

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Central Administrative Offices
511 Harrington Highway
Eden, NC 27288
September 15, 2022
2:00 p.m.
Special Called Board Meeting
Open Session Minutes
(For Board Attorney Interview and Discussion/Vote on Attorney)

Present: Ms. Kimberly McMichael, Chairperson and Vice Chair, Ms. Vicky Alston. Board Members: Mr. Doug Isley, Mr. Bob Wyatt, Mr. Brent Huss, Ms. Paula Rakestraw and Ms. Vickie McKinney. Mr. John Stover, Superintendent. Administrative Staff present; Ms. Renee Ross, Board Assistant was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. McMichael called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL / APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

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

ATTORNEY FIRM INTERVIEW – Poyner and Spruill Law Firm

The Board conducted an interview of Attorney/Partner Brandon McPherson of the Poyner and Spruill Law Firm, PLLC. Other law partners participating in the interview on behalf of the firm were Attorney/Partner Katie Cornetto and Attorney/Partner Brian Shaw.

ATTORNEY FIRM INTERVIEW – Schwartz Law Firm

The Board conducted an interview of Attorney/Partner Richard Schwartz of the Schwartz Law Firm, PLLC. Two additional attorneys participated in the interview on behalf of the firm.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

Discussion and Action to Select Attorney Firm:

The Board discussed the legal firms and their qualifications to serve the district and board. The board determined Poyner and Spruill Law Firm was best suited to represent Rockingham County Schools and Board of Education. The board determined the firm would attend and provide legal counsel beginning with the September 26, 2022 work session. Superintendent Stover will make the needed communication with attorneys Mr. Herman and Mr. McPherson on behalf of the board.

The questions asked are attached (Attachment 1-A).

Action: Mr. Bob Wyatt moved to approve the law firm of Poyner and Spruill, beginning with Service Option #3 services, with the option to change if a different level of service is needed in the future, seconded by Mr. Brent Huss. The vote was 7/0.

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

Minutes read and approved:

Ms. Kimberly McMichael, Chairperson
Rockingham County Board of Education

Mr. John Stover, III
Superintendent of Schools

October 10, 2022