

**Rockingham Board of Education  
Central Administrative Offices  
511 Harrington Highway  
Eden, NC 27288  
March 27, 2023  
Work Session  
6:00 p.m.**

**Open Session Minutes**

Present: Ms. Kimberly McMichael, Board Chair and Ms. Vicky Alston, Vice Chair. Board Members: Mr. Philip Butler, Mr. Brent Huss, 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.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. McMichael called the meeting to order.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. McMichael announced the next Board meeting is scheduled at 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 17, 2023. The meeting will be held at the Central Administrative Offices, 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC.

There is no work session scheduled in April. Spring break is April 10-14, 2023.

The May Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Central Administrative Offices at 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Board Chair Ms. McMichael requested a moment of silence to remember the victims of today's tragedy at Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee. She requested a moment of prayer from Pastor Tharrington as well.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Alston moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Butler . The vote was 7/0 Unanimously Approved.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Approval - Moss Street/South End Configuration

Ms. McMichael recognized Mr. Stover and Dr. Perkins for comments regarding the Moss Street/South End Configuration. Mr. Stover presented Option 2 in detail and asked the Board to reconsider the option. (Attachment 1-A). Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented.

Action: Ms. Alston moved that the Board approve Mr. Stover's recommendation to have two K-5 Schools with SPLASH at South End as presented. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Approval - Head Start Quality Improvement Budget and Narrative Justification

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Corcoran and Ms. Jumper for comments regarding the 2023-2024 Head Start Quality Improvement Budget and Narrative Justification. Dr. Corcoran and Ms. Jumper presented the Quality Improvement Narrative (Attachment 2-A). To provide inclusive high-quality classrooms, they asked the Board for approval to use the Quality Improvement funds to hire a Mental Health/Disabilities Specialist.

Action: Ms. Rakestraw moved that the Board approve the created position of Mental Health/Disabilities Specialist to be paid out of Head Start funds. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0. Unanimously Approved.

### Approval - Head Start COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) Budget and Narrative Justification

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Corcoran and Ms. Jumper for comments and presentation of the 2023-2024 Head Start COLA Budget and Narrative Justification (Attachment 3-A). Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented.

Action: Ms. Alston moved that the Board approve the Head Start COLA Budget and Narrative Justification as presented. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0. Unanimously Approved.

### Approval - Auditor Contract Renewal

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Ellis for comments regarding the auditor contract renewal. Ms. Ellis presented the contract from Anderson, Wike & Smith for Board approval. (Attachment 4-A). The audit fees will be \$29,500 and \$3,500 for the preparation of the annual financial statements, for a total of \$33,000.

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board approve the Anderson, Wike & Smith as our external auditors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 as presented. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0. Unanimously Approved.

## **REPORTS**

### **Final Discussion of the 2023-2024 Proposed Draft Request Budget**

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Annie Ellis for a presentation of the 2023-2024 proposed request budget. Ms. Ellis presented a powerpoint presentation reviewing the final discussion of the 2023-2024 proposed draft request budget. Ms. Ellis stated the recommended draft request budget will be presented to the board on April 17th for final approval. Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented.

### **2023-2024 Capital Needs Update**

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Young for comments regarding the 2023-2024 capital needs update. Ms. Young presented the 5 year capital plan for Board discussion. Ms. Young stated that she, Mr. Stover and Mr. Rorrer had reviewed all of the district's capital needs and narrowed the list to the following (Attachment 5-A), which she informed is constantly

changing. Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented. No action was taken.

### **CTE Updates**

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Walls for comments regarding the CTE updates. Ms. Walls presented a powerpoint presentation reviewing the CTE updates. Mr. Aleidinger with SparkNC gave a brief overview of their program.

#### **High School Job Fair Dates:**

- Reidsville High School - March 23rd 9:00 - 12:00
- Rockingham Co. High School - April 19th 11:00 - 2:00
- McMichael High School - April 19th 10:00 - 12:00
- Morehead High School in partnership with the Eden Chamber of Commerce and NC Works is hosting a county wide job fair for seniors entering the workforce after graduation at Osborne Baptist Church on May 4, 2023, 11:00 am -6:00 pm
  - MHS and DMHS Seniors - 11:00 - 12:00 pm
  - RCHS and RHS Seniors - 1:00 - 2:00 pm

The Board took a ten-minute break at 7:38 pm.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Action: Mr. Butler moved for the Rockingham County Board of Education to enter Closed Session, to discuss confidential personnel information, pursuant to N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(1), and (a)(6), and to consult with the Board's attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege, pursuant to N.C. General Statute §143.318.11(a)(3). Ms. Rakestraw seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 7/0. The Board moved into closed session at 7:51 pm.

(Mr. Huss left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.)

Action: Ms. McKinney moved to return to open session, seconded by Ms. Alston. The motion carried on a vote of 6/0.

### **OPEN SESSION**

#### **Employments:**

##### **—Classified**

Christy R. Cook

Effective 3/13/23

Taylor N. Murray

Effective 3/20/23



—**Substitutes**

Brenna Funez  
Jennifer J. Niemczura  
Malcolm Pickard

**Transfers:**

—**Classified**

Robert G. Riddle  
Effective 3/06/23

**Resignation:**

—**Licensed**

Latavia Y. Baker-Fall  
Effective 3/27/23

Jane P. Frazier  
Effective 3/16/23

Deirdre L. Moyer  
Effective 4/14/23

—**Classified**

Brenna L. Funez  
Effective 3/20/23  
Jennifer J. Niemczura  
Effective 3/13/23  
Georganna H. O'Dell  
Effective 3/20/23

**Retirements:**

—**Licensed**

Shannon M. Biggs  
Effective 6/30/23  
Gwendolyn D. Garrett  
Effective 6/30/23

—**Classified**

Angela L. Haskins  
Effective 6/30/23  
Janet G. Winn  
Effective 6/30/23

**Employments Addendum:**

**—Licensed**

Brandon R. Holgersen

Effective 4/17/23

Mary J. Steward

Effective 4/10/23

**—Classified**

Tabetha W. Franckowiak

Effective 4/05/23

Charity E. Keen

Effective 4/06/23

Georganna H. O'Dell

Effective 4/03/23

Stephen A. Pickard

Effective 3/27/23

Renee S. Vestal

Effective 3/27/23

Sylvia C. West

Effective 4/03/23

**Transfers Addendum**

**—Licensed**

Vivian W. Moore

Effective 5/01/23

**—Classified**

Christy R. Cook

Effective 3/21/23

Shannon T. Hazelwood

Effective 4/01/23

Renee S. Vestal

Effective 3/27/23

**Resignations Addendum**

**—Classified**

Janice J. Smith

Effective 2/17/23

**Retirements Addendum**

**—Licensed**

Maegan M. Shaffner

Effective 6/13/23

**—Classified**

Nancy N. Price

Effective 6/30/23

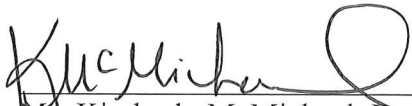
Dollie G. Wilmoth


Effective 6/30/23

Action: Mr. Butler moved to accept the personnel report and addendum, seconded by Ms. Alston. The vote was 6/0. Unanimously Approved.

Action: Mr. Butler moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. McKinney. The motion carried on a vote of 6/0.

Minutes read and approved:

  
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Ms. Kimberly McMichael, Board Chair  
County Board of Education

  
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Mr. Shawn Stover III Rockingham  
Superintendent of Schools

April 17, 2023