

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD JUNE 21, 2021, AT 6:00 PM, AT ROANE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, SPENCER, WEST VIRGINIA

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

The Summer SOLE program has started. Students have been able to participate in activities other than what is usually offered during the school year such as making t-shirts or going on nature walks. They seem to be enjoying the program and have some fieldtrips scheduled also. 148 students were in attendance today and more to come.

2. Public Participation

3. Student Achievement

Looking at grades, we would normally see grades decline as the school year progresses and classes accelerate into the 3rd and 4th 9 weeks, but last years grade distribution shows that we have made significant strides in the 3rd and 4th 9 weeks to reverse some of the trends we were seeing in the 1st and 2nd 9 weeks of the school year.

Looking at benchmarking, we have to discount the data from the beginning of the school year when distant learners were testing at home and instead look more at the data from mid-year when students were benchmarking in-person. The data shows that distant learners are generally outperforming the in-person learners. Once the GSA data is published, we can discuss the end-of-year data.

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Consideration of Paving and Lighting Project at Geary Elementary / Middle School, including possible reconsideration of previous action and adoption of new action

Motion by Gregory Boggs and seconded by Daris Harper to reconsider the action to reject all bids and re-advertise from the June 10, 2021, regular meeting. Motion carried. (6:53 pm)

Motion by Gregory Boggs to accept the base bid from West Virginia Paving plus the alternate. Gregory Boggs withdrew the motion.

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Gregory Boggs to accept base without the alternate. Motion carried. (7:02 pm)

2. Administrative Guidelines for Review

- a. AG 221.i and AG 222.i - Process for Placement, Promotion, Retention, and Acceleration of Students
- b. AG 223.i - Substitution of Required Courses for High School Graduation

- c. AG 490.i - Student Device Loan Program
- d. AG 590.i - Staff Device Loan Program
- e. AG 610.i - Facilities Maintenance and Improvements

Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by James Minney to approve the following consent agenda as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (7:37 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of Regular Board Meeting on June 10, 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. 2021-22 Roane County Universal Pre-K Calendar
4. Policies
 - a. Third Reading and Adoption
 - i. Policy 340 - Safety (revised)
 - ii. Policy 410 - Enrollment (revised)
 - iii. Policy 420 - Attendance (revised)
 - iv. Policy 430 - Student Health Services (revised)
 - v. Policy 513 - Extra-curricular Assignments (revised)
5. Contract(s) / Bid(s)
 - a. 2021-22 Pre-K Collaborative Contract with AFL-CIO Appalachian Council Head Start and Budget for the same
 - b. Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Alpha Mechanical Services, Inc. (renewal)
 - c. AIA B121 - Master Service Agreement with Thrasher Group for ESSER-related Construction Projects
 - d. AIA B101 - Agreement with Thrasher Group to Provide A&E Services for the New Spencer Middle School
 - e. Professional Therapy Services, Inc. for Speech/Language, Occupational, and/or Physical Therapies and Assessments
 - f. Dot One-Three Vision for Vision Evaluations and Services
 - g. LinguaCare Associates, Inc. for Speech and Language Services
 - h. LinguaCare Associates, Inc. for Physical Therapy Services
 - i. Thera-Pedics, Inc. for Occupational Therapy Services
6. Field Trips
7. Volunteers
8. Student Transfers

Personnel Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by Gregory Boggs and seconded by Daris Harper to approve the following personnel items as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (7:42 pm)

1. Resignation(s)
 - a. Neal, Bruce - Coach, Cross Country (Roane County High School), effective June 21, 2021
 - b. Salisbury, Breanne - Speech Language Pathologist (RCS - Student Support (75%), Walton EMS (25%)), effective June 30, 2021
2. New Employment(s)
 - a. Baker, Muriah - Summer SOLE Teacher (Spencer Middle School), effective June 22, 2021
 - b. Gibson, Stephanie - Summer SOLE LPN / Aide (Spencer Middle School), effective June 22, 2021

Withdrawn e.-----
 _____ - Teacher / 6th Grade (Spencer Middle School),
 effective August 9, 2021

Withdrawn d.-----
 _____ - Teacher / Special Education (Spencer Middle
 School), effective August 9, 2021

Withdrawn e.-----
 _____ - Teacher / Special Education (Walton Elementary /
 Middle School), effective August 9, 2021

Withdrawn f.-----
 _____ - Teacher / Special Education (Spencer Elementary
 School), effective August 9, 2021

Withdrawn g.-----
 _____ - Teacher / Special Education (Spencer Elementary
 School), effective August 9, 2021

Withdrawn h.-----
 _____ - Teacher / Art (Spencer Middle School), effective
 August 9, 2021

Withdrawn i.-----
 _____ - Teacher / Art (Roane County High School),
 effective August 9, 2021

Reports of Committees

Superintendent's Remarks

Last week Monday, we presented our ESSERF 3 plan to Superintendent Burch and staff. They liked our ideas and we received good comments and feedback on what to discuss and how to present to the public.

A comment on the opioid lawsuit was in the Charleston Gazette-Mail recently. Cabell County and the City of Huntington sued 3 distributors saying they were reckless and caused their community a tremendous amount of stress and funding problems. The defense has replied saying that there are many community programs that already address these issues, but they fail to see that many of the children that are affected by opioids will probably end up in the special education program, which is not fully funded by federal or state monies. With 3,100 special educators in West Virginia last year, only 300 were paid for by grants, leaving 2,800 in the state aid formula. Out of the 2,800, 900 positions were funded by the counties themselves. We hope people start to see the gravity of the issue so we can work towards solving it.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the next regular meeting, Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School

Motion by Gregory Boggs and seconded by James Minney to adjourn until the next regular meeting, Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School. Motion carried. (7:49 pm)