REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD JANUARY 7, 2021, 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 (6:00 pm)

This meeting could be joined remotely. The public could join by calling 1-304-553-7794 and entering the provided conference ID or by joining on Microsoft Teams using the provided link.

Presentations

1. Positively Charged

We have received our first batch of vaccines, which consists of 70 doses. We should be given more over the next few weeks for our faculty and staff.

2. Public Participation

Pamela Cain, RCS Speech Language Pathologist, commends RCS faculty and staff for their hard work through this crisis but states her concerns about their safety and the safety of our students as more students return to in-person learning and COVID numbers are rising in Roane County.

3. Student Achievement

Under order of the Governor, we are in a remote learning period. We will return to in-person learning on January 19th and the moratorium on athletics has been extended to March 1st. Games and practices may happen in February to prepare for March 1st. There has been many changes and counties can now determine for themselves what they will do concerning school closures.

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Update of BOE operations during COVID-19
2. Consideration and Possible Action on Request by Roane County Commission Regarding Geary Library / Health Clinic

Motion by Gregory Boggs and seconded by James Minney to contribute $5,000 towards this project. Motion carried. (7:43 pm)

3. Administrative Guidelines for Review
    a. AG e560.i - Personal Leave During COVID-19 Crisis
4. Policy for Immediate Consideration and Adoption
    a. Policy e560.1 - Local COVID-19 Leave During the COVID-19 Crisis

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Gregory Boggs to approve. Motion carried. (8:17 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. (8:47 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of regular board meeting on December 17, 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)
5. Field trip(s)
6. Volunteer(s)
7. Student Transfer(s)

Personnel Consent Agenda - (Action)
Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by Daris Harper to approve the following personnel items as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (8:53 pm)

1. Resignation(s)
   a. Ash, Randy - Technology Systems Specialist (RCS - Central Office), effective December 31, 2020
2. New Employment(s)
   a. Ash, Randy - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective January 8, 2021
   b. Daniel, Katelyn - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective January 8, 2021
3. Transfer(s)
   a. Deel, Toney - Custodian III (Spencer Middle School) to Custodian III (Spencer Middle School), effective January 8, 2021, shift change
4. Leave of Absence(s)
   a. Goodwin, Kendra - Teacher / Spanish (Roane County High School), effective January 11, 2021 to March 19, 2021, paid, FMLA paid leave substitution
5. Extracurricular(s)
   a. Deweese, Candace - Teacher / Alternative Learning Center (Roane County High School), effective January 8, 2021

Reports of Committees

Superintendent's Remarks
The State Board will meet on Wednesday. On the agenda is the annual renewal of our critical needs in shortages policy on substitutes, which allows retired counselors to substitute when needed.

Also, our new CEFP is up for approval, which is in consent. Next, we will be submitting an application for funding for the new SMS for the next needs cycle, which is due at the end of this month. Superintendents will be interviewed in March.

Adjournment
1. Adjourn until the next regular meeting, Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School

Motion by Gregory Boggs and seconded by James Minney to approve. Motion carried. (9:11

pm)