7/1/21

—**Licensed**

—**Classified**

Ruth Goins

Effective 7/1/21

Leave Requests:

None

Action: Mr. Isley moved to accept the personnel report, personnel addendums and the 2021-2022 Probationary Teacher List (Attachment 6-A) as presented, seconded by Ms. Alston. The vote was 7/0.

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

Minutes read and approved:

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

Dr. Rodney Shotwell
Superintendent of Schools

June 14, 2021