

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Economic Development Offices
425 N.C. Highway 65
Reidsville, NC 2788
May 10, 2022
11:00 a.m.

Special Called Meeting
Announcement of New Superintendent

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. Also present were Board Attorney, Mr. Nick Herman and Ms. Renée Everhart, Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. McMichael called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The Board members stated their names. All seven members were present.

THANK YOU TO NCSBA STAFF AND ATTORNEY

Ms. McMichael thanked the North Carolina School Board Association and Staff Attorney; Mr. Sam Thorpe that facilitated the superintendent search for the Board.

MOTION TO APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT / BOARD CHAIR

COMMENTS/PRESS RELEASE:

Ms. McMichael called for a motion to approve the contract for Mr. Stover.

Action: Ms. Alston moved that the board approve the contract for the new superintendent for Rockingham County Consolidated Schools – Mr. Shawn Stover as presented, seconded by Ms. McKinney. The vote was 7/0.

Ms. McMichael announced the Board had selected Mr. John Oliver “Shawn” Stover, III as the new superintendent for Rockingham County Schools. Ms. McMichael read the press release and biographical data of Mr. Stover’s thirty plus years in education (Attachment). She introduced Mr. Stover.

COMMENTS BY MR. JOHN STOVER – NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Stover presented comments to the group and thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to collaborate with the Board, parents and community to move Rockingham County forward. Mr. Stover shared his core beliefs for education: 1) Teamwork; 2) Service; 3) Learning; 4) Power of Community.

Action: Mr. Isley moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Alston. 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

Press Release
IMMEDIATE
Rockingham County Board of Education

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Rockingham County Board of Education Hires New Superintendent

The Rockingham County Board of Education is excited to announce the selection and election of Mr. John O. Stover III (Shawn) as the next superintendent of the Rockingham County Schools (RCS). Mr. Stover will take office on July 1, 2022.

During the search process, the board carefully reviewed applications from a diverse field of seventeen excellent candidates from eleven different states and territories. Although many qualified candidates applied, the board felt that Mr. Stover's experience, leadership, and dedication to student and staff would best serve RCs students, employees, and the community for years to come. The board is confident Mr. Stover will lead the school system to even higher achievement.

Mr. Stover has enjoyed a long and very successful career in public education spanning more than thirty years in North Carolina and other settings across the nation. He currently serves as the instructional superintendent of the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), where he has also worked as chief of secondary schools. Over the last nine years, Mr. Stover has played a pivotal role in helping DCPS become the fastest improving urban district in the country.

Prior to joining DCPS, Mr. Stover spent a total of three years as superintendent and managing director of Uplift Education's charter school district in Dallas, Texas. In addition, he previously served as a senior managing director for Teach for America (2007-2010) and a principal and assistant principal for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (2005-2007), Alamance-Burlington School System (2003-2005), Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools (1999-2003), and Roanoke Rapids Graded School District (1997-1999). Mr. Stover began his career in 1990 as a teacher in the Hertford County Schools, where he taught elementary school as well as high school students in an alternative setting. In 1994, he was recognized as the Teacher of the Year for the district.

Mr. Stover has an impressive academic background as well. He received his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He went on to earn a master's degree in school administration from East Carolina University. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in leadership and organizations innovation from Marymount University.

Mr. Stover is grateful for the opportunity to lead the district, and he and his wife Lisa, look forward to becoming part of the community. Mr. Stover is excited about his new role, and he issued the following statement about accepting the position:

"I am excited to partner with the school board, parents, and the community to build upon the work our dedicated teachers, administrators, and staff have done to create a school system that empowers each child to be a life-long learner, equipped to contribute in a changing, complex society."

Please join the board in congratulating and welcoming Mr. Shawn Stover as the new superintendent of the Rockingham County Schools.