

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Central Administrative Offices
511 Harrington Highway
Eden, NC 27288
October 10, 2022
6:00 p.m.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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: Mr. John Stover, Superintendent;; Ms. Erselle Young, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Logistics; Dr. Cindy Corcoran, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services; Ms. Annie Ellis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Brandon McPherson, Board Attorney and Ms. Renee Ross, Board Assistant were present. Dr. Perkins was attending professional development. (Board Member Ms. McKinney 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 the next work session is scheduled at 12:00 noon on Monday, October 24, 2022 at South End Elementary School Gymnasium, located at 1307 South Park Drive, Reidsville, NC.

Ms. McMichael announced the next regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2022 at the Central Administrative Offices, 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC.

Ms. McMichael welcomed the new board attorney, Mr. Brandon McPherson.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Board Chair Ms. McMichael requested a moment of silence to remember retired principal, Mr. John Gentry.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Ms. Paula Rakestraw led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Rakestraw moved to amend the Board agenda, adding item 5.3 Board Attorney Legal Comments. Mr. Wyatt seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

Ms. Alston moved that the Board approve the amended agenda as presented. Ms. Rakestraw seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

RECOGNITIONS

- The following teachers from the RCS Teacher Leader Academy Cohort were recognized.
- The Outstanding History Teacher Named by the N.C. Historical Society was named:
 - Ms. Valencia Abbott – Early College High School
- The Department of Instruction Outstanding Math Teachers were recognized:
 - Ms. Kelsey Heiney-Wentworth Elementary School
 - Ms. Ramona Bankston – Early College High School
- Mr. Stover recognized Dr. Cindy Corcoran for being named the recent recipient of the “We Lead Award”.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / BOARD COMMENTS

1. Courtney Slade
2. Candra Ebo
3. Rhonda Felicia Jumper
4. Sherry Broadnax

Board Comments:

Ms. Rakestraw encouraged board members to visit the Head Start campuses. She stated she is proud the Head Start employees came to speak during public comments. She gave a shout out to the schools for the great fall festivals.

Ms. Alston congratulated the teachers recognized tonight. She remembered Mr. John Gentry who passed at age 88 recently as an outstanding principal at South End Elementary and citizen who made a difference in the community. Ms. Alston stated she attended an IB Program at Reidsville High School last week and was very impressed; stating 94% of the student received full scholarships to college this year.

Mr. Isley congratulated the teachers recognized tonight. He recognized the Head Start employees presented. He gave a shout out to the Maintenance Department regarding the positive feedback he is receiving.

Ms. McMichael commented she is hopeful for a smooth start for students and staff. She reminded everyone that Stuff the Bus is scheduled for August 19 and 20 and will be at the Walmarts.

Ms. McMichael congratulated those recognized tonight. She stated she is thankful for the Head Start team and thanked them, Ms. Jumper and Dr. Corcoran for their work. She gave condolences to the family of Mr. John Gentry. She asked the community to support the backpack program at the schools. She encouraged parents to get involved and volunteer at the schools.

Board Attorney Legal Comments:

Board Attorney Mr. Brandon McPherson stated Policy 5240 – Advertisement in Schools was adopted in 2006 and is part of a General Statute 115.C-46.1. He read the statute.

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 – Adoption of Board Policies and Approval of First Reading on Policies – Dr. Cindy Corcoran (Attachment 1-A)
4. Approval Consent Item – RCHS Fundraiser – Sale of Gym Floor Pieces – Ms. Erselle Young
5. Approval Consent Item – Permission to Ask County Commissioners to Transfer Leftover Funds from Old Bethany Roof Project – Ms. Erselle Young
6. Approval Consent Item - Board of Education Meeting Minutes for approval:
 - September 12, 2022 – Open Session Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - September 15, 2022– Open Session Special Called Meeting – Attorney Interviews
 - September 26, 2022 - Board Meeting Minutes

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

ACTION ITEMS

Approval – 2022-2023 Annual Budget Resolution:

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Annie Ellis for board consideration and approval. Ms. Ellis presented the 2022-2023 Annual Budget Resolution for board approval as presented. There was discussion regarding the Innovation Project.

Action: Mr. Isley moved that the Board approve the annual budget resolution with the exception of the line item paying for the Innovation Project Membership dues. Mr. Huss seconded the motion. The vote was 4/3 with Mr. Huss, Mr.

Isley and Mr. Wyatt voting for the motion. Voting against the motion were Ms. Rakestraw, Ms. McMichael, Ms. Alston and Ms. McKinney. The motion failed with the 4/3 vote.

Action: Ms. Alston moved that the Board approve the 2022-2023 annual budget resolution as presented. Rakestraw seconded the motion. The vote was 5/3 with Mr. Huss and Mr. Isley voting opposed.

Approval – CTE: District C Student Teamship Funds:

Ms. McMichael recognized Mr. John Stover for comments regarding the District C Student Teamship funds. Mr. Stover requested board approval for the District C Teamship. Mr. Stover stated the district was awarded the amount of \$259,237.00 to support this work. Mr. Stover requested approval to pay two installments of \$49,000 (January 2023 and June 2023) for the remaining contracted amount of \$98,000 required to support the program.

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board approve the payment of two installments for \$49,000 each as presented for the contract amount needed for the District C Teamship program. Ms. Alston seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

The Superintendent’s Report:

Ms. McMichael recognized Mr. John Stover for comments.

Mr. Stover commented he appreciated the comments from the Head Start Program staff during public comments. He recognized this as Bullying Prevention Month. He recognized the principals as a part of Principal Appreciation Month. He recognized a team of principals stepping up to mentor other newer principals. Those principals mentoring for our district are Ms. Jane Frazier, Ms. Tia Scales and Dr. Leslie Coleman. He thanked them for their leadership.

Board Chair Announcements:

Ms. McMichael had no announcements.

The Board took a 10-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) to maintain confidentiality, attorney client privilege and discuss matters related to personnel according to state law. Ms. Alston seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

Action: Ms. Alston moved to return to open session, seconded by Ms. Rakestraw. The vote was 7/0.

OPEN SESSION

Board Delegates for NCSBA Annual Conference:

Ms. McMichael asked for those attending the NCSBA Annual Conference to serve as voting delegates for the General Session. Those attending and serving as delegates are Ms. Rakestraw, Ms. Alston, Ms. McMichael, Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Isley as an alternate.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Employments:

—Administrative

—Licensed

Hannah Jeffries

Effective 10/10/22

Jennifer Long

Effective 10/31/22

Casey Davis
Effective 10/20/22

—**Classified**

Julius Galloway
Effective 9/26/22

Lynn Burgess
Effective 10/10/22

Nakia Jones
Effective 10/31/22

Christy Vannoy
Effective 10/17/22

TERMINATIONS:

—**Licensed**

—**Classified**

Williams Phillips
Effective 9/9/22

Trina Simmons
Effective 5/5/22

TRANSFERS:

—**Administration**

—**Licensed**

Latavia Baker-Fall
Effective 10/1/22

Ebony Davis
Effective 10/1/22

—**Classified**

Kelsie Bowser
Effective 8/22/22

Shaikia Dillard
Effective 8/22/22

Cheryl Ellixson
Effective 8/22/22

Marianna Fittante
Effective 8/22/22

Shannon Hazelwood
Effective 8/22/22

Marinda Lee
Effective 8/17/22

Renee L. Brown
Effective 11/1/22

Resignations:

—**Administration**

—**Licensed**

Amy Wyatt
Effective 10/28/22

—**Classified**

Heather Dodson
Effective 10/31/22

William Bottoms
Effective 10/18/22

Taylor King
Effective 11/2/22

Retirements:

—**Administrative**

—**Licensed**

Geneva Robertson
Effective 1/1/23

—**Classified**

Kim Lemons
Effective 11/1/22

Leave Requests:

None

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

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

Minutes read and approved:

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

Mr. John Stover III
Superintendent of Schools

November 14, 2022