

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD JULY 22, 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 AP Environmental Science class, taught by Ms. Deweese, tested well on their AP test. On a test where national, only 25-30% of students score a 4 or higher, all 6 of her students scored a 4, which guarantees them college credits.

Also, on SAT School Day, our 11th graders took the in-person SAT as part of the overall summative assessment for high schools. For the composite scores, our students beat the state average, while scoring below the national average. For the English and Math benchmarks, the percentage of our students that met the English and Math benchmarks was higher than the State average, but below the national average. Our percentage that met the English benchmark was only 1% away from matching the national average and beating the state average by 10%. This shows encouraging progress.

2. Public Participation

3. Student Achievement

Our County Strategic Plan has been published. Our 4 goals are to improve our academic achievement, attendance rate, graduation rate, and culture and climate. If our data shows a need one of these areas, the school can put together a plan to improve it using Title I funding. Each school will present their strategic plan at a future board meeting in the Fall.

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Rescind action to place Dixie Hall, Aide, Spencer Elementary School, on administrative transfer list and return to previous position (from March 25, 2021; reason for action no longer exists)

Motion by Gregory Boggs and seconded by Daris Harper to approve. Motion carried. (6:36 pm)

2. Calendar of BOE Meetings for the first half of 2021-22
3. Discussion of CDC guidance for "reopening" of schools
4. Update on preparations for 2021-22 school year
5. Update on Keith Smith vs. Roane County Board of Education (WV PEGB Docket #2018-1278-CONS)

Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve the following consent

agenda as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (7:50 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of Regular Board Meeting on July 8, 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. 2nd Reading
 - i. Policy 524 - Transfers and Reductions-in-Force (revised)
4. Contract(s) / Bid(s) / Agreement(s)
 - a. Paving and Lighting for Geary Elementary / Middle School Change Order #1 for (\$82,125.00)
 - b. Transportation contracts for the transport of 4 students
 - c. Sounds of Sign for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
 - d. JBT Signs of Dunbar, West Virginia for Deaf and hard of Hearing Consult
 - e. Appointment of DLM Decisions as Clerk-of-the-Works for Summer 2021 Bond Construction Projects
5. Field Trips
 - a. RCHS Golf Team to Wheeling, WV (8/9/2021 - 8/10/2021)
 - b. RCHS Golf Team to Fairmont, WV (8/21/2021)
6. Volunteers
7. Student Transfers
 - a. 2 students from Calhoun County Schools to Roane County Schools

Correction: The 2 students transferred from Jackson County Schools to Roane County Schools.

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. (8:01 pm)

1. Resignation(s)
 - a. Heis, Nathaniel - Coach, Football (Spencer Middle School), effective July 12, 2021
 - b. Heis, Nathaniel - Teacher / Special Education (Spencer Middle School), effective July 12, 2021
 - c. Harlan, Daniel - Coach, Girls Basketball (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective July 21, 2021
 - d. McQuain, Robin - Assistant Principal (Spencer Elementary School), effective July 30, 2021
2. New Employment(s)
 - a. Freeland, Tina - Step Up Program Cook (Roane County High School), effective

July 30, 2021

- b. Deweese, Candace - High School Step Up Teacher (Roane County High School), effective July 30, 2021
- c. Umstead, Wendy - High School Step Up Teacher (Roane County High School), effective July 30, 2021
- d. Osborne, Amber - Middle School Step Up Teacher (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective July 30, 2021
- e. Karickhoff, Misty - Middle School Step Up Teacher (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective July 30, 2021
- f. Fisher, Melissa - Middle School Step Up Teacher (Spencer Middle School), effective July 30, 2021
- g. Vaughan, Brittney - Kindergarten Step Up Teacher (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective July 30, 2021
- h. Richards, Stacy - Kindergarten Step Up Teacher (Spencer Elementary School), effective July 30, 2021
- i. Engle, Stacy - Kindergarten Step Up Teacher (Spencer Elementary School), effective July 30, 2021
- j. Starcher, Kristina - Kindergarten Step Up Teacher (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective July 30, 2021
- k. Ward, Cari - Kindergarten Step Up Teacher (Spencer Elementary School), effective July 30, 2021
- l. Strickland, Melissa - Step Up Program Cook (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective July 30, 2021
- m. Marks, Sarah - Step Up Program Cook (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective July 30, 2021
- n. Sutphin, Kelly - Step Up Program Cook (Spencer Elementary School), effective July 30, 2021
- o. Nester, Carrie - Step Up Program Cook (Spencer Elementary School), effective July 30, 2021
- p. Stockner, Shannon - Step Up Program Cook (Roane County High School), effective July 30, 2021

Withdrawn q.----- - Step Up Program Cook (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective July 30, 2021

Withdrawn r.----- - Step Up Program Cook (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective July 30, 2021

Withdrawn s.----- - Step Up Program Cook (Spencer Middle School), effective July 30, 2021

- t. Goodwin, Terry - Step Up Program Bus Operator (RCS - Operations), effective July 30, 2021
- u. McGlothlin, Vicki - Step Up Program Bus Operator (RCS - Operations), effective July 30, 2021
- v. Stockner, Curtis - Step Up Program Bus Operator (RCS - Operations), effective

July 30, 2021

- w. Starcher, Warren - Step Up Program Bus Operator (RCS - Operations), effective July 30, 2021
- x. May, Edward - Step Up Program Bus Operator (RCS - Operations), effective July 30, 2021
- y. McCune, Austin - Step Up Program Bus Operator (RCS - Operations), effective July 30, 2021

Withdrawn ~~z~~----- - Professional Accountant / Benefits Coordinator (RCS - Central Office), effective August 2, 2021

- aa. LeBlond, Vickie - Step Up Program Cook (Spencer Middle School), effective August 2, 2021
- ab. Williams, Ashley - Middle School Step Up Teacher (Spencer Middle School), effective August 2, 2021
- ac. McCune, Austin - Bus Operator (Bus #49) (RCS - Operations), effective August 9, 2021, from the substitute list

Withdrawn ~~ad~~----- - Teacher / 6th Grade (Spencer Middle School), effective August 9, 2021

Withdrawn ~~ae~~----Bittinger, Hailey - Speech Language Pathologist (RCS - Student Support (75%), Spencer Elementary (25%)), effective August 9, 2021, Pending issuance of permit

- af. Manns, Bayli - Speech Assistant (RCS - Student Support Services), effective August 9, 2021, Pending issuance of permit

Withdrawn ~~ag~~----- - Teacher / Special Education (Spencer Middle School), effective August 9, 2021

Withdrawn ~~ah~~----- - Teacher / Special Education (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective August 9, 2021

Withdrawn ~~ai~~----- - Teacher / Special Education (Spencer Elementary School), effective August 9, 2021

Withdrawn ~~aj~~----- - Teacher / Art (Spencer Middle School), effective August 9, 2021

Withdrawn ~~ak~~----- - Teacher / 2nd Grade (Spencer Elementary School), effective August 9, 2021

Withdrawn ~~al~~----- - Teacher / Wellness (Spencer Middle School), effective August 9, 2021

Withdrawn ~~am~~----- - Teacher / 6th Grade (Spencer Middle School), effective August 9, 2021

Withdrawn ~~an~~----- - Teacher / Art (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective August 9, 2021

3. Transfer(s)

- a. Stepp, Rachel - Teacher / 2nd Grade (Spencer Elementary School) to Teacher / 1st Grade (Spencer Elementary School), effective July 1, 2021
- b. Harper, Savannah - Teacher / Special Education (Spencer Elementary School) to

- Teacher / Special Education (Spencer Middle School), effective July 1, 2021
 - c. Tolley, Kaleena - Teacher / Math (Spencer Middle School) to Teacher / 3rd Grade (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective July 1, 2021
 - d. Stricklen, Sara - Teacher / 3rd Grade (Walton Elementary / Middle School) to Counselor (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective July 1, 2021
4. Extracurricular(s)
- a. McGinnis, Toni - Coach, Cross Country (Roane County High School), effective July 23, 2021

Reports of Committees

1. Roane Jackson Technical Center Administrative Council (July 20, 2021)
Superintendent evaluations were discussed.

There were a couple of personnel changes. Mr. Shepherd was transferred from the Technology Integration Specialist and the Coop Coordinator to just the Technology Integration Specialist and moved Ms. Wilkinson to the Co-op Program. Her services could be shared with us to coordinate any co-op programs that our CTE Program might have.

The ongoing water plant issues were discussed at a previous meeting, but the bids were about double the estimate. They have a few options, but the most hopeful option is to go back to the state and ask for help from the Governor's office or legislature since this is an infrastructure need.

Superintendent's Remarks

The GEMS and WEMS construction projects have started. So far, it has mostly been demolition. At GEMS, there are barriers set up to keep kids away from the computer lab and that entrance. Structural engineers will be coming to assess the building. Paving should take about 4 days and start working on the French drain this week.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the next regular meeting, Thursday, August 12, 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, August 12, 2021, at 6:00 pm at Spencer Middle School. Motion carried. (8:17 pm)