

Rockingham Board of Education  
Central Administrative Offices  
511 Harrington Highway  
Eden, NC 27288  
July 10, 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, 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. Mr. Huss was absent.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. McMichael called the meeting to order.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. McMichael announced there is no work session scheduled in July.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2023. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. at Central Administrative Offices located at 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC.

**MOMENT OF PRAYER**

Pastor Kevin Dunovant from First Wesleyan Church, in Eden, N.C. gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Alex Page led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Butler moved to amend the agenda, adding item 4.4, seconded by Ms. Rakestraw. The vote was 6/0 Unanimously Approved.

**RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIANS AND SALUTATORIANS FOR CLASS OF 2023**

The Valedictorians were presented a plaque of recognition for "Excellence In Academics" on behalf of the Board of Education as listed below.

**VALEDICTORIANS CLASS OF 2023:**

- Anna Casto – McMichael High School Valedictorian
- Matthew Davenport – Reidsville High School Valedictorian
- Chelsea Nichols – Reidsville High School Valedictorian
- Carole-Ann Page – Rockingham County High School Valedictorian
- Rida Tariq – Morehead High School Valedictorian
- Jacob Alexander Watkins – Rockingham Early College High School Valedictorian

The Salutatorians were presented a plaque of recognition for “Excellence In Academics” on behalf of the Board of Education as listed below.

**SALUTATORIANS CLASS OF 2023:**

- Kylie Belter – McMichael High School – Salutatorian
- Levi Allen-Michael Brady – Morehead High School – Salutatorian
- Pattie Kendall Everette – Rockingham Early College High School – Salutatorian
- Liza Ruth Key – GPA Rockingham County High School – Salutatorian
- Haley Minnick – Reidsville High School - Salutatorian
- Katelyn Sierra Moore – Rockingham Early College High School - Salutatorian
- Victoria Nichols – Reidsville High School – Salutatorian

Cheyenne Burnette, an apprentice with the RockATop program, spoke about her wonderful experience with ABCO Automation. RockATOP enables the students to begin a career during high school and bring home a paycheck for time at school and work – approximately 8,000 hours during the four-year program. The apprentices will graduate tuition-free from Rockingham Community College with an Applied Science degree, already with certifications and credentials in hand.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS / BOARD COMMENTS**

**Public Comments:**

1. Ron Price

**Board Comments:**

Mr. Butler thanked everyone for coming out and thanked Mr. Price for speaking. He announced that Rockingham County Youth Outdoors Day has been postponed to Saturday, August 5th. You can go to [www.rockinghamcountync.gov/calendar](http://www.rockinghamcountync.gov/calendar) to sign up. He was able to attend three District C presentations at Rockingham County High Schools. He stated that we have several principals moving for the upcoming school year, and he is excited and looks forward to working with them.

Ms. Alston congratulated the valedictorians and salutatorians for their accomplishments. She stated she was able to visit the new Reidsville High School football field, and it looks gorgeous. She spoke with Mike Widerman, who is anticipating that the field will be ready for the jamboree.

Ms. Rakestraw congratulated the valedictorians, salutatorians, and Cheyenne. She stated that she enjoyed the District C presentations at McMichael High School, which were focused around the Donnie Joyce Foundation. She gave a shout-out to our principals and teachers, who were willing to allow many of us to ask questions about the new ELA curriculum that we are looking at for our school system. She hopes everyone is having a great summer.

Ms. McKinney also congratulated the valedictorians and salutatorians. The students are phenomenal, and it speaks volumes for their parents and the work they put in to make sure their children are successful. She was excited to see so many of our students going to NC State. It is a wonderful school.

Mr. Wyatt commented, ditto.

Ms. McMichael commented ditto as well. She thanked the principals and teachers for their support of the new curriculum. She thanked Mr. Price for coming out tonight and pointing out the three house

bills. She hopes everyone had a great and safe July 4th. She thanked everyone for coming out to the Board meeting tonight. She congratulated all the seniors.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### Presented consent items for Board consideration:

1. Approval Consent Item - Partnerships/Contracts with Rockingham County Schools Exceptional Children's Department - Dr. Pam Watkins
2. Approval Consent - Out-of-County Tuition Calculation for 2023-2024 - Ms. Annie Ellis
3. Approval Consent - Adoption of Board Policies - Dr. Cindy Corcoran
4. Approval Consent - Board Minutes:
  - May 22, 2023 - Work Session Meeting Minutes
  - June 12, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes
  - June 28, 2023 - Special Called Meeting for Budget Amendments

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

## ACTION ITEMS

### Approval - Change Chromebooks Funding Source - from PRC 181 to PRC 171 to adjust for the liquidation deadline of September 30 for PRC 171

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Perkins for comments regarding the Chromebooks funding source change. Dr. Perkins asked that the funding code be changed from PRC 181 (ESSER III) to PRC 171 (ESSER II). The RCS Technology Department reviewed the submissions and based on the rubric have identified CDW as the winning bid. CDW would provide 2,800 student Chromebooks with licenses and white glove imaging services for \$994,677.88. ESSER funds in PRC 171 would be used for this purchase. This purchase would help liquidate remaining ESSER II (PRC 111) funds.

Action: Ms. McKinney moved that the Board approve the funding source change and purchase of chromebooks as presented by Dr. Perkins. Ms. Alston seconded the motion. The vote was 6/0. Unanimously Approved.

### Approval - 2023 CCIP Federal Programs Plan

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Perkins for his presentation of the 2023 CCIP Federal Programs Plan for Board consideration and approval. Dr. Perkins presented the 2023 Plan for approval (**Attachment 1-A**). Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented.

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board approve the 2023 CCIP Federal Programs Plan as presented. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was 6/0. Unanimously Approved.

### Approval - 2023-2024 School Nutrition Bids

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Coleman-Cassell for the 2023-2024 School Nutrition bids for Board approval. (**Attachment 2-A**)

Dr. Coleman-Cassell requested the approval of the following 2023-2024 bid renewals.

1. Sanitech, Chemical
2. \*US Foods, Fort Mill, SC
3. Vernon Family Dairy, LLC
4. Ward's Produce

Action: Ms. Alston moved that the Board approve the 2023-2024 bid renewals as presented. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. The vote was 6/0. Unanimously Approved.

Dr. Coleman-Cassell also requested approval of the 2023-2024 RCS Procurement Plan for the School Nutrition Program. (**Attachment 3-A**)

Action: Mr. Butler moved that the Board approve the 2023-2024 RCS Procurement Plan as presented. Ms. Rakestraw seconded the motion. The vote was 6/0. Unanimously Approved.

Dr. Coleman-Cassell updated the Board on the Smart Snack Beverage Bid for the upcoming school year. Dr. Coleman-Cassell stated that they received two proposals from each vendor. Pepsi came in with the lowest base bid. (**Attachment 4-A**)

Action: Ms. Alston moved that the Board approve the 2023-2024 Smart Snack Beverage bid with Pepsi as presented. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. The vote was 6/0. Unanimously Approved.

### **REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### RCS Senior Scholarship Opportunities 2022-2023 - Dr. Cindy Corcoran

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Corcoran for the Scholarship Report. Dr. Corcoran reported the total scholarship awards for the 2022-2023 graduates was \$14,481,212. Dr. Corcoran reported the scholarships and awards for the 2022-2023 graduates as listed per each high school. She also provided the historical amounts offered for the previous 16 years.

- McMichael High – \$2,208,447 offered – 146 Graduates
- Morehead High - \$657,816 offered – 165 Graduates
- Reidsville High - \$5,765,954 offered – 158 Graduates
- Rockingham County High - \$1,037,564 – 194 Graduates
- Rockingham Early College - \$4,811,431 – 63 Graduates

Dr. Corcoran also discussed FAFSA.

### Provide update on the ELA Adoption Process - Dr. Charles Perkins

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Perkins for his presentation. Dr. Perkins updated the Board on the ELA curriculum adoption process. He stated after hearing five vendor presentations on May 16, 2023, and after a 2-hour discussion with our curriculum review team on May 19, the recommendation was made to bring back 3 vendors for another presentation. Wit & Wisdom/Great Minds, McGraw Hill/Wonders, and SAVVAAS were asked back on June 8 for follow up presentations. 24 RCS teachers/staff participated and provided feedback on the curriculum materials. Wit & Wisdom and McGraw Hill were identified as the top choices. The C&I team recommended that we take a slow approach and utilize the Fall semester to create pilot teams across the district to review grade level materials to review and implement the resources on a trial basis. In addition, we have asked the vendors for support in identifying alternative text resources and materials for potential objectionable materials/concepts. Dr. Perkins stated that he would like to bring a recommendation to the Board of Education in December or January for full implementation during the 2024-25 school year. He encouraged the Board of Education members to serve as review team members. Board members asked questions and commented on the information presented.

### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Stover stated that today marks one year and nine days since he started with the district. He thanked the Board for their partnership. We have accomplished a lot this year. Dr. Stover presented his presentation planning for the 2023–2024 school year and beyond (**Attachment 5-A**). Board members commented on the information presented.

### Board Chair Announcements

Ms. McMichael announced that kindergarten registration for the 2023–2024 school year is taking place at all of our elementary schools Monday–Thursday.

The Board took a ten-minute break at 7:25 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. Rakestraw seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 6/0. The Board moved into closed session at 7:40 pm.

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

### **OPEN SESSION**

#### **Employments:**

##### **—Licensed**

Hannah Barker

Effective 8/17/23

Cheryl Durham  
Effective 8/17/23

Ezekiel Gillie  
Effective 8/17/23

Bobby W. Martin  
Effective 7/01/23

Remsey Morales  
Effective 8/17/23

Rechelle Stringer  
Effective 8/17/23

Lauren Vaden  
Effective 8/17/23

Andrew Zook  
Effective 8/17/23

—**Classified**

Sydney Joyner  
Effective 8/17/23

Stracy Ward  
Effective 7/17/23

**Transfers:**

—**Administrative**

Christy Bailey  
Effective 7/01/23

Justin Bulla  
Effective 8/01/23

Laura Carter  
Effective 7/01/23

Lair Davis  
Effective 7/01/23

Troy Marquardt  
Effective 8/17/23

Wendy Southard  
Effective 7/01/23

Russell Vernon  
Effective 7/01/23

Nathaniel Ziglar  
Effective 7/01/23

—**Licensed**

Jordan Holbrook  
Effective 8/17/23

Michael Smart  
Effective 8/17/23

Michelle Williams

Effective 8/17/23

—**Classified**

Jonathan Burton

Effective 6/27/23

Vickie Hilderbrandt

Effective 8/17/23

Ashton White

Effective 7/03/23

Dallas Williams

Effective 8/17/23

**Resignation:**

—**Licensed**

Joseph Barresi

Effective 6/22/23

Diana Betsdworth

Effective 6/30/23

Jessiva Cadby

Effective 6/30/23

Kellee Church

Effective 7/03/23

Kristine Minner

Effective 7/28/23

Echo Robertson

Effective 6/29/23

Marc Tuttle

Effective 6/22/23

—**Classified**

Connie Travis

Effective 9/30/23

**Employments Addendum:**

—**Licensed**

Danielle Fitzgerald

Effective 8/17/23

Turner Garrison

Effective 8/17/23

Titus Jones

Effective 8/17/23

Mary Knight

Effective 8/17/23

Calea Martin

Effective 8/17/23

Celeste Morehead-Rettig

Effective 8/17/23

Kimberly Owen

Effective 8/17/23

Brittany Pratt

Effective 8/17/23

Carmen Skidmore

Effective 8/17/23

Hannah Smith

Effective 8/17/23

—**Classified**

Victoria Rose

Effective 8/17/23

**Transfers Addendum**

—**Administrative**

Tim Canady

Effective 7/11/23

Michael Hodges

Effective 8/01/23

—**Licensed**

Pamela Artis

Effective 8/17/23

Amanda Cannon

Effective 8/17/23

Ashley Drexler

Effective 8/17/23

Amy Moore

Effective 8/17/23

Jessica Nelson

Effective 8/17/23

Angela Tuttle

Effective 8/17/23

—**Classified**

Diondra Mines

Effective 8/17/23

Robin Sawyers

Effective 8/17/23

Ashton White

Effective 8/17/23



Dallas Williams  
Effective 8/17/23

**Resignations Addendum**

**—Licensed**

Mary Carroll  
Effective 7/05/23  
Emily McCulloch  
Effective 7/07/23  
Minitoria Webster  
Effective 7/10/23

**—Classified**

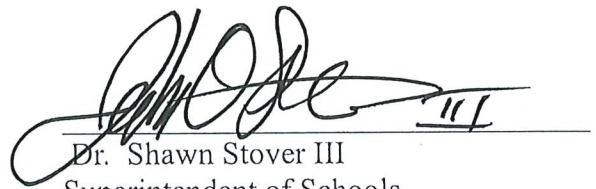
Cassie Gover  
Effective 7/21/23

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

Action: Upon motion by Ms. Alston and second by Mr. Butler, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:25 p.m.

Minutes read and approved:

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

  
Dr. Shawn Stover III  
Superintendent of Schools

August 14, 2023

