

**Rockingham Board of Education
Central Administrative Offices
511 Harrington Highway
Eden, NC 27288
April 17, 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; 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 for Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Central Administrative Offices at 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC.

There is no work session scheduled in April. The May Work Session is scheduled at 12:00 noon for Monday, May 22, 2023 at Rockingham County High School Media Center located at 180 High School Road, Reidsville, NC.

On April 18 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Rockingham County Schools will hold a career fair at the Agricultural Center in Wentworth for all classified employees, such as bus drivers, cafeteria staff, bus monitors, teacher assistants, etc.

The RCS 2023 Employee Retirement Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at the Wright Memorial Event Center located at 184 Slaydon Road, Eden. The banquet begins at 6:00 p.m.

MOMENT OF PRAYER

Pastor William Hairston from Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Reidsville, N.C. gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rockingham County Civil Air Patrol Squadron Cadets led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

RECOGNITIONS

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Walls for CTE recognitions. Ms. Walls and Dr. Perkins recognized the Morehead High School Robotics Team.

Robotics State Competition Results

Quarter Finals

- 9064W Jacob Wakefield, Noraze Gill and Graham Latham

Semifinals

- 9064Z Alex Hopper and Garrett Darst- they finished the qualification rounds as the first seed

Finals

- 9064X Levi Brady and Eric Dooley

The team finished 2nd overall and won the Design Award which qualifies them for the World Championships in Dallas April 25th - 27th. The team advisor is Max Dooley.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / BOARD COMMENTS

Public Comments:

1. Eric Smith

Board Comments:

Mr. Butler thanked Joe Walker from Reidsville High School for helping him get soccer nets for South End School in such a timely manner. Mr. Butler stated that he visited Northern High School and attended a presentation that they did on fentanyl. He mentioned that he would like to see us do some proactive seminars for our parents to make them aware of the fentanyl dangers. There's no such thing as experimenting with drugs anymore. If you get hooked on fentanyl, it's going to kill you.

Mr. Huss recognized Holmes Middle School for coming in second place in the Battle of the Books competition. He passed around the gift that the students designed and programmed for their team leader. He stated how impressed he was with their creation.

Ms. Alston thanked the Civil Air Patrol for being present tonight. She recognized the Morehead High School Robotics Team for a job well done. Ms. Alston congratulated Mr. Stover, who is now Dr. Stover. He finished his thesis, and we are so proud of him. She stated that she had the honor of going to the ACC banquet the other night. It was a fantastic evening seeing all the accomplishments from all four of our high schools. The students were just wonderful.

Ms. Rakestraw thanked everyone for coming out tonight. She talked about the importance of field trips for our schools. Ms. Rakestraw thanked Ms. Clegg for thinking outside the box and bringing field trips inside the classroom too. She stated that she appreciated what Mr. Smith had to say about the exchange students because that's another form of helping our students understand that there's a world outside of ourselves. Ms. Rakestraw stated that the exchange students have made a big impact on my own family, and we have people who have become part of our family as a result of the exchange program. She commented that she wants to make sure our schools continue to do field trips. COVID interrupted a lot of that, but hopefully we are getting field trips back on schedule because they reinforce the learning that's taking place in the classroom for our students. Ms. Rakestraw announced that the Special Olympics is on April 28th at Freedom Park this year. If you are interested in volunteering, please do so; it's always a fun event. I hope everyone had a great spring break.

Ms. McKinney thanked the Civil Air Patrol for coming out tonight. She stated that she would love to see the program in the Eden schools as well. Ms. McKinney commented that she's extremely proud of the Morehead High School Robotics Team. They worked very hard and did a great job.

Mr. Wyatt stated that Rockingham County students have unlimited opportunities. I hope they take advantage of it.

Ms. McMichael thanked the Civil Air Patrol, Ms. Clegg and all the principals who are here with us tonight. She stated that she hopes everyone had a great spring break.

CONSENT AGENDA

Presented consent items for Board consideration:

1. Approval Consent Item - Gifts, Grants and Donations – Ms. Annie Ellis
2. Approval Consent Item – Head Start Program Monthly Budget Update – Ms. Annie Ellis
3. Approval Consent Item - Adoption of Board Policies - Dr. Cindy Corcorcan
4. Approval Consent Item - Open Session Board Minutes February 27, 2023, March 13, 2023 and March 27, 2023

Action: Ms. McKinney moved that the Board approve the consent items as presented.
Mr. Butler seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0. Unanimously Approved.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval - Proposed RCS Request Budget for 2023-2024

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Annie Ellis for comments regarding the RCS proposed request budget for 2023-24. Ms. Ellis presented the RCS proposed request budget for 2023-2024 for board approval (Attachment 1-A). Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented. RCS is required to have the budget information into the County Commissioners by May 15th each year. The Board thanked Ms. Ellis for having the proposed budget ready ahead of schedule.

Action: Ms. Alston moved that the Board approve the 2023-2024 proposed request budget as presented. Mr. Wyatt seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0. Unanimously Approved.

Approval - NCDPI Repair and Renovation Fund Application

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Stover for comments regarding the NCDPI Application. Dr. Stover requested approval to submit the distribution request to our County Commissioners for safety vestibule upgrades (Attachment 2-A). These funds will also cover any planning and design fees. Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented.

Action: Ms. Rakestrake moved that the Board approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0. Unanimously Approved.

Approval - 2023-2024 Pay Go Funded Capital Projects

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Stover for his presentation. Dr. Stover requested Board approval of the FY 23 Pay Go Capital Needs to the Commissioners for vestibules and planning and design (Attachment 3-A). Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented.

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

REPORTS

E-Rate CIPA Compliance

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Covell and Ms. Sensenich for their presentation. Ms. Covell and Ms. Sensenich presented a powerpoint presentation reviewing the Children's Internet Protection Act. Schools and libraries must certify they are in compliance with CIPA before they can receive E-rate funding. Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented. (Attachment 4-A)

E-Rate Category 2 Access Point Upgrade

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. Sensenich for comments regarding the E-Rate Category 2 Access Point Upgrade. Ms. Sensenich stated that each school district receiving C2 funding has a five-year, pre-discount budget for several products and services based on the number of students in the school district. For the FY 2021- 2025 cycle the school multiplier is \$167 per student. Ms. Sensenich stated that we are leading the way when it comes to malware and network security protection. She thanked the Board for their continued support. (Attachment 5-A)

RFP For ELA Curriculum Materials

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Perkins for comments regarding the RFP for elementary and middle grades ELA curriculum materials. Dr. Perkins stated that we have submitted an RFP for a core curriculum in English language arts for students in grades two through eight. This RFP is actually asking for proposals for hands-on materials. The RFP ends on April 28, 2023. We hope to bring a recommendation to the Board in May or June. (Attachment 6-A)

Superintendent's Report

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Stover for comments. Dr. Stover shared a short video from the Civil Air Patrol. He thanked the Civil Air Patrol for being with us tonight. Dr. Stover reminded us that it is enrollment season, as far as our kindergarten registration is concerned. Rockingham County Schools looks at educating the whole child, and that includes academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities. We have amazing students. Dr. Stover recognized the ROTC program, stating that it is top-notch. Dr. Stover stated that his dad was in the service and received a thank you plaque that was signed by the President for his service. His dad passed away two years ago. He was in ROTC, and that's what actually paid for him to go to medical school. I'm so glad to see such a strong program here. Dr. Stover reminded the public

of the classified job fair at the Ag Center tomorrow from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We hope people will come. This is an opportunity to work for Rockingham County Schools, and we actually have jobs that we can hire you for tomorrow. Again, I just appreciate the Morehead High School robotics team. We wish them luck as they go to the nationals in Dallas next week. Dr. Stover thanked Mr. Butler for mentioning the fentanyl crisis. He stated that he and Dr. Corcoran had actually had a meeting with Sheriff Page about what happened at Northern Guilford. We recognize what a problem this is, and we are definitely going to do something about it. We thank Sheriff Page for his leadership.

Board Chair Announcements

There were no announcements.

The Board took a ten-minute break at 7:08 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 7:17 pm.

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

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

OPEN SESSION

Employments:

—Licensed

Sean P. Gladieux

Effective 4/17/23

—Classified

Earlicia R. Cobb

Effective 4/24/23

Ronnie L. Wimbush

Effective 4/17/23

—Substitutes

Mark Garrison

Effective 3/29/23

Ariel Hanks-Jones

Effective 3/28/23

Stephen Pickard

Effective 3/08/23

Cesia Tzun Cifuentes

Effective 3/29/23

Transfers:

—**Licensed**

Tameka L. Goods

Effective 7/01/23

Kelly D. Nelson-Danley

Effective 7/01/23

Martha R. Shropshire

Effective 4/17/23

—**Classified**

Andrea L. Hazelwood

Effective 4/03/23

Resignation:

—**Licensed**

Christie M. Benton

Effective 4/30/23

Julie A. Wall

Effective 6/13/23

—**Classified**

Berkley B. Dalton

Effective 4/14/23

Ebony N. Doggett

Effective 2/03/23

David C. Harris

Effective 4/14/23

Retirements:

—**Licensed**

John W. Brown

Effective 6/30/23

Employments Addendum:

—**Licensed**

Michael W. Blackmon

Effective 8/17/23

Betrand Hayes

Effective TBD

Autum Paschal

Effective 8/17/23

—**Classified**

Miguel A. Scales

Effective 5/01/23

Transfers Addendum

—**Licensed**

William C. Bradshaw

Effective 8/17/23

Leslie Coleman-Cassell

Effective TBD

Amanda W. Vernon

Effective 6/01/23

Britany E. Vernon

Effective 5/01/23

—**Classified**

Jerry Harris

Effective 4/17/23

Christy B. Massey

Effective 4/17/23

Teresa M. Moore

Effective 4/17/23

Resignations Addendum

—**Licensed**

Sara Andrews

Effective 6/13/23

Allison M. Davis

Effective 4/30/23

Daniel L. Hale

Effective 6/01/23

Sarah I. Wright

Effective 6/13/23

—**Classified**

Berkley B. Dalton

Effective 4/14/23

Orlin F. Mattison

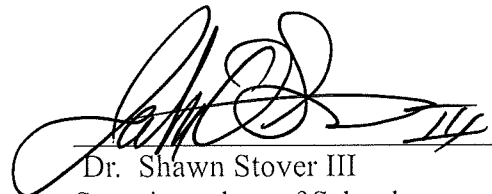
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Action: Ms. Rakestraw moved to accept the personnel report and addendum, seconded by Mr. Butler. The vote was 6/0. Unanimously Approved.

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

Minutes read and approved:


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


Dr. Shawn Stover III
Superintendent of Schools

May 22, 2023