

**Rockingham Board of Education
Central Administrative Offices
511 Harrington Highway
Eden, NC 27288
January 08, 2024
Regular Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.**

Open Session Minutes

Present: Ms. Vickie McKinney, Vice Chair. Board Members: Mr. Philip Butler, Mr. Brent Huss, Ms. Kimberly McMichael, Ms. Paula Rakestraw and Mr. Bob Wyatt. Administrative staff: Dr. 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; Ms. Annie Ellis, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Dean Richardson, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Brandon McPherson, Board Attorney and Ms. Renee Brown, Board Assistant were present.
Absent: Ms. Vicky Alston, Board Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. McKinney called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The Board members stated their names. Six members were present at roll call. Ms. Alston was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a Work Session scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2024. The meeting begins at 12:00 p.m. at McMichael High School Media Center, located at 6845 Hwy. 135, Mayodan, NC.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2024. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Administrative Offices located at 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC.

Ms. McKinney announced the 2024 Board Committees as follows:

Policy Committee - Vicky Alston, Vickie McKinney, Kimberly McMichael

Finance Committee - Paula Rakestraw, Brent Huss, Philip Butler

Facility/Capital Committee - Kimberly McMichael and Paula Rakestraw

Workforce Development - Bob Wyatt and Kimberly McMichael

Safety Committee - Vicky Alston, Philip Butler, Bob Wyatt

County Commissioner Liaison - Paula Rakestraw

Head Start Policy Council - Paula Rakestraw

MOMENT OF PRAYER

Pastor Chris Burns from Draper Pentecostal Holiness Church, in Eden, N.C. gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wyatt led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. McMichael moved to table item 7.1, Approval of ELA Adoption, until the next work session on Monday, January 22, 2024, seconded by Mr. Huss. The vote was 6/0. Unanimously Approved.

Mr. Wyatt moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Ms. McMichael. The vote was 6/0. Unanimously Approved.

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Stover and Ms. Martin recognized the following RCS teachers who have successfully renewed their National Board certification through the MOC process.

Renewal Certification

Cher Adkins - Instructional Coach at Central Elementary School

Michael Belter - Social Studies Teacher at Rockingham County High School

Shannon Boyd - English Teacher at Reidsville High School

Amy Dowdle - Exceptional Children's Teacher at Rockingham County Middle School

Rachel Gillem - Teacher at Central Elementary School

Christy Hensley - Career Development Coordinator at Morehead High School

Jennifer Jones - English Teacher at Reidsville High School

Lisa Noe - Teacher at Central Elementary School

Melissa Pugh - Band Teacher at Holmes Middle School

Jennifer Rash - Instructional Coach based at Rockingham County High School

Dana Tucker - Exceptional Children's Teacher at Stoneville Elementary School

Brian Vincent - Teacher at Huntsville Elementary School

Angela Wilson - English Teacher at Rockingham County High School

Dr. Stover and Dr. Perkins recognized schools for achieving academic growth under North Carolina's accountability system. The awards were as follows:

Academic Growth Award

Douglass Elementary

John W. Dillard Academy

Leaksville-Spray Elementary

South End Elementary

Stoneville Elementary

Exceeded Academic Growth Award

Huntsville Elementary

Lincoln Elementary

Rockingham County Early College High

Rockingham County High

Rockingham County Middle

Wentworth Elementary

Western Rockingham Middle

Achieving An Outstanding Graduation Rate of 98%

Rockingham Early College High School

Dr. Stover recognized Reidsville High School for the 2023 2A Football Championship.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / BOARD COMMENTS

Public Comments:

None

Board Members Made Comments

CONSENT AGENDA

Presented consent items for Board consideration:

1. Approval Consent Item - Gifts, Grants and Donations - Ms. Annie Ellis
2. Approval Consent - Head Start Program Monthly Budget Update - Ms. Annie Ellis
3. Approval Consent - Board Policies for Adoption - Dr. Cindy Corcoran
4. Approval Consent - Open Session Board Minutes:
December 11, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting
5. Approval Consent - Board Member Training Credit For Carolina Liberty Conference 2024

Action: Ms. Rakestraw moved that the Board approve the consent items as presented.
Ms. McMichael seconded the motion. The vote was 6/0. Unanimously
Approved.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval - ELA Adoption

- Item tabled until the work session on Monday, January 22, 2024. **No Action.**

Approval - First Reading 2024-2025 RCS Traditional Calendar

Ms. McKinney recognized Dr. Perkins for comments regarding the 2024-2025 RCS Traditional Calendar. Dr. Perkins presented the traditional 2024-2025 school calendar for first reading. Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented.

Action: No action was taken. This should have been a report item.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent's Report

Ms. McKinney recognized Dr. Stover for the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Stover highlighted on the following areas:

- The County Commissioners approved our requests/plans for maintaining our facilities.
- RCS Connected Update
 - Strategic Blueprint Updates
 - We sent out a 10-question survey to staff last week
 - Showed example
 - We were accepted to be a part of the NCTF pilot "grow your own program"
 - We are holding meetings to let staff members know about the Advanced Teaching Roles Pilot.

**This Month's Durable Skill: Adaptability

Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented.

Board Chair Announcements

None

The Board took a ten-minute break at 6:52 p.m.

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. McMichael seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6/0. The Board moved into closed session at 7:02 pm.

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

OPEN SESSION

Recommendations:

—Licensed

Amy Elledge

Effective 1/4/24

Samantha Gregory

Effective 1/2/24

Larry Jr. Harrison

Effective TBD

—Classified

Ashley Elmendorf

Effective 1/2/24

Carmen Grimaldo

Effective 1/8/24

Angela Haskins

Effective 1/2/24

Rashawn McNeal

Effective 1/2/24

Substitutes:

Substitute Teacher

Gwen Garrett

Effective 1/2/24

Assignment Changes:

—Licensed

Erin French
Effective 1/16/24

—**Classified**

David Blausen
Effective 1/2/24

Carla Booth
Effective 12/13/23

Lisa Burroughs
Effective 1/2/24

Sara Eaton
Effective 1/2/24

Jennifer Flynt
Effective 1/2/24

Charity Keen
Effective 1/3/24

Teresa Moore
Effective 1/3/24

Mandy Randall
Effective 1/2/24

Carol Shaffer
Effective 10/16/23

Julian Slaydon
Effective 1/2/24

Fred Thornton
Effective 1/3/24

Separations: No Board Action Required

—**Licensed**

Marissa Casper
Effective 1/31/24

Abigail Plymale
Effective 12/19/23

Domonique Vas
Effective 1/23/24

—**Classified**

Tammy Feller
Effective 12/15/23

Terry York
Effective 10/20/23

Retirements: No Board Action Required

—**Licensed**

Colette Broadnax
Effective 12/31/23

Laurie Erickson
Effective 1/31/24
Melanie Hamilton
Effective 12/31/23

—**Classified**

Margaret Gray
Effective 12/31/23
Ronald Klinger
Effective 12/31/23

Cynthia Lewis
Effective 12/31/23

Jane Valentine
Effective 12/31/23

**Employments Addendum:
Recommendations:**

—**Classified**

Amanda Smith
Effective 12/11/23

Substitutes:

Substitute Teacher

Brooke Biggs
Effective 1/4/24
Quentyn Pinnix
Effective 1/5/24

Assignment Changes:

Classified

Amber Hooper
Effective 1/2/24

—**Licensed**

Melinda Learned
Effective 1/2/24

Administrator Recommendations

David Edrington
Effective TBD

Separations: No Board Action Required

—**Classified**

Addyson Fain
Effective 12/18/23
Malerie Neal
Effective 12/19/23
Ronnie Wimbush
Effective 1/3/24

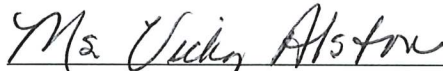
—Licensed

Morgan Kinsey
Effective 2/13/24

Action: Mr. Butler moved to accept the personnel report as presented. Seconded by Ms. McMichael, motion carried on a vote of 6/0.

Action: Mr. Butler moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Rakestraw. The vote passed 6/0.

Minutes read and approved:



Ms. Vicky Alston, Board Chair
Rockingham County Board of Education



Dr. Shawn Stover III
Superintendent of Schools

February 12, 2024

