

**Rockingham Board of Education
Wentworth Elementary School
Media Center
8806 NC Hwy. 87
Reidsville, NC 27320
February 26, 2024
Work Session
12:00 Noon**

Open Session Minutes

Present: Ms. Vicky Alston, Board Chair and 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.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Alston called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The Board members stated their names. Seven members were present at roll call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2024. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. at Central Administrative Offices located at 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC.

The next work session is scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2024, beginning at 12:00 noon at Western Rock Middle School, 915 NW Ayersville Road, Madison, NC.

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Ms. Alston formally acknowledged Congresswoman Virginia Foxx, Councilman Dennis Paschal and Commissioner Kevin Berger and expressed gratitude for their presence at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ACTION ITEMS

Approval - 2023-24 RCC - Early College Calendar Conflict March 29 / April 1 - Designation of the Holiday - Dr. Charles Perkins

Ms. Alston recognized Dr. Perkins for comments regarding the 2023-24 RECHS calendar adjustment. Dr. Perkins stated that the current year calendar for RECHS needs revisiting. Rockingham Community College is closed on Friday, March 29, 2024 in recognition of the Good Friday holiday. RECHS and

RCS recognize the holiday on Monday, April 1, 2024. Students at RECHS who are in RCC courses must follow the RCC calendar. Upon recommendation from Principal Carter, we propose a Remote Learning Day on Friday, March 29, 2024 and maintain the holiday on Monday, April 1, 2024. The only other option would be to make March 29, 2024 a holiday for RECHS and April 1, 2024 a regular student day.

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board approve the recommendation from staff making Friday, March 29, 2024 a Remote Learning Day for RECHS and maintain the holiday on Monday, April 1, 2024. Ms. McMichael seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0. Unanimously Approved.

Approval - Proposal for 2023-24 Summer School / Retesting Program - Mr. Jason Hyler

Ms. Alston recognized Mr. Hyler for comments regarding a summer school retesting plan. Mr. Hyler presented the local plan for summer school and retesting. Mr. Hyler requested Board approval for the local plan. Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented. **(Attachment 1-A)**

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board approve the summer school and retesting plan as presented. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0. Unanimously Approved.

Approval - Purchase of Anatomage Table for RCHS - Ms. Nina Walls

Ms. Alston recognized Ms. Walls for her presentation of the Anatomage table. Ms. Walls presented a PowerPoint presentation and shared a video demonstrating the features of the Anatomage table. The cost of the table is \$90,000, inclusive of a five-year warranty, installation, and training. Ms. Walls requested Board approval for the purchase of the Anatomage table. Board members engaged by asking questions and providing comments on the information presented.

Action: Ms. McMichael moved that the Board approve the purchase of the Anatomage table, as presented. Ms. Rakestraw seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/1.

Approval -RCS Early Learning Head Start Program Low Cost Extension Justification and Approval - Dr. Cindy Corcoran and Ms. Rhonda Jumper

Dr. Corcoran and Ms. Jumper presented the revised narrative and budget justification for the RCS Early Head Start program. Ms. Jumper reviewed each item on the budget for board approval. **(Attachment 2-A)** Board members commented on the information presented.

Action: Ms. McMichael moved that the Board approve the revised RCS Early Learning Head Start Program Low Cost Extension Justification as presented. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Behavioral Health & Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Report - Dr. Cindy Corcoran, Dr. Pam Watkins, Ms. Jan Ball-Brooks, Ms. Amanda Vernon and Ms. Amy Wilson

Ms. Alston recognized staff for comments regarding the (SISP) annual report. The Instructional Support Services Department Team presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing their department. Dr. Corcoran presented the RCS Instructional Support Services Department's annual report.

Highlights:

- Overview
- Multi-Tiered System of Support
- Facilitated Assessment of MTSS
- Professional Development
- Specialized Instructional Support Personnel

- SISP Ratio and Data
- Exceptional Children's Department

Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented.

District Efforts to Reduce Chronic Absenteeism - Dr. Cindy Corcoran

Ms. Alston recognized Dr. Corcoran for her report. Dr. Corcoran shared a PowerPoint presentation: A Commitment to Addressing Chronic Absenteeism. Student success starts with attendance.

Highlights:

- Policy Nudges
- Resources for Administrators
- Resources for Teachers
- Using Data and Resources
- Implementation and Monitoring Progress
- Science of Learning and Development
- The Real Challenge

Establishing A District-Wide Commitment: At Rockingham County, improving student attendance is a district-wide priority because there is a strong link between school attendance and student achievement. Therefore, we want to establish a unified commitment to reducing student absences in all schools across the district. Rockingham School District affirms and supports the following three-pronged strategy for reducing absenteeism in our schools:

1. Each school will establish practices designed to communicate with all parents when to send their child to school and why it is crucial for student success. Each school will design its own unique strategies with the assistance of the School Improvement Team to combat chronic absenteeism.
2. Each school will establish practices designed to ensure all students want to and feel able to be in school each day.
3. Each school will establish clearly defined roles for teachers in their work to reduce student absences, then provide those teachers with the support they need to be successful.

Dr. Corcoran went over the Peak 5 Steps of Success. Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented.

Student Assignment Timeline 2024-2025 - Dr. Cindy Corcoran

Ms. Alston recognized Dr. Corcoran for comments regarding the 2024-2025 Student Assignment Timeline. Dr. Corcoran presented the Student Assignment Timeline. She stated that applicants for reassignment will be made available on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at all RCS Schools, the Central Office, or online. All new reassignment application forms for students reassignment are due on May 1, 2024. Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented.

2024-2025 Proposed Budget - Ms. Annie Ellis

Ms. Alston recognized Ms. Ellis for her 2024-25 proposed budget report. Ms. Ellis stated that the revised draft budget was provided to Board members on February 19th. She presented a presentation regarding the 2024-2025 proposed budget to the Board. She commented that the plan is to bring the final proposed budget to the Board for approval at the March 11th regular board meeting. Dr. Stover also contributed to the presentation. Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented. **(Attachment 3-A)**

Mr. Huss left the meeting at 1:55 pm.

Parent Organizations Report - Dr. Stover

Ms. Alston recognized Dr. Stover for his report. Dr. Stover presented the 2024 Parent Organization Report to the Board. Board members commented on the information presented.

(Attachment 4-A)

Committee Reports

Each committee listed below presented the following information: Committee Members, Goal of the Committee and Summary of Actions

- Safety Committee - Presented by Mr. Butler
- Board Policy Committee - Presented by Ms. McKinney
- Finance Committee - Presented by Ms. Rakestraw

The Board took a five-minute break at 2:26 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. McMichael seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6/0. The Board moved into closed session at 2:34 pm.

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

OPEN SESSION

Recommendations:

—Classified

Aleiah Parker

Effective 2/26/24

Melissa Walker

Effective 2/26/24

Substitutes:

School Nutrition

Luke Bray

Effective 2/19/24

Substitute Teachers

Savannah Kapp
Effective 2/16/24
Sherri Kirk
Effective 2/12/24
Brittany Lindsay
Effective 2/12/24
Erica Poindexter
Effective 2/15/24
Elena Webster
Effective 2/14/24

Assignment Changes:

—Classified

Tiffaney Martin
Effective 2/22/24
Virna Withers
Effective 3/04/24

Separations: No Board Action Required

—Classified

Ashton White
Effective 2/23/24

Retirements: No Board Action Required

Gary Cassidy
Effective 2/29/24
Craig Pratt
Effective 3/31/24

Employments Addendum:

Recommendations:

—Licensed

Brian Robertson
Effective 3/14/24

—Classified

Jalissa Dickerson
Effective 2/26/24
Alexis Galloway
Effective 2/26/24
Chelsea Lopez
Effective 2/26/24
James Murray
Effective 3/04/24

Substitutes:

Substitute Teachers

Allison Mears

Effective 2/20/24

Jasmine Perry

Effective 2/21/24

Kynesha Scales

Effective 2/21/24

Assignment Changes:

—Classified

Scott Dickman

Effective 2/29/24

Robin Hayes

Effective 2/19/24

Donna Moore-Jessie

Effective TBD

Stephen Pickard

Effective 2/29/24

—Licensed

Christine Smith

Effective 2/14/24

Separations: No Board Action Required

—Licensed

Robert Behler

Effective 3/22/24

Amanda Hoag

Effective 3/08/24

—Retirements: No Board Action Required

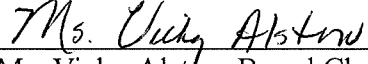
Craig Pratt

Effective 3/31/24

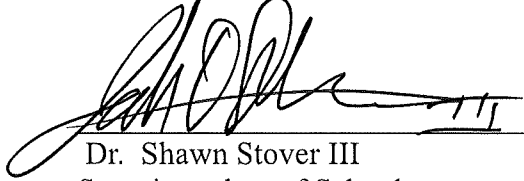
Action: Ms. McKinney moved to accept the personnel report as presented. Seconded by Ms. McMichael, motion carried on a vote of 6/0.

Action: Upon motion by Mr. Butler and second by Ms. McMichael, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes read and approved:



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



Dr. Shawn Stover III
Superintendent of Schools

March 11, 2024

