

**Rockingham Board of Education  
Dalton McMichael High School  
Media Center  
6845 Hwy. 135  
Mayodan, NC 27027  
January 22, 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. 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, February 12, 2024. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Administrative Offices located at 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC.

There is a Work Session scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2024. The meeting begins at 12:00 noon at Wentworth Elementary School Media Center, located at 8806 NC 87, Reidsville, NC.

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**Ms. Alston formally acknowledged Mr. Dwight Lake, Mayodan Councilman, and expressed gratitude for his 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 - ELA Adoption

Ms. Alston recognized Dr. Perkins for comments regarding the ELA adoption. Dr. Perkins shared a Decision Point Memo (**Attachment 1-A**). The recommendation is for option 2: Adopt McGraw-Hill (Wonders/StudySync) for grades 2-8. Board members commented on the information presented.

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved that the Board approve option 2: Adopt McGraw-Hill (Wonders/StudySyn) for grades 2-8. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

## **REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### 2024-2025 RCS Calendars: RCS Traditional First Reading: Dillard Primary and Early College

Ms. Alston recognized Dr. Perkins for comments regarding the draft RCS Traditional, Dillard Academy and Early College school calendars for the 2024-2025 school year. Dr. Perkins presented the calendars for consideration. He stated that the draft calendars will be posted on our RCS website for public review and public comments until the February 12th Board of Education meeting. Based on feedback from the RCS Calendar Committee, we have added additional protected early release days that are reserved for teacher use during the year. There is also a teacher workday on November 5, 2024 (Election Day) for traditional schools and Dillard Academy. After public feedback/Board review/discussion, the three RCS calendars will be presented for approval at the February 12th Board of Education meeting. Board members commented on the information presented. The Board asked Mr. McPherson to compose a letter on their behalf, addressing it to the representatives in Raleigh and advocating for increased flexibility in the school calendar.

### Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Ms. Alston recognized Ms. Ellis and Mr. Paul Carson of Anderson, Smith, and Wike. Mr. Carson reported on the Financial Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, stating that it is a clean, unmodified opinion, which means the numbers are reliable and free of any misstatements. He mentioned that as of June 30, 2023, the district's general fund balance was \$7,640,263.00. This reflected a decrease of around \$4.6 million from the previous year's fund balance. The increase in expenditures was primarily for instructional and system-wide support services costs. In his address to the Board, he raised a cautionary note regarding the utilization of the local fund balance. Mr. Carson also reviewed the School Fund Service Program and Child Care Fund, stating that they are both in sound financial condition. He noted that the district's departments were cooperative, and the financials were expended appropriately. Additionally, Mr. Carson reported that the Finance Department is to be commended, as well as the district, for a "clean and unmodified report." He expressed gratitude to the Board of Education for the opportunity to provide the financial audit.

### 2024-2025 Budget Calendar

Ms. Alston recognized Ms. Ellis for a report on the 2024-2025 budget calendar. Ms. Ellis presented the budget calendar for the Board with important dates as listed below.

- January 26th                      Budgets due from Directors, Budget Managers
- February 5th                     Mail Draft Proposed Budget to Board of Education and post on RCS website for public access
- February 12th                    Budget discussion during regular board meeting (Includes Supervisors, Directors, Senior Leadership, and Superintendent - Discussion of budgets) Public Hearing on the Draft Proposed Budget
- February 19th                    Mail Revised Draft Proposed Budget to Board of Education and post on RCS website for public access
- February 26th                    Final Discussion of Draft Proposed Budget with Board of Education during board work session
- March 4th                         Submit Final Proposed Budget to Board of Education for approval during March 11, 2024 regular board meeting
- March 12th                        Submit Approved Proposed Budget to County Commissioners

### 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
- Finance Committee - Presented by Ms. Rakestraw
- Board Policy Committee - Presented by Ms. McKinney

The Board took a ten-minute break at 12:30 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 12:38 pm.

Action: Ms. McMichael moved to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Butler. The motion carried on a vote of 7/0.

### **OPEN SESSION**

#### **Recommendations:**

#### **—Licensed**

Pamela Pearson  
Effective 2/12/24  
Rebekah Tulloch  
Effective 1/22/24

#### **—Classified**

Nancy Finney  
Effective 1/22/24  
Jenipher Guzman  
Effective 1/16/24  
Daniel Kalinowski  
Effective 1/22/24  
Ketashia Neal  
Effective 1/16/24  
Cathy Reynolds  
Effective 2/5/24

Richard Tudor  
Effective 1/16/24

**Substitutes:**

**Substitute Teachers**

Kortni Church  
Effective 1/10/24

Sarah Harden  
Effective 1/8/24

Giannina Merletti  
Effective 1/8/24

Carole-Ann Page  
Effective 1/12/24

**Assignment Changes:**

**—Licensed**

Jennifer Walkinshaw  
Effective TBD

**—Classified**

Natasha Kellam  
Effective 1/10/24  
Sharon Southard  
Effective 11/29/23

Christina Vannoy  
Effective 12/12/23

**Separations: No Board Action Required**

**—Licensed**

Pam Watkins  
Effective 3/10/24

**—Classified**

Ronald Anderson  
Effective 1/26/24

Scott Dickman  
Effective 1/19/24

Tanya Fargis  
Effective 1/26/24

Rita Hanks  
Effective 1/8/24

**Employments Addendum:**

**Recommendations:**

**—Licensed**

Leigh Ann Adams  
Effective 1/22/24

—Classified

Christian Evans

Effective 2/5/24

Ericca Gibson

Effective 1/22/24

Isatou Tambajang

Effective 2/25/24

**Substitutes:**

Samantha Reynolds

Effective 1/18/24

Deirdre Grigsby

Effective 1/18/24

Nancy Rubio-Juarez

Effective 1/18/24

**Assignment Changes:**

—Classified

Jennifer Bauguess

Effective 1/18/24

Amie Corley

Effective 1/16/24

Eder Dadul

Effective 9/05/23

Robin Sawyers

Effective 1/17/24

Jennifer Stegall

Effective 10/13/23

Fred Thornton

Effective 1/18/24

Sandra Worley

Effective 1/16/24

—Licensed

Jenny Southern

Effective 1/22/24

**Separations: No Board Action Required**

—Classified

Ulonda Harris

Effective 1/16/24

Destiny Roberts

Effective 1/18/24

—Licensed

Carmen Skidmore

Effective 2/11/24

**—Retirements: No Board Action Required**

Nancy Towler

Effective 2/29/24

Action: Ms. McMichael moved to accept the personnel report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Butler, motion carried on a vote of 7/0.

Action: Upon motion by Ms. McMichael and second by Mr. Butler, 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

February 12, 2024