

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Central Administrative Offices
511 Harrington Highway
Eden, NC 27288
January 24, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Board Work Session

Present: Ms. Kimberly McMichael, Board Chair and Ms. Vicky 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. Sonja Parks, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Logistics; Dr. Cindy Corcoran, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services; Dr. Ken Scott, Executive Director of Human Resources; Ms. Annie Ellis, Chief Financial Officer; Board Attorney, Mr. Nick Herman and Ms. Renée Everhart, Board Assistant were present. Board Attorney Mr. Herman joined the meeting via zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. McMichael called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The Board members stated their names. Six members were present at roll call. Mr. Isley arrived at 6:07 for the meeting, making all 7 members then present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. McMichael announced the next regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2022 to be held at Rockingham County High School Auditorium, located at 180 High School Road, Reidsville, NC.

Ms. McMichael announced the Work Session of the Board of Education is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2022 at the Central Administrative Offices, 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Rakestraw moved that the Board approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Wyatt seconded the motion. The vote was 6/0.

REPORTS / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021:

Ms. McMichael recognized Mr. Paul Carson, CPA with Anderson Smith and Wike, PLLC. Mr. Carson presented via zoom. Mr. Carson stated the audit findings for the Financial Audit Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 were clean, unmodified reports with no impacts or reportable items. He stated the district's departments were cooperative and the financials were expended appropriately. Mr. Carson thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to provide the financial audit.

COPS SVVP Camera Grant 2021:

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Kacey Sensenich for comments. Ms. Sensenich presented a report via zoom. She stated the COPS Camera Grant was awarded to the school district December 23, 2021 for \$500,000. Ms. Sensenich stated the grant would allow for the purchase of 450 multi-functional cameras for security, 14 door access stations, 44 wireless bridges, licensing, brackets, and wire.

ESSER Funds for Classroom Projectors and Boards:

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Kacey Sensenich for comments regarding the funds for classroom projectors and boards. Ms. Sensenich presented the results from the RFP for classroom projectors and boards. Ms. Sensenich stated the purchase is for the Epson short throw projectors (460 units) and the Epson white boards with an estimated delivery timeframe of late spring/early summer. The project costs will be paid from the ESSER funds.

Strategic Plan Update:

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Charles Perkins for an update on the Strategic Plan. Dr. Perkins provided a Strategic Plan update on the indicators B1 and B10 as listed. Dr. Perkins stated the plan updates are housed on the RCS Strategic Plan Website. Dr. Perkins stated updates would be provided at the February work session on Indicators C1 and C9.

- B1 – The LEA has reoriented its culture toward shared responsibility and accountability
- B10 – The district proactively supports and emphasized student-centered instruction by seeking solutions to remove barriers, including those related to policies, practices, and traditions

Fire Academy / Discussion:

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Erselle Young for comments. Ms. Young provided an update on the Fire Academy located on the campus of Rockingham County High School. Ms. Young stated there have been 3 instructors at the Fire Academy to date. She stated it is difficult to find qualified instructors due to the following requirements: 1) Fire Academy is tightly regulated by government agencies; 2) Instructors must meet specific qualifications; 3) Instructors also need hazmat qualifications; 4) Need instructors to teach public safety and EMT I as well. Ms. Young stated Human Resources has interviewed candidates and in the process of making an offer for the instructor position. Ms. Young stated the administration hopes to provide a Summer Academy to rising eighth graders for two weeks with the funding made available through a grant.

Restructuring of Board Meetings and Work Sessions:

Ms. McMichael stated some board members have expressed an interest in reformatting the board meetings and work sessions. Ms. McKinney stated she would like to see board meetings structured to complete the needed action items only, with the reports being held and presented at work sessions (with reports no longer than ten minutes). Ms. Alston stated she would like the work sessions moved to the school locations. After discussion, it was determined to put the item for vote at the upcoming February 14th Board Meeting.

The Board took a 10 minute break.

CLOSED SESSION

Action: Mr. Isley moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (3)(5) (6) to discuss confidential matters, personnel matters, and preserve attorney client privilege. Ms. Alston seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

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

OPEN SESSION

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Administrator Contracts:

Employments:

—Administration

—Licensed

Sarah Fox

Effective 1/24/22

Lydia Pegram
Effective 2/21/22
Monica Wright
Effective 2/21/22

—**Classified**

Jennifer Culley
Effective e 1/31/22
Holly Durham
Effective 1/24/22
Elizabeth Griffith
Effective 2/7/22
Ethan Spencer
Effective 1/31/22
Debra Withers
Effective 1/31/22

TERMINATIONS:

—**Licensed**

—**Classified**

TRANSFERS:

—**Administration**

Matthew Rice
Effective 3/1/22

—**Licensed**

Meredith Smith
Effective 1/5/22

—**Classified**

Rose Hendren
Effective 1/10/22
Walter Patterson
Effective 1/20/22
Stephen Pickard
Effective 1/20/22
Pamela Stoddard
Effective 1/21/22
Johnny Stubblefield
Effective 1/18/22
Lakiesha Watkins
Effective 3/1/22
Denise Watlington
Effective 1/3/22

Resignations:

—**Administration**

—**Licensed**

Timothy Melvin
Effective 2/11/22

-**Classified**

Montrese Hendricks
Effective 1/7/22
Darryl Smith
Effective 10/4/21
Shannon Totman
Effective 1/28/22
Tammy Whitley
Effective 12/20/21

Retirements:

—**Administrative**

—**Licensed**

Jane Lemons
Effective 8/1/21

—**Classified**

Linda Bullins
Effective 8/1/21
Sandra Allen
Effective 9/1/21
Leave Requests:
None

Action: Ms. Alston moved to accept the personnel addendum plus an additional personnel addendum as presented, seconded by Ms. McKinney. The vote was 7/0.

Action: Mr. Isley moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Rakestraw. The vote was 7/0. {7:58 p.m.}

Minutes read and approved:

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

Dr. Rodney Shotwell
Superintendent of Schools

February 14, 2022