

**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Central Administrative Offices**  
**511 Harrington Highway**  
**Eden, NC 27288**  
**June 14, 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. Sonja Parks, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Logistics; Dr. Ken Scott, Senior Executive Director of Human Resources; 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 there is no work session scheduled in June.

Ms. McMichael announced the next regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 12, 2021 at the Central Administrative Offices, 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC via live stream.

**MOMENT OF PRAYER**

Pastor Abel Mosqueda from Growing Oaks Church, Reidsville, N.C. gave the invocation (Spanish Congregation).

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / UNITED STATES FLAG**

Board Member Mr. Bob Wyatt presented comments regarding the United States Flag. Mr. Wyatt led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Isley moved that the Board amend the agenda, moving item 8.1 – Charter of Freedom Report to be item 5.5; then moving item 9.0 Closed Session to be item 6.0 prior to the consent items, approving the amended agenda as presented. Ms. Alston seconded the motion and the vote was 7/0.

**BOARD RECOGNITION / 2020-2021 All County Superintendent’s Art Choice Awards**

Board Members Ms. Vickie McKinney and Mr. Bob Wyatt as well as Board Vice Chair Ms. Vicky Alston recognized the following students as participants, Honorable Mention and/or Winners of the All County Superintendent’s Art Choice Awards as listed below.

Participants:

Jakob Fox – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Holmes Middle – “Pumpkin by Candlelight” – A Pencil Sketch

Jashtin Garcia-Ortega – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Reidsville Middle – “Sorrow” – A Graphite and Colored Pencil on Paper

Carter Vernon – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Rockingham County Middle – “Crab” – A Sharpie/Zentangle Pattern

Joncie Dunlap – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Western Rockingham Middle – “Thank You Service Members” – Drawing  
Savannah Styles – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade – McMichael High – Girl with Blue Eyes, Red Lipstick and Hand at her Chin  
Avery Dunn – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Morehead High – Portrait of Musical Artist, Billie Eilish  
Briana Escobar Diaz – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Reidsville High – Colorful Heart Representing the Student’s Culture  
Olivia Peterson – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Rockingham County High – Crayon Etching Landscape

Honorable Mention:

Jakob Fox – Holmes Middle – “Pumpkin by Candlelight”  
Olivia Peterson – Rockingham County High – Crayon Etching Landscape

Winners:

Joncie Dunlap – Western Rockingham Middle – “Thank You Service Members”  
Savannah Styles – McMichael High – Girl with Blue Eyes

## **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Dr. Shotwell recognized Trevor Prevette for honors of the Superintendent’s Perfect Attendance Award. Trevor is a 2021 graduate of Rockingham County High School. Trevor was presented the Perfect Attendance Award on behalf of the Board of Education and Dr. Shotwell for 13 years perfect attendance.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS / BOARD COMMENTS**

### Public Comments:

1. Guy Williams
2. Mary Ryan
3. Bernie Parnell

### Board Comments:

Ms. Rakestraw thanked those attending the meeting and stated it was good to see all the faces.

Ms. Alston stated she attended the Reidsville High School graduation, which was well attended. She congratulated the Rockingham County Schools 2021 graduates. She stated she recently attended the baseball game at Bartlett Yancey High and the game was great.

Mr. Isley stated he missed the Friday night graduation ceremony at Rockingham County High due to the rescheduled event and had a prior engagement. He congratulated the teachers and students for all they did during the Covid pandemic. He congratulated all the Rockingham County Schools 2021 graduates.

Ms. McMichael stated she attended the Rockingham County High School Graduation ceremony. She congratulated all the Rockingham County Schools 2021 graduates.

## **REPORTS / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### Charters of Freedom:

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Bonnie Joyner for remarks regarding the Charters of Freedom. Ms. Joyner presented information regarding the Charters of Freedom display placed in Wentworth, the Rockingham County seat. Ms. Joyner commented regarding the historical documents on display and invited the school district to visit the site in Wentworth. Ms. Joyner stated the Foundation takes responsibility for all financial costs associated with the Charters of Freedom display, as well as associated cost for students’ transportation to view the display. Ms. Joyner offered her services to assist and answer any questions for the Board and school district.

## **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 to maintain confidentiality and discuss matters related to specific personnel considerations according to state law. Ms. Rakestraw seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

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

## **OPEN SESSION**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

#### **Principal Hires and Transfers (Attachment – Principal Hires and Transfers)**

### **PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

#### **Employments:**

##### **—Administration**

##### **—Licensed**

Kathryn Madkour

Effective 8/13/21

Elaine Smith

Effective 8/13/21

Domonique Vas

Effective 8/13/21

Yvette Worsham

Effective 8/13/21

Chelsie Ziglar

Effective 8/13/21

Samantha Nester

Effective 8/13/21

##### **—Classified**

Clara Perry

Effective 6/1/21-6/2/21

Bryan Putnam

Effective 6/1/21

William Phillips

Effective 6/14/21

Jerry Spencer

Effective 8/13/21

Dallas Williams

Effective 8/13/21

#### **TERMINATIONS:**

##### **—Licensed**

##### **—Classified**

#### **TRANSFERS:**

##### **—Administration**

##### **—Licensed**

Kathy Aldridge

Effective 8/13/21

Lauren Brown

Effective 8/13/21

Diane Cannon

Effective 8/13/21

Renee Combs

Effective 8/13/21

Lisa Fulton

Effective 8/13/21

Sydney Gammons

Effective 8/13/21  
Cortney Luegers  
Effective 8/13/21  
Kyle Luegers  
Effective 8/13/21  
Lindsey Shropshire  
Effective 8/13/21  
Alesia Smith  
Effective 8/13/21  
Carly Stevens  
Effective 8/13/21  
Rebekah Williams  
Effective 8/13/21  
Heather Wilson  
Effective 8/13/21  
—**Classified**  
Janet Baughn  
Effective 8/16/21  
Mary Bullins  
Effective 8/23/21  
Cassandra Coleman  
Effective 8/13/21  
**Resignations:**  
—**Administration**  
—**Licensed**  
Elizabeth Blaney  
Effective 5/27/21  
Paul Boone  
Effective 5/21/21  
Alice Cox  
Effective 6/8/21  
Abbey Long  
Effective 6/8/21  
Brooke Sinicropi  
Effective 6/8/21  
Crystal Sochor  
Effective 6/7/21  
Brandon Sowers  
Effective 6/30/21  
Maggy Greeson  
Effective 6/8/21  
Heather Lievsay  
Effective 6/8/21  
Kevin Ore  
Effective 6/8/21  
Sarah Roland  
Effective 6/8/21  
—**Classified**  
Jaime Allen  
Effective 6/8/21  
Courtney Benton  
Effective 6/4/21  
Rayna Davis  
Effective 6/8/21  
Lindsey Edwards  
Effective 6/7/21  
Melissa Lawson  
Effective 4/19/21  
Joinea Leake  
Effective 5/21/21

Stewart Steverson  
Effective 6/4/21  
Jeffrey Wall  
Effective 5/27/21  
Alicia Ferguson  
Effective 6/4/21

**Retirements:**

—**Administrative**

—**Licensed**

Laura Fitzgerald  
Effective 8/1/21  
Vickie Slaydon  
Effective 8/1/21  
Curtis Stadler  
Effective 7/1/21

—**Classified**

Melita Hatley  
Effective 7/1/21

**Leave Requests:**

None

Action: Mr. Isley moved to accept the personnel report as presented, seconded by Ms. Alston.  
The vote was 7/0.

**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 – Errors and Omissions General Liability Insurance, Fleet Insurance, and Workers’ Compensation Insurance Renewal – NC School Boards Trust – Ms. Annie Ellis
4. Approval Consent Item – Adoption of Board Policies – Dr. Cindy Corcoran (Attachment 2-A)
5. Approval Consent Item – Behavioral Health and Exceptional Children’s Contracts for Services – Dr. Stephanie Ellis and Dr. Pam Watkins (Attachment 3-A)
6. Approval Consent Item – 2021-2022 Career and Technical Education Plan (CTE) (Attachment 4-A)
7. Approval Consent Item – Serenic Contract for Financial Sunpac Software – Ms. Annie Ellis (Attachment 5-A)
8. Approval Consent Item - Board of Education Meeting Minutes for approval:
  - May 10 2021 – Open Session Board Meeting Minutes
  - May 24, 2021– Open Session Work Session Meeting Minutes

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

**Bus Driver Substitute List:**

Natasha Blankenship

**Bus Monitor Substitute List:**

None

**Child Nutrition Substitute List:**

None

**SACC/Early Childhood Center Substitute List:**

None

**Substitute Teacher List:**

Courtney Benton  
Mary Carroll  
Natasha Blankenship  
Patricia Riddle

**Substitute Head Start Teacher List:**

None

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval – RCS Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and School Mental Health Improvement Plans (SMH):**

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Stephanie Ellis for comments regarding the Social Emotional Learning and School Mental Health Improvement Plans. Dr. Ellis provided the links to both the SEL and SMH Plans and presented a powerpoint of an overview of the process for developing the plans according to State Board of Education Policy NC SBE Policy SHLT-003. Dr. Ellis requested Board approval of the 2021-22 Social Emotional Learning Plan and School Mental Health Improvement Plans as presented.

**Action:** Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board approve the Social Emotional Learning and School Mental Health Improvement Plans as presented. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was 6/0. (Mr. Huss was out of the room at this time.)

**Approval – Interim Budget Resolution:**

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Annie Ellis for comments regarding the Interim Budget Resolution. Ms. Ellis presented the Interim Budget Resolution beginning July 1, 2021 thru October 31, 2021 for board approval (Attachment 6-A).

**Action:** Ms. Rakestraw moved that the Board approve the Interim Budget Resolution as presented. Ms. Alston seconded the motion. The vote was 5/1. Mr. Isley voted opposed. (Mr. Huss was out of the room at this time.)

**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 7-A).

- Budget Amendment #32 – State Public School Fund
- Budget Amendment #33 – Local Current Expense Fund
- Budget Amendment #34 – Federal Grant Fund (Including CARES Act K-12 Emergency Relief Fund for ESSER I (PRC 163), ESSER II (PRC 171), ESSER (PRC 178), ESSER III (PRC181)
- Budget Amendment #35 – Capital Outlay
- Budget Amendment #36 – School Food Service Fund
- Budget Amendment #37 – Special Fund
- Budget Amendment #38 – Other Restricted Fund

**Action:** Ms. Alston moved that the Board approve the budget amendments as presented. Mr. Wyatt seconded the motion. The vote was 5/1. Mr. Isley voted opposed. (Mr. Huss was out of the room at this time.)

**Approval – Roof Replacement at Western Rockingham Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Building:**

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Sonja Parks for comments regarding the roof replacement at Western Rockingham Middle School. Dr. Sonja Parks presented for board review and board approval the roof replacement at Western Rockingham Middle School Sixth Grade Building. Dr. Parks presented the bid sheet with the lowest bid at \$330,716.02 from Bar Roofing Company (Attachment 8-A).

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board approve the bid for roof replacement at Western Rockingham Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Building for the lowest bid of \$330,716.02 with Bar Roofing Company as presented. Mr. Isley seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

**Approval – HVAC Proposal of ESSER Funds:**

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Sonja Parks for comments regarding the HVAC proposal using ESSER funds. Dr. Parks presented for board review and board approval the Secondary Emergency ESSER II funds to improve the air quality, facility repairs and facility improvements for the school district (Attachment 9-A).

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board approve the HVAC repairs and improvements contracted with JCI using ESSER funds as presented. Mr. Huss seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

**Board Chair Announcements:**

Board Chair Ms. McMichael read the information regarding the Rockingham Community College Grant Scholarship available to all enrolled students this fall semester. Students would receive \$600 - \$1200. Students could receive as much as \$2800 if enrolled for 2 years at RCC through the RCC Grant Scholarship.

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

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

July 12, 2021