

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Rockingham County Schools Administrative Offices
511 Harrington Highway
Eden, NC 27288
May 9, 2022
6:00 p.m.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Present: Ms. Kimberly McMichael, Board Chair and Ms. Vicki Alston, Vice Chair. Board Members: Ms. Paula Rakestraw, Mr. Doug Isley, Mr. Brent Huss, Ms. Vickie McKinney and Mr. Bob Wyatt. Administrative staff: Dr. Rodney Shotwell, Superintendent; 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; Mr. Nick Herman, Board Attorney and Ms. Renee 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 May Work Session is scheduled at 12:00 noon on Monday, May 25, 2022 at Central Elementary School located at 435 Stadium Drive, Eden, NC.

Ms. McMichael announced the next regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2022 at the Central Administrative Offices, 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC.

Ms. McMichael announced the RCS 2022 Employee Retirement Banquet is scheduled to be held Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at the Wright Memorial Event Center located at 184 Slaydon Road, Eden. The banquet begins at 6:00 pm.

MOMENT OF PRAYER

Pastor Peter Dodge from Reidsville Alliance Church in Reidsville, N.C. gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Mr. Bob Wyatt led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Alston moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Rakestraw. The vote was 7/0.

SERVICE RECOGNITION FOR DEPUTY WOODALL

Ms. Paula Rakestraw recognized, on behalf of the Board, Deputy Shane Woodall, for his service to the Board and Rockingham County Schools. He was awarded a plaque on behalf of the board.

RECOGNITION FOR THE ALL-COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S ART AWARDS

Dr. Shotwell presented the participants, honorable mention and winners of the 2022 Superintendent's Art Awards as listed.

Participants – Middle School:

Lacey Warren – Holmes 7th Grade, entered pencil drawing of bird with scarred eye

Yaixa Pinnix – Reidsville Middle 7th Grade, entered colored pencil – “Eye”

Angelo Orozco Guillen - Rockingham County Middle 8th Grade, entered Zentangle patterned dolphin with sharpie

Leah Paz – Western Rockingham Middle 8th Grade, entered charcoal drawing – Snow Leopard

Participants – High School:

Elian Fernando Mendez Rodrigues – McMichael High 10th Grade, entered a woman’s head surrounded / elephant drawing

Paige Coffman – Morehead High 12th Grade, entered scratchboard line art drawing of a snake

Emily Meetze Martinez – Reidsville High 12th Grade, entered three burning candlesticks

Lauren Montgomery – Rockingham County High 11th Grade, entered acrylic landscape / reflection painting

Leah Duncan – Rockingham Early College High 12th Grade, entered oil painting with glaze portrait “Donnie Ruth”

Honorable Mention Middle and High:

Lacey Warren – Holmes Middle

Emily Meetze Martinez – Reidsville High

Winners Middle and High:

Leah Paz – Western Rockingham Middle

Lauren Montgomery – Rockingham County High

PUBLIC COMMENTS / BOARD COMMENTS

Public Comments:

1. Jennifer Miller
2. Alan Farrar
3. Lela McCollum Lewis
4. Penny Capel

Board Comments:

Ms. McKinney congratulated the Morehead High School Robotics Team for placing 36 in their division at the recent competition in Texas.

Mr. Wyatt stated he was at the Early College today and is very happy for our students with their upcoming graduations.

Mr. Isley thanked the public for attending the meeting. He remarked the FFA at RCHS is so successful with many projects. He stated he is proud of the FFA. Mr. Isley stated the Board has inherited many issues from previous boards, leaving them to deal with buildings that need refurbishing and several teachers left due to COVID. The board continues to work to bring the buildings up and improve them. He stated his thoughts are with the families that had damage due to the recent storm.

Ms. Rakestraw wished a Happy Mother’s Day to the moms. She congratulated the students who had participated in the Superintendent’s Art contest. She stated our art teachers are so important. She thanked the public speakers for speaking on Old Bethany property this evening.

Ms. Alston stated she was impressed as she visited the RCC Workforce Development Center last Tuesday.

Ms. McMichael with the mothers Happy Mother’s Day. She stated she attended the Bethany May day which was wonderful. She congratulated the RCHS and RHS Drama groups. She recognized the teachers, as Teacher Appreciation Week is an important time to show our teachers how much we appreciate them. She congratulated RCHS golf team traveling to the State Competition tomorrow. She thanked those that spoke during public comments on Old Bethany property.

CONSENT ITEMS

Presented consent items for Board consideration:

1. Approval Consent Items – Consent Personnel: Additions to the Substitutes List for: child nutrition, bus drivers, bus monitors, teacher substitutes, Head Start Program substitutes and SACC early childhood substitutes list for 2021-2022.
2. Approval Consent Item – Gifts, Grants and Donations – Ms. Annie Ellis (Attachment 1-A)
3. Approval Consent Item – Head Start Program Monthly Budget Update – Ms. Annie Ellis
4. Approval Consent Item – School Accident Insurance and Athletic Insurance – Ms. Annie Ellis
5. Approval Consent Item – Purchase of Equipment, Materials and Supplies Exceeding \$75,000 – Ms. Ellis
6. Approval Consent Item – Renewal of Video Agreement for 2022-2023 with Roy Sawyers (D.B.A. RCENO)
7. Approval Consent Item – Adoption of Board Policies– Dr. Cindy Corcoran (Attachment 2-A)
8. Approval Consent Item - Board of Education Meeting Minutes for approval:
 - April 18, 2022 – Open Session Board Meeting Minutes

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

Bus Driver Substitute List:

None

Bus Monitor Substitute List:

None

Child Nutrition Substitute List:

Gloria Thomas
Cindy Yancey

SACC/Early Childhood Center Substitute List:

Substitute Teacher List:

Terri Atkins
Elizabeth Coats
Mary Mansfield
Donna Kochanski
Sherry Lockamy
Angela Lovelace

Substitute Head Start Teacher List:

Terri Atkins

ACTION ITEMS

Approval – Partnerships / Contracts with Rockingham County Exceptional Children’s Department and Behavioral Health Department:

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Stephanie Ellis for comments regarding the contracts and partnerships with the Exceptional Children’s Department. Ms. Ellis presented the contracts for services with the Exceptional Children’s Department for board approval as listed below.

1. Carolina Kids, Inc.
2. Youth Haven
3. Cheshire Center, INC and Crystal Clear, INC.
4. Guiding Hands, PLLC
5. Invision Services, Inc.

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board approve the 2022-2023 partnership/contracts with the Exceptional Children’s Department as presented. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

Approval – Relocation Plan for South End / Reidsville Middle School 5th Grade Transition:

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Shotwell for comments regarding the Relocation Plan for South End 5th graders. Dr. Shotwell presented on behalf of Dr. Charles Perkins who was absent due to illness. Dr. Shotwell presented the Relocation Plan for moving the South End 5th graders to Reidsville Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year for board approval (Attachment 3-A).

Action: Ms. McKinney moved that the Board approve the Relocation Plan to move the South End 5th graders to Reidsville Middle for the 2022-2023 school year as presented. Mr. Isley seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

Approval – Bid Proposal for Moss Street Partnership School (Center Wing – Classrooms & Library):

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Sonja Parks for comments regarding the proposal for the roof replacement at Moss Street Partnership School center wing – classroom and library. Dr. Parks presented and then requested the board approves the proposal from Bar Roofing for the roof replacement at Moss Street Partnership School for \$420,500 (Attachment 4-A).

Action: Ms. Alston moved that the Board approve the proposal from Bar Roofing for the roof replacement of Moss Street Partnership School center wing – classroom and library as presented. Mr. Isley seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

Approval – Old Bethany Disposition of Surplus Property:

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Sonja Parks for comments regarding the Old Bethany disposition of surplus property. Dr. Parks presented and then requested the board approves the proposal that the kitchen equipment surplus and is no longer necessary for public school purposes and authorize staff to dispose of the property according to board policy 6560.

Action: Ms. Rakestraw moved that the Board table this recommendation for three months. Ms. Alston seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

Approval – Old Bethany Facility Options:

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Sonja Parks for comments regarding the Old Bethany facility options. Dr. Parks and Mr. E.C. Stophel presented two options as recommended by the Fire Marshall and then requested the board approval (Attachment 5-A).

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board approve Option #2 for the Old Bethany facility, that all combustibles be removed, disconnect the power, secure buildings including blocking doors and windows and to install 2x2 vacant building placards at all doors with the dates and hazards identified as presented. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

Approval – Transportation Disposition of Surplus Property:

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Sonja Parks for comments regarding the disposition of surplus property for transportation. Dr. Parks and Mr. Cris Cox presented a listing of five transportation vehicles surplus and no longer necessary and dispose of them.

Action: Mr. Isley moved that the Board approve to declare the listed transportation vehicles surplus and no longer necessary or appropriate for public school purposes and authorized the staff to dispose of the property according to board policy as presented. Ms. Rakestraw seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

Approval – 2022-2025 Rockingham County Schools AIG Plan:

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Nancy Towler for comments regarding the RCS AIG Plan. Ms. Towler presented the AIG Plan for 2022-2025 and requested board approval.

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board approve the AIG Plan for 2022-2025as presented. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

Approval – PRC 071 / PRC 062 – Use Local Funding for Bonus for Pre-K Teachers:

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Annie Ellis for comments regarding the PRC 071 and PRC 062 for bonus payment to pre-K teachers. Ms. Ellis presented information regarding the payment to pre-K teachers a bonus from local funds on the May 31 pay date. She stated there are 18 eligible teachers for a total of \$24,067.

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board approve the appropriations of \$25,000 from local funds to pay the PRC 071 supplement and PRC 062 signing bonus to eligible pre-K teachers in the May 31, 2022 paycheck as presented. Ms. Rakestraw 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 amendment as listed for board approval (Attachment 6-A).

- Budget Amendment #17 – State Public School Fund
- Budget Amendment #18 – Local Current Expense Fund
- Budget Amendment #19 – Federal Grant Fund
- Budget Amendment #20 – Other Restricted Fund

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board approve the budget amendments as presented. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was 5/2. Mr. Isley and Mr. Huss voted opposed.

Board Chair Announcements:

Ms. McMichael announced the Early College and High School Graduations and rain dates.

The Board took a ten-minute break.

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)(3)(5)(6) to maintain confidentiality and attorney client privilege, discuss personnel and property matters according to state law. Ms. Rakestraw seconded the motion. The vote was 6/0.

Action: Mr. Isley moved to return to open session, seconded by Ms. Alston. The vote was 6/0.

OPEN SESSION

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Administrator Contracts:

- Stephanie Ellis
Effective 7/1/22 – 6/30/26
- Deirdre Moyer
Effective 7/1/22 – 6/30/26
- Nancy Towler
Effective 7/1/22 – 6/30/26
- Kacey Sensenich
Effective 7/1/22 – 6/30/26
- Pamela Watkins
Effective 7/1/22 – 6/30/22
- Christy Ann Bailey
Effective 7/1/22 – 6/30/26
- Leslie Coleman-Cassell

Effective 7/1/22 – 6/30/26
Joshua Eanes
Effective 7/1/22 – 6/30/26
Nancy Mark
Effective 7/1/22 – 6/30/26
Cecil Kemp
Effective 7/1/22 – 6/30/26
Tonya Jones
Effective 7/1/22 – 6/30/26
Misty Slade
Effective 7/1/22 – 6/30/26
Brooke Willis
Effective 7/1/22 – 6/30/26
Melissa Winant
Effective 7/1/22 – 6/30/26

Employments:

—Administration

—Licensed

Troy Alexander
Effective 7/1/22
Ashley Clowers
Effective 8/17/22
Amanda Dacunto
Effective 5/2/22
Morgan Kinsey
Effective 5/12/22
Courtney Mazzuca
Effective 8/17/22

—Classified

Aimee Wright
Effective 5/89/22
Taylor Combs
Effective 5/2/22
Hannah Evans
Effective 5/22/22
David Harris
Effective 4/11/22
Jessica Price
Effective 4/11/22
Lynn Satterfield
Effective 4/25/22
Brian Terwilliger
Effective 5/2/22
Britany Vernon
Effective 8/17/22
Sandra Vernon
Effective 4/25/22

TERMINATIONS:

—Licensed

—Classified

TRANSFERS:

—Administration

—Licensed

Amanda Dacunto
Effective 8/17/22
Darryl Smith
Effective 3/22/22
Tracey Anderson

Effective 4/25/22

Diane Betsworth

Effective 4/25/22

Abigail Hall

Effective 8/17/22

Lindsey Holloway

Effective 5/2/22

Casey Tuttle

Effective 7/1/22

—**Classified**

Sayuri Gutierrez-Bartolo

Effective 6/11/22

Cheryl Barham

Effective 5/2/22

Janet Baughn

Effective 5/2/22

Mary Bullins

Effective 4/25/22

Betty Carter

Effective 3/28/22

Heather Dodson

Effective 5/2/22

Frances Estes

Effective 4/25/22

April Fargis

Effective 5/9/22

Randy Houchins

Effective 5/9/22

Kristen Montanez-Figueroa

Effective 4/4/22

Malinda Moore

Effective 3/28/22

Charles Owens

Effective 5/9/22

Stephanie Vickers

Effective 5/10/22

Ralph Whitt

Effective 3/28/22

Resignations:

—**Administration**

—**Licensed**

Ashghar Googerdy

Effective 6/9/22

Kija Gordon

Effective 6/30/22

Rebecca Griffith

Effective 7/1/22

Tiffany Hicks

Effective 6/10/22

Jennifer Martin

Effective 6/30/22

Barbara Moore

Effective 6/16/22

—**Classified**

Christina Knight

Effective 5/30/22

Ashley Elmendorf

Effective 4/22/22

Elizabeth Morris

Effective 6/10/22

Sharon Murphy
Effective 4/11/22
Eric Roberts
Effective 5/12/22
Rachel Sands
Effective 6/10/22
Charles Spencer
Effective 4/22/22
Kevin Tompkins
Effective 4/28/22

Retirements:

—**Administrative**

Kenneth Scott
Effective 5/31/22

—**Licensed**

Bradley Rakestraw
Effective 6/30/22

Robin Smith
Effective 6/30/22

Shyrl Stadler
Effective 6/30/22

Darlene Tannehill
Effective 6/30/22

Penelope Wright
Effective 6/30/22

—**Classified**

Wendy Barnes
Effective 7/31/22

Lynda Cavallaro
Effective 5/31/22

Donald Motley
Effective 7/31/22

Leave Requests:

None

Action: Ms. Rakestraw moved to accept the personnel report as presented, seconded by Ms. McKinney.
The vote was 6/0.

Action: Ms. Alston moved to approve the Probationary Career Teachers Lists for 2022-2023 as presented, seconded by Mr. Isley.
The vote was 6/0. (Attachment 7-A)

Action: Ms. McKinney moved to approve the Administrator Contracts as presented, seconded by Ms. Alston. The vote was 5/1.
Mr. Isley voted opposed.

Action: Mr. Isley moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Alston. The vote was 6/0.

Minutes read and approved:

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

Dr. Rodney Shotwell
Superintendent of Schools

June 13, 2022