REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 2020, AT 6:00 PM, AT ROANE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, SPENCER,

Present: Gregory Boggs, Daris Harper, Jeffrey Mace, James Minney, Eileen Richardson

Absent: (none)

Meeting called to order by Jeffrey Mace (6:08 pm)

This meeting may be joined remotely. The public can join by calling 1-304-553-7794 and entering the conference ID 953 289 465 or by joining on Microsoft Teams using this link.

Presentations

1. Positively Charged

Now that we had our Girls Golf Team do so well, we would like to focus on our Boys Golf Team. They may possibly be headed to the State Tournament also and we hope to offer all the support they need.

The flash drives that we ordered in July have finally arrived. 700 student iPads are expected to arrive tomorrow. Fortunately, Apple had a shortage of the model that we ordered and have upgraded the student iPads to cellular models which will allow us to provide SIM cards to students without WiFi at home but do have cellular service.

2. Public Participation
3. Student Achievement

We have had a challenging start this school year. Due to COVID-19, not only have we had to learn a new way of doing things, but we are also moving forward with a lack of testing data from last year to direct our path. To avoid that happening next year, we hope to do some testing this year. Some schools will be doing NAEP testing, which is a federal requirement that has not been waived. I assume that the GSA testing will be either waived this year again or given without accountability.

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Rescind offer of employment to William Canterbury, Teacher / Social Studies, Roane County High School (did not accept employment; from August 27, 2020)

Motion by Gregory Boggs and seconded by Daris Harper to approve. Motion carried. (6:27 pm)

2. Consideration and possible action on revisions to the 2020-21 School Calendar

Motion by Gregory Boggs and seconded by James Minney to approve. Motion carried. (6:47 pm)

3. Revision to 2020-21 Re-Entry Plan (Schedule of days for in-person learning at RCHS)

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by Gregory Boggs to approve. Motion carried. (7:04 pm)

4. Restructuring in Office of Technology

Motion by Gregory Boggs and seconded by Daris Harper to approve. Motion carried. (7:21 pm)

   a. Abolish (1) position of Technology Systems Specialist
   b. Create (1) position of Coordinator of Technology

5. Board and Superintendent Goals for 2020-21

Motion by Gregory Boggs and seconded by James Minney to approve. Motion carried. (8:00 pm)

Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Gregory Boggs to approve the following consent agenda as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (8:35 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of regular board meeting on September 10, 2020
2. Financial
   a. Transfers/supplements to the budget
   b. Payments of bills as submitted; pre-approval to release checks not to exceed $20,000 prior to the next board meeting
   c. Financial Reports
   d. Approval of FY20 Unaudited Financial Statements
3. Policies
   a. Policy 512 - Areas of Critical Needs and Shortage (annual review and readoption)
4. Contract(s) / Agreement(s) / Bid(s)
   a. Transportation contract for 1 student
5. Field trip(s)
6. Volunteer(s)
7. Student Transfer(s)
   a. 1 Student transfer from Kanawha County to Roane County Schools
   b. 2 Students from Calhoun County to Roane County Schools

Personnel Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by James Minney to approve the following personnel items as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (8:38 pm)

1. Abolish Position(s)
   a. Technology Systems Specialist (CO), effective September 30, 2020
2. Create New Position(s)
   a. Coordinator of Technology (CO), 240 days, effective July 1, 2020
3. Resignation(s)
   a. Jones, Ashley - Substitute aide (RCS - Substitutes), effective September 21, 2020
   b. Perry, Nathanial - Technology Systems Specialist (RCS - Central Office), effective September 30, 2020
4. New Employment(s)

a. Cook, Hunter - Substitute bus operator (RCS - Substitutes), effective September 25, 2020, pending receipt of certification
b. McCune, Austin - Substitute bus operator (RCS - Substitutes), effective September 25, 2020, pending receipt of certification
c. Stearns, Juan - Substitute bus operator (RCS - Substitutes), effective September 25, 2020, pending receipt of certification

5. Extracurricular(s)
   a. Craft, Lonnie - Coach, Cheer (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective September 25, 2020
   b. Sotomayor, Mario - Coach, Soccer (Spencer Middle School), effective September 25, 2020
   c. Williams, Ashley - Assistant Coach, Soccer (Spencer Middle School), effective September 25, 2020

Reports of Committees

1. Roane Jackson Technical Center Administrative Council (9/15/2020)

Discussed the calendar, but didn't make any changes yet.

We have clinical sites for the LPN students, and since we now have clinics in our schools, they can also be used as clinical sites.

Constructions projects are continuing. The schedule will be a big issue due to the situation that Jackson County is in.

The Forestry teacher of 43 years has retired.

Superintendent's Remarks

Roane General Hospital has worked well in our schools. Every Wednesday morning we have a one hour call on Teams with Principals, Directors, and then with Roane General Staff to guide us on protocol and procedures dealing with COVID testing, contact tracing, HIPAA, etc. There were no positive cases in the schools.

For Safe Schools Entrances, some of the glass is in, but it is difficult to get the external security glass. The protective film on the glass in front of the commons turned out very well. This one-way vision film allows you to see outside clearly from the commons area at RCHS, while making it unable for people to view into the commons area from outside.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the next regular meeting, on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Gregory Boggs to approve. Motion carried. (9:32 pm)