REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD NOVEMBER 5, 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 (6:09 pm)

This meeting may be joined remotely. The public can join by calling 1-304-553-7794 and entering the conference ID 250 314 71 or by joining on Microsoft Teams using this link.

Presentations

1. Positively Charged

As Veteran's Day approaches, we would like to recognize Phillip Howard (Bus Operator), Ben Gentry (Aide), Tom Barnes (Teacher), Joe Skaggs (Bus Operator), Annette Claypool (Principal), and James Minney (Board Member) for their service to our county.

2. Public Participation

Parent, Steve Kinder, expressed his concerns with distance learning.

3. Student Achievement

Across the state, kids are struggling with distance learning. Of all the student course enrollments at RCHS (4800 total), about 1200 of those have failing grades. Most of these are distance learning courses. We are looking to create a standard of practice for the teachers to provide more resources for students to promote student success.

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Update on Board operations during COVID-19 pandemic
2. Review of DRAFT 2020-30 Comprehensive Education Facilities Plan

Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve the following consent agenda as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (9:07 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of regular board meeting on October 22, 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
3. Policies
4. Contract(s) / Agreement(s) / Bid(s)
    a. Bid for and approval to purchase 2 new school buses by Blue Bird of West Virginia in

the amount of $108,269 and $100,783 ($209,052 total)

b. MOU with Children's Home Society of West Virginia regarding collaboration for student supports

5. Field trip(s)
6. Volunteer(s)
7. Student Transfer(s)

Personnel Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Daris Harper to approve the following personnel items as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (9:11 pm)

1. Resignation(s)
   a. Sinclair, Thomas - Assistant Coach, Boys Basketball (Spencer Middle School), effective October 27, 2020
   b. Facemire, Patrick - Teacher / Art (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective November 13, 2020
2. New Employment(s)
   a. Lassiter, Casey - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective November 6, 2020
   b. Lowe, Eric - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective November 6, 2020
3. Extracurricular(s)
   a. Sinclair, Thomas - Coach, Girls Basketball (Spencer Middle School), effective November 6, 2020
   b. Bowe, Michelle - Assistant Coach, Girls Basketball (Spencer Middle School), effective November 6, 2020
   c. Ashley, Timothy - Coach, Girls Basketball (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective November 6, 2020
   d. Osborne, Amber - Yearbook Advisor (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective November 6, 2020
   e. Peery, Matthew - Assistant Coach, Boys Basketball (Roane County High School), effective November 6, 2020
   f. Williams, James - Assistant Coach, Boys Basketball (Auxiliary) (Roane County High School), effective November 6, 2020

Reports of Committees

Superintendent's Remarks

What started today and will be continuing for the next 4 school days, five of the board office staff members with administrative licenses, including myself, will be rotating to cover as RCHS Principal due to the Principal and Assistant Principal being on quarantine.

Our projects are finishing up. We are still waiting on hardware for the doors here and some small finishing touches for safe school entrances. The canopy and fencing at SES should be installed next week and the issue in the SES parking lot will be fixed by Kelly Paving. There was also a breaker issue at WEMS, which has now been fixed also. Soon, these projects will finish and we can start on WEMS, GEMS and SMS safe school entrances.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the next regular meeting, on Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by Gregory Boggs to approve. Motion carried. (9:16 pm)