

**Rockingham Board of Education
Central Administrative Offices
511 Harrington Highway
Eden, NC 27288
February 13, 2023
Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.**

Open Session Minutes

Present: Ms. Kimberly McMichael, Board Chair and Ms. Vicky Alston, Vice Chair. Board Members: Mr. Philip Butler, Ms. Vickie McKinney, Ms. Paula Rakestraw and Mr. Bob Wyatt. Administrative staff: Mr. Shawn Stover, Superintendent; Dr. Charles Perkins, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Cindy Corcoran, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services; Ms. Erselle Young, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Logistics; Mr. Dean Richardson, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Annie Ellis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Brandon McPherson, Board Attorney and Ms. Renee Brown, Board Assistant were present. (Board Member Mr. Huss was attending via remote call in.)

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 a work session scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at Dillard Academy located at 810 Cure Drive, Madison, NC. The next Board meeting is scheduled at 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 13, 2023. The meeting will be held at the Central Administrative Offices, 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC. The Public Hearing for the Proposed Draft Budget for 2023-2024 will be held during the regular meeting Monday, March 13, 2023 during public comments. A sign-up sheet will be provided for public comments for the Public Hearing prior to the 6:00 p.m. start of the meeting.

MOMENT OF PRAYER

Bishop William Phillips - The Fountain of Youth Outreach Ministry, Madison, NC gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jack Pruitt led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Rakestraw made a motion to amend the agenda to remove policy 4400 on attendance from the consent agenda and request an ad hoc committee to review, discuss and make a recommendation to the policy committee on any revisions, and to add superintendent's goals to closed session. Ms. Alston seconded the motion and the vote was 7/0. Unanimously Approved.

Ms. Rakestraw moved to approve the amended agenda. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion and the vote was 7/0. Unanimously Approved.

RECOGNITIONS

Ms. McMichael recognized the winners of Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pin. The students read their essays.

Voice of Democracy

"Why the Veteran is Important "
--Oral--

- **Kaylie Ratcliffe** - 3rd Place, VFW Post - Rockingham County High School, 10th Grade

Patriot's Pin

300 - 400 Word Written Essay - Our Pledge to Our Veterans

- **Jack Pruitt** - 1st Place, VFW Post 8297, Rockingham County Middle School, 6th Grade
- **Boone Broeker** - 2nd Place, Rockingham County Middle School, 6th Grade
- **Jake Pryor** - 3rd Place, Rockingham County Middle School, 6th Grade

Mr. Stover recognized teachers for National Board Certification.

Initial Certification

Leslie Baker - RCHS

Angela Corum - Huntsville Elementary School

Whitney Hannam - Wentworth Elementary School

Jodi Troxler - RCHS

Renewal Certification

Melissa Bailey - SCORE Center

Joshua Hardin - RCHS

William Joyner - Rockingham Early College High School

Kelly McCorkle - Holmes Middle School

Tina Whitten - Dillard Academy

PUBLIC COMMENTS / BOARD COMMENTS

At 6:19, Ms. McMichael opened the public comment period. Six people addressed the Board.

No action was taken.

Public Comments:

1. Neil Jacques
2. Ann Fish
3. James Tharrington
4. Doug Isley
5. Kelly Toney
6. Lela McCollum

Board Comments:

Mr. Butler thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He mentioned his concerns about unpaid lunch meals at the schools. He informed parents that there is help available if they need it. Parents can go to the district website to find the eligibility guidelines and the application for free and reduced lunch.

Mr. Wyatt thanked all employees for all they do for our students.

Ms. Rakestraw congratulated the students who participated in team and individual swimming events at the state level. She stated that we have students participating in the state wrestling tournament this week. She thanked Ms. Lela McCollum and Ms. Kelly Toney for their comments.

Ms. Alston congratulated the students that read their essays and all our national board teachers. We are also proud of all our athletes that participated in state championships.

Ms. McMichael congratulated all of the athletic teams across the county. She thanked Ms. Carter from RCHS for supporting her students at the event on Saturday. She thanked Ms. Kelly Toney and Ms. Lela McCollum for their comments. Ms. McMichael congratulated Anna Casto, McMichael High School student for receiving the Morehead-Cain Scholarship.

CONSENT ITEMS

Presented consent items for Board consideration:

1. Approval Consent Item - Gifts, Grants and Donations – Ms. Annie Ellis
2. Approval Consent Item – Head Start Program Monthly Budget Update – Ms. Annie Ellis
3. Approval Consent Item - Budget Amendments – Ms. Annie Ellis
4. Approval Consent Item - Adoption of Board Policies - Dr. Cindy Corcoran
5. Approval Consent Item - Open Session Board Minutes December 12, 2022, January 09, 2023 and January 23, 2023

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

REPORTS

Behavioral Health and Specialized Instructional Support Personnel (SISP) Annual Report - Dr. Ellis and Dr. Corcoran

Staff presented the annual report. Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented. No action was taken.

Clarification of Moss Street Plan - Mr. Stover

Mr. Stover presented a powerpoint presentation. Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented. No action was taken.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval - 2023-2024 RCS Calendars - Dr. Perkins

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Charles Perkins for comments regarding the 2023-2024 RCS calendars. Dr. Perkins presented the RCS Traditional, Dillard and Early College 2023-2024 school calendars (Attachment 1-A).

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board approve the calendars as presented. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0. Unanimously Approved.

The Board took a ten-minute break.

CLOSED SESSION

Action: Mr. Butler moved for the Rockingham County Board of Education to enter Closed Session, subject to advice from the attorney, pursuant to N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(1), and (a)(6), to prevent the disclosure of confidential personnel information under G.S. §115C-319, and to consider matters relating to initial employment of an individual employee. The Board will also go into Closed Session pursuant to General Statute §143-318.11(a)(3), to consult with the Board's attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege, to consider confidential student matters, as provided in N.C. General Statute §143.318.11(a)(1) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g and NC General Statute §115C-402.

Ms. Alston seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7/0. The Board moved into closed session at 7:32 pm.

Action: Ms. McKinney moved to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Butler. The motion carried on a vote of 7/0.

Employments:

—**Licensed**

Sydney B. James
Effective 2/13/23
Dustin A. McComas
Effective 8/1/23

—**Classified**

Donna Garner
Effective 2/13/23

—**Substitutes**

Getzabel Carrera
Tyler Goodwin
Lester Hammack
Sasha King

Transfer:

—**Classified**

Ariel L. Lovings
Effective 3/01/23

Resignation:

—**Administrative**

Stephanie L. Ellis
Effective TBD

—**Classified**

Crystal M. Wilson
Effective 1/31/23

Retirements:

Tammy B. Burke
Effective 2/28/23

Leave Request:

None

Employments Addendum:

—**Licensed**

Kendall W. Harris
Effective TBD

—**Classified**

Nicole P. Ashe
Effective 2/06/23
LaTore Foster
Effective 3/6/23

—**Substitutes**

Noah Blackwell
Marla Joyce-Nelson
Kimberly Minter

Transfers Addendum:

—**Classified**

David C. Harris
Effective 2/06/23
Kristen Montanez-Figuera
Effective 2/06/23
Yolanda Stubblefield
Effective 3/01/23

Resignations Addendum:

—Licensed

Breanna D. Mabe

Effective 6/15/23

—Classified

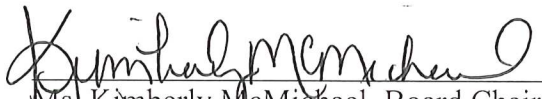
Ashley M. Hopper

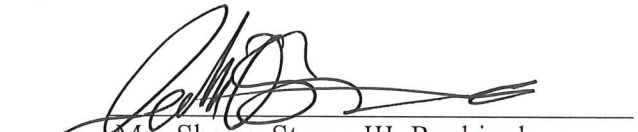
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Action: Mr. Butler moved to accept the personnel report and addendum, seconded by Ms. Alston. The vote was 7/0. Unanimously Approved.

Action: Ms. McKinney moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Rakestraw. The motion carried on a vote of 7/0.

Minutes read and approved:


Ms. Kimberly McMichael, Board Chair
County Board of Education


Mr. Shawn Stover III Rockingham
Superintendent of Schools

March 13, 2023