

**Rockingham Board of Education
Central Administrative Offices
511 Harrington Highway
Eden, NC 27288
June 12, 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, Mr. Brent Huss, Ms. Vickie McKinney, 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; 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 there is no work session scheduled in June.

There is a Special Called Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. via ZOOM. The public will view via live stream. The Special Called Meeting is for approval of year-end budget amendments to close out the 2022-2023 school year.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2023. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. at Central Administrative Offices located at 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC.

MOMENT OF PRAYER

Pastor James Tharrington from Evangel Fellowship Reidsville Church of God in Christ, in Reidsville, N.C. gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wyatt led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the agenda, removing item 8.5. Ms. Rakestraw made a motion to amend the agenda, moving item 8.4 to closed session after a brief presentation due to safety and emergency response being a closed session item, seconded by Ms. Alston. The vote was 7/0, Unanimously Approved.

RECOGNITIONS

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Stover for the Participate Learning Teacher of the Year. Dr. Stover recognized Ms. Herrera, a fourth grade teacher in the dual language program at Bethany Elementary School. Ms. Herrera was named 2023 Participate Learning Teacher of the Year. The award honors Ms. Herrera for her dedication to global education and commitment to her students, colleagues, and

community of more than 1500 educators. Ms. Herrera, who is from Colombia, is finishing her fourth year as an Ambassador Teacher with Participate Learning working in Rockingham County Schools.

RECOGNITIONS BY THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

The Air Force Association recognized Ms. Ore and Ms. Clegg as well as the Dan River Composite Squadron for their collaboration with Rockingham County Middle School. They received the 2023 National ACE Plus Collaborative Team Award. Dan River Composite Squadron took the initiative to not only recruit two middle school science teachers as new CAP Aerospace Education Members, but to also ignite an interest in them to register for the Aerospace Connections in Education (ACE) program with their almost 200 6th and 7th grade students at Rockingham Middle School. Capt. Brent Wooters, took on the challenge of having his squadron “adopt” these two classes in the ACE Plus: Squadron-Classroom Adopt Program. He exemplifies true visionary leadership.

Ms. McMichael recognized Commissioner Berger for being present at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / BOARD COMMENTS

Public Comments:

1. Olivia Bradley
2. Dan Stephens
3. Therese Lewis
4. Doug Isley
5. Matthew Longbrake

Board Comments:

Mr. Huss stated that during Bob’s presentation of the flag, he was reminded how fortunate we are to live in this country. He compared it to a time when he was traveling in foreign lands and saw something being built and made a remark to the tour guide that it was dumb and that they were wasting money. The tour guide went on to stress that it was the government, and you don't question the government; you don't say anything or you'll be put in jail. Mr. Huss stated that while this country has flaws, it is still the best.

Mr. Butler announced that Rockingham County is doing free river tubing on Saturday, June 24th. You can go to www.rockinghamcountync.gov to sign up. He stated that he went out to Morehead High School and visited the student health center. He couldn’t believe how many services they offer. They administer vaccinations, conduct tests, perform physical examinations, and so on. This is a great service that they offer, and I’m glad to know that we have these services available for our students. The health centers are located at all four of our high schools.

Ms. Alston stated that there have been many highlights, but I think judging the senior projects at RCHS was one of the best. The students were so innovative and creative, and it was phenomenal to be a part of that this year. There are so many good things going on in Rockingham County Schools. We are so proud of each and every one of our students. Our graduating seniors are going to do great things.

Ms. McKinney stated she had the privilege of attending Morehead High School's graduation on Friday night. It was fantastic. Of course it’s very near and dear to my heart because it is my alma mater. At the end of graduation, the parents paid for fireworks. It was very nice to see all the children walk across the stage and receive their diplomas that they have worked so hard to earn. Ms. Mckinney commented that Olivia Bradley’s presentation was one of the best she has seen from a young person.

Ms. Rakestraw congratulated all the graduates from kindergarten, fifth grade, eighth grade, and high school. It is great to see the appreciation and pride between families and schools. It is truly a partnership. We can't make it work without family support. She thanked all of our families, teachers, and principals for getting our students to the end of the year. Ms. Rakestraw stated that it is a team effort. She commented that we might not be blood related, but we have a common goal that unites us.

Mr. Wyatt praised Olivia Bradley with the FFA for her presentation tonight. He stated that in 1958, he was a green hand in FFA. Mr. Wyatt said he still remembers the creed and believes in the future of farming. Sheriff Page was recognized by Mr. Wyatt as a former airman. Mr. Wyatt remarked that he attended two graduation ceremonies and was quite impressed, but the valedictorian and salutatorians are still not recognized at the ceremonies. He stated that this was unacceptable. It is important for parents to see their children's success.

Ms. McMichael thanked the Air Force Association and the people who came and made public comments and expressed their concerns. Board members are not allowed to answer your questions, and we can't make comments, but we do hear you. Ms. McMichael told Olivia that she was proud of her and thanked her for coming. She stated that Rockingham certainly needs an academy, and I appreciate you and your mom advocating for RCHS. Ms. McMichael stated that she was able to attend several graduations. She stated that her oldest graduated this year. She commented that she appreciates all the time staff puts into preparing for these ceremonies. She thanked all the staff for everything they do to support our students and community.

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 - Budget Amendments - Ms. Annie Ellis (Attachment 1-A)
4. Approval Consent - Errors and Omissions General Liability Insurance - Fleet Insurance, Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal with NC School Boards Trust - Ms. Annie Ellis (Attachment 2-A)
5. Approval Consent - School Accident & Athletic Insurance Coverage Fiscal Year 2023-2024 - Ms. Annie Ellis
6. Approval Consent - Adoption of Board Policies - Dr. Cindy Corcoran
7. Approval Consent - Purchase of Chromebooks with ESSER Funds - Dr. Charles Perkins, Ms. Erselle Young & Ms. Kacey Sensenich
8. Approval Consent - Board Minutes:
 - May 8, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Action: Ms. Alston moved that the Board approve the consent items as presented.
Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was 6/0/1. Unanimously Approved. Ms. Rakestraw recused herself.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Operations & Logistics Update - Ms. Young & Operations Team

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Young for an Operations & Logistics Update. Ms. Young presented a PowerPoint presentation. She went over all the maintenance projects by zone. Mr.

Kelley gave an energy facilitator update. Mr. Gladieux updated the Board on the safety/ PIO achievements and future goals. Mr. Cox also gave an update on the following:

Transportation Department

- Stop Arm Violation Form - SEON Cameras
- Smart School Bus Safety Pilot - DPI Grant Award: \$745,149
- Samsara GPS - Parent Portal
- Web School Assistant - Web School Query
- Tablets
- Athena Routing Software Platform
- VW Phase 2 School Bus Grant
- Obsolete School Bus Parts Inventory Project
- Fuel Management System Upgrade - Upcoming Project
- Service Trucks - Upgrades paid for by DPI - Contingency Funding (\$380,521 for FY 2022-2023)

Dr. Cassell gave an update on the following:

School Nutrition

- 1,668,089 Meals Served 2022-2023
- Grants Awarded 2022-23
- Equipment Purchased In 2022-2023
- Upcoming Equipment To Be Purchased
- Community Eligibility Provision
- Summer Feeding

Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Stover stated, now that we have completed our high school graduations, which were wonderful, in particular, our student speakers did an amazing job at each of the graduations. I'm hoping to get copies of those speeches so that I can send them out to the Board. He thanked the Board for their support, advice, and patience as he has gotten reacclimated to North Carolina education after being gone for 15 years. Dr. Stover commented that we have had a great year because of our partnership, our great students, our wonderful parents, and our amazing staff. He recognized Ms. Sensenich for her service in leading our Technology Department for so many years. She has shepherded us through some of our biggest challenges. Ms. Sensenich is very much a team-focused servant leader who assembled an all-star team that is responsive, customer service-oriented, and dedicated to our district. So much of what they do is behind the scenes, but our district is safer and more able to take on whatever challenge hits us because of her leadership and the work of her team. He thanked Ms. Sensenich for her leadership and stated that we will miss her service to the district. District C Teamship starts on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. They will be pitching their ideas on the 22nd. We were notified last week that we have been recognized as an efficient and healthy school system by the US Department of Energy in conjunction with or in collaboration with the Department of Ed and the EPA. They have created this recognition to recognize efforts to improve energy efficiency and support a healthy learning environment. We, along with JCI have been recognized for this award. The virtual celebration will take place in late June.

Board Chair Announcements

Ms. McMichael stated she received an email regarding Ms. Pless, a teacher at Bethany Elementary School, going the extra mile to show love to a special young lady. She thanked her and told her how much we appreciate that, and I know that she's not the only teacher that does that; we just so happened to receive this really nice email about how she went above and beyond to meet a particular student's needs. She commented that she knows we have teachers everywhere in our district showing the same acts of love. On behalf of the Board, we just want to thank you for taking the time to give students a silent redirection instead of correcting them in front of everyone. Ms. McMichael stated that she hopes everyone has a great summer.

Ms. McMichael had a moment of silence to honor Mr. Patterson. Mr. Patterson was a bus driver at Leaksville Spray Elementary who passed away unexpectedly.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval - Interim Budget Resolution July 1, 2023 thru October 31, 2023

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Ellis for comments regarding the interim budget resolution. Ms. Ellis presented the interim budget resolution for July 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023 for board approval (Attachment 3-A). Ms. Ellis requested board approval for the interim budget resolution.

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

Approval - Resolution to Support myFutureNC

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Stover for his presentation for board consideration and approval. Dr. Stover presented a resolution document to support the myFutureNC attainment goal (Attachment 4-A). Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented.

Action: Ms. McKinney moved that the Board approve the resolution to support myFutureNC as presented. Mr. Huss seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0. Unanimously Approved.

Approval - Cropper GIS Consulting & OREd Proposals

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Stover for proposals to engage in a building capacity study, a demographic trend analysis, and a realignment study. Dr. Stover presented the proposals from Cropper GIS (Attachment 5-A). Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented.

Action: No vote was taken at this meeting.

Approval - Head Start Program Decision Point Memo - Moved to Closed Session

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Corcoran and Ms. Jumper. Dr. Corcoran stated that Rockingham County Schools houses (2) of the eleven (11) Head Start classrooms at Draper School building in Eden. Ongoing maintenance repairs has created the need for the Board to make a decision about the future of the Head Start classrooms at this site. In order to address this request and the time it requires to get new classrooms approved for licensing, Head Start needs feedback on this recommendation by June 12, 2023. Staff shared a decision point memo outlining the timeline, background and context with options for Board consideration (Attachment 6-A).

Action: No vote was taken. Further discussion in closed session.

Approval - Options for Unpredicted Cost to the RHS Football Complex: (Board removed item from agenda.) **The Board amended the agenda to remove this item.**

The Board took a ten-minute break

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 8:10 pm.

Mr. Huss left the meeting at 8:00 pm.

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

OPEN SESSION

Employments:

—Licensed

Danielle L. Hendren

Effective 8/17/23

Torrie B. Pegram

Effective 8/17/23

—**Classified**

Noe B. Juarez

Effective 5/17/23

Ashley M. Smith

Effective 5/22/23

Shannon A. Smith

Effective 8/17/23

—**Substitutes**

Ruth Brame

Effective 5/19/23

Transfers:

—**Licensed**

Misty L. Attaway

Effective 8/17/23

Sydney S. Gammons

Effective 8/17/23

Jazmin Green

Effective 8/17/23

Ashley A. Hamlett

Effective 8/17/23

Mary C. Huss

Effective 8/17/23

Jennifer Lovings

Effective 8/17/23

Lisa Y. Noe

Effective 8/17/23

Keith Rush

Effective 8/17/23

William O. Sensenich

Effective 8/17/23

Alesia J. Smith

Effective 8/17/23

Laura S. Southard

Effective 8/17/23

Maria A. Villalpando

Effective 8/17/23

—**Classified**

Abbey L. Corbin

Effective 8/17/23

Stephen C. Hylton

Effective 8/17/23

Stephen A. Pickard

Effective 5/22/23

Shannon Smith

Effective 5/22/23

Katy E. Sparks

Effective 8/17/23

Resignation:

—Licensed

Maida B. Bosch

Effective 6/12/23

Heather G. Chrapliwy

Effective 6/26/23

Kathryn E. Cole

Effective 6/30/23

Joshua M. Evans

Effective 6/30/23

James Jr. Epps

Effective 6/30/23

Meredith S. Rodrigues

Effective 6/13/23

Kacey M. Sensenich

Effective 6/30/23

James D. Teague

Effective 6/07/23

—Classified

Nicole P. Ashe

Effective 5/04/23

Casey M. Crawford

Effective 6/08/23

Georganna H. O'Dell

Effective 5/24/23

Lauretta R. Parker

Effective 6/13/23

Jamie N. Soodek

Effective 6/22/23

Retirements:

—Classified

Debra O. Benjamin-Barnes

Effective 5/31/23

Angela D. Elliot

Effective 7/14/23

Timothy L. Mabe

Effective 6/30/23

Employments Addendum:

—Licensed

Emily N. Allen

Effective 8/17/23

Titia N. Begley

Effective 8/17/23

Noah W. Brookshire

Effective 8/17/23

Shelley D. Greer

Effective 8/17/23

Taylor N. Greer

Effective 8/17/23

Carla D. Grissom

Effective 8/17/23

Amy C. Jay

Effective 8/17/23

Marbella F. Sanchez

Effective 8/17/23

Thomas J. Sladky

Effective 8/17/23

August D. Soloman

Effective 8/17/23

Katelyn E. Talbott

Effective 8/17/23

—Classified

Cindy K. Thomas

Effective 5/03/23

Transfers Addendum

—Licensed

Leslie Coleman-Cassell

Effective 7/01/23

Gina Gammons

Effective 8/17/23

Jessica M. Gillie

Effective 8/17/23

Lauren R. Grogan

Effective 8/17/23

Nan E. Joyce

Effective 8/17/23

Adam T. Martin
Effective 8/17/23

Irma G. Ortiz
Effective 8/17/23

Stephanie B. Stephens
Effective 8/17/23

Yolanda D. Stubblefield
Effective 8/17/23

Constance R. Weddle
Effective 8/17/23

Sara M. Wright
Effective 8/17/23

—**Classified**

Elizabeth M. Coates
Effective 8/17/23

Tina N. Hensley
Effective 8/17/23

Dewey W. Smith
Effective 6/19/23

Robert A. Steffan
Effective 7/01/23

Resignations Addendum

—**Licensed**

Samuel R. Boerdoom
Effective 6/30/23

Maureen C. Funkhouser
Effective 6/13/23

Cheryl C. Lampley
Effective 6/13/23

William E. Tanner
Effective 6/14/23

Joanne L. Toby
Effective 6/28/23

—**Classified**

Adorraha N. Hampton
Effective 6/13/23

Hollie Jachimiak
Effective 6/29/23

Katie Moore
Effective 7/13/23

Retirements Addendum

—Classified

Timothy Mabe

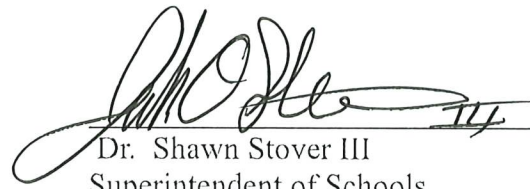
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Action: Ms. Alston moved to accept the personnel report as presented. Seconded by Ms. Rakestraw, motion carried on a 4/2 vote.

Action: Upon motion by Ms. Rakestraw and second by Mr. Butler, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:44 p.m.

Minutes read and approved:


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


Dr. Shawn Stover III
Superintendent of Schools

July 10, 2023

