REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD MARCH 11, 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

Tomorrow is the one-year anniversary of the initial school closures due to COVID-19. In the past year, we have come a long way and have been fortunate to get vaccines to all interested employees. We hope to continue moving forward in recovery.

2. Public Participation

SES teachers Pamela Cain, Amanda Cooper, Allison Miller, Laurie Hill, and Jana Smith expressed their concerns for the workload expected of teachers on the Pandemic Learning Loss course and also the general well-being of our teachers.

3. 2021-22 School Calendar (Meeting 1 of 2)
4. Student Achievement
    a. Pandemic Learning Loss

This course was put together by WVLearns which is a professional platform developed by WVDE. With the learning loss our students are experiencing due to this pandemic, its important for us to start recovery efforts for this loss. This course is designed to prepare our teachers and administrators to do just that.

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Update on COVID-19 Recovery
    a. ESSERF 2 Funding
    b. SOLE Funding
    c. Roane Rebuild Working Groups
2. Professional Personnel Realignment for 2021-22

Motion by Gregory Boggs and seconded by James Minney to accept items a. i - ii., b., c., d., and e. Motion carried. Daris Harper opposed. (9:30 pm)

Motion by Eileen Richardson to approve a) iii - vi. There was no second so the motion died. (9:31 pm)

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by Daris Harper to approve a) iii - vi. Motion failed. Gregory Boggs, Jeffrey Mace, James Minney opposed. (9:35 pm)

    a. Anticipated lack of enrollment and discontinuation of distance learning program at Geary Elementary / Middle School

i. Abolish Teacher / 3rd Grade, Geary Elementary Middle School (1 position)
ii. Place Meghan Sinclair, Teacher / 3rd Grade, Geary Elementary Middle School, on administrative transfer list
iii. Abolish Teacher / 3rd Grade, Geary Elementary Middle School (1 position)
iv. Place Lana Underwood, Teacher / 3rd Grade, Geary Elementary Middle School, on administrative transfer list
v. Abolish Teacher / 5th Grade, Geary Elementary Middle School (1 position)
vi. Place Michelle McPherson, Teacher / 5th Grade, Geary Elementary Middle School, on administrative transfer list

b. Anticipated lack of enrollment and discontinuation of distance learning program at Walton Elementary / Middle School
   i. Abolish Teacher / Kindergarten, Walton Elementary Middle School (1 position)

c. Anticipated lack of enrollment and discontinuation of distance learning program at Spencer Elementary School
   i. Abolish Teacher / Kindergarten, Spencer Elementary School (1 position)
   ii. Abolish Teacher / Kindergarten, Spencer Elementary School (1 position)
   iii. Abolish Teacher / Kindergarten & 1st Grade, Spencer Elementary School (1 position)
   iv. Abolish Teacher / 1st & 2nd Grade, Spencer Elementary School (1 position)

d. Anticipated lack of enrollment at Spencer Middle School
   i. Abolish Teacher / Career Literacy at Spencer Middle School (1 position)

e. Desire to Reduce Class Sizes in Support of Pandemic Relief
   i. Create Teacher / 1st Grade at Geary Elementary Middle School (1 position)

Consent Agenda - (Action)
Motion by Gregory Boggs and seconded by Daris Harper to approve the following consent agenda as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (9:43 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of regular board meeting on February 25, 2021
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
   a. Third Reading and Adoption
      i. Policy 526 - Reimbursement for Professional Expenses and Training (new)
4. Contract(s) / Agreement(s) / Bid(s)
5. Field trip(s)
6. Volunteer(s)
7. Student Transfer(s)
   a. 1 Student from Calhoun County Schools to Roane County Schools

b. 2 Students from Jackson County Schools to Roane County Schools

Personnel Consent Agenda - (Action)
Motion by James Minney and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve the following personnel items as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (9:47 pm)

1. Create New Position(s)
   a. Teacher / 1st Grade (GEMS), 200 days, effective July 1, 2021
2. Resignation(s)
   a. Sotomayor, Mario - Assistant Coach, Track (Spencer Middle School), effective February 26, 2021
   b. Sotomayor, Mario - Assistant Coach, Track (Spencer Middle School), effective February 26, 2021
3. New Employment(s)
   a. _____ - Academic Recovery Facilitator (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective March 12, 2021
   b. _____ - Academic Recovery Facilitator (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective March 12, 2021
   c. _____ - Academic Recovery Facilitator (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective March 12, 2021
   d. _____ - Academic Recovery Facilitator (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective March 12, 2021
   e. _____ - Academic Recovery Facilitator (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective March 12, 2021
4. Reassign classroom teacher(s)
   a. Metz, Alexis - Teacher / Career Literacy (SMS) to Teacher / Math (SMS), per WVBE Policy 5000; existing position vacated on February 28, 2021
5. Extracurricular(s)
   a. Kendall, Deana - Academic Recovery Facilitator (Spencer Middle School), effective March 12, 2021
   b. Boggs, Rebecca - Academic Recovery Facilitator (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective March 12, 2021
   c. Fisher, Melissa - Academic Recovery Facilitator (Spencer Middle School), effective March 12, 2021
   d. Ward, Cari - Academic Recovery Facilitator (Spencer Elementary School), effective March 12, 2021
   e. Smelko, Jessalynn - Assistant Coach, Softball (Auxiliary) (Roane County High School), effective March 12, 2021
   f. Holcomb, Adam - Credit Recovery Facilitator (Roane County High School), effective March 12, 2021
   g. Deweese, Candace - Credit Recovery Facilitator (Roane County High School),

effective March 12, 2021

h. Hayes, Matthew - Student Council Sponsor (Roane County High School), effective March 12, 2021

Reports of Committees

1. Roane County WVU Extension Service Committee (3/1/2021)

They elected officers and approved their budget. They are requesting for the same amount of support from RCBOE as they did last year, which is $16,300. They will be presenting their budget to us in April.

Superintendent's Remarks

The Promise Scholarship deadline has been extended to July 1st.
There is a Superintendent Meeting tomorrow and the presentation to the SBA is on Monday. We hope to hear good news in April when they announce funding for the 2020-21 Needs projects.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the next regular meeting, Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School