REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD AUGUST 26, 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 the provided number and entering the provided conference ID or by joining on Microsoft Teams using the provided link.

Presentations

1. Positively Charged

Prayers go out to some of our students that have met some personal tragedies recently. Our Student Support team has already reached out to the families to help provide support during this time.

2. Public Participation
3. Division Spotlight: Technology

Bryan "Rick" Keiffer presented technology updates and what he has planned to bring Roane County Schools' classroom technology into the 21st century.

4. School Spotlight: Walton Elementary / Middle School

Natalie Garner, Principal at Walton Elementary/Middle School, presented on the start of school at WEMS.

5. Program Spotlight: Summer SOLE

Natalie Garner, Summer SOLE Coordinator, presented on the first year of the program. From teachers, student mentors and to students, an overwhelming amount of positive comments have been shared. There are plans to prep early for next year and questions as to how to extend this overall success to school.

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Instructional Materials Adoption for Specialty Course

Motion by Gregory Boggs and seconded by Daris Harper to approve. Motion carried. (7:12 pm)

   a. Dual-Credit English: Pearson, "The Blair Reader: Exploring Issues and Ideas," 9th Edition

2. Create new positions to address enrollment increases

Motion by Gregory Boggs and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve. Motion carried. (7:17 pm)

   a. Teacher / Kindergarten, Geary Elementary / Middle School (2nd position)
   b. Teacher / Kindergarten, Spencer Elementary School (4th position)
   c. Cook, Spencer Elementary School (5th position)

3. Update on COVID-19 in schools including safety protocols and procedures

Motion by Gregory Boggs to amend the Safety Protocols and Procedures, under #2) Consistent and Correct Mask Use to read "All students, staff, and visitors shall wear a mask when indoors, especially when physical distancing cannot be maintained, regardless of vaccination status. This is done to ensure that unvaccinated individuals and those who cannot be vaccinated due to age or other medical issues are protected. This shall be in place until further notice. All students and staff on buses must wear a mask under CDC order." Motion failed due to lack of a second. (7:36 pm)

Motion by Gregory Boggs and seconded by James Minney to request information from West Virginia School Board Association concerning requirements of staff and members to vaccinate. Motion carried. (7:42 pm)

4. Board and Superintendent Goals for 2021-22

The Board will be a workshop/meeting at Roane County Schools Board Office on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, for the purpose of discussing Board and Superintendent Goals for 2021-22.

Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by James Minney to approve the following consent agenda as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (8:58 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of Regular Board Meeting on August 12, 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. 1st Reading
        i. Policy 223 - Program of Study For High School (Grades 9 through 12) (revised)
        ii. Policy 224 - Alternative Delivery of Educational Programs (revised)
        iii. Policy 224.1 - Virtual Instruction (new)
4. Contract(s) / Bid(s) / Agreement(s)
    a. MOU with Roane General Hospital regarding situational use of physical therapists
    b. Amended transportation contract for 2 students
5. Field Trips
6. Volunteers
7. Student Transfers
    a. 3 students from Calhoun 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. (9:00 pm)

1. Create New Position(s)
    a. Teacher / 2nd Grade (SES), 200 days, effective August 9, 2021
    b. Teacher / Kindergarten (GEMS), 200 days, effective August 9, 2021

c. Cook II (SES), 200 days, effective August 27, 2021

2. Resignation(s)
   a. Knudsen, Candace - Substitute bus operator (RCS - Substitutes), effective August 20, 2021
   b. Sinclair, Thomas - Coach, Girls Basketball (Spencer Middle School), effective August 23, 2021

3. New Employment(s)
   a. Mills, Ashley - Teacher / Special Education (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective August 13, 2021,
   b. Keaton, Jessica - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective August 27, 2021, Pending CIB clearance

Withdrawn ~~c.~~ ~~Tay~~lor, Jill - Professional Accountant / Benefits Coordinator (RCS - Central Office), effective September 13, 2021

Reports of Committees

1. Roane Jackson Technical Center Administrative Council (8/17/2021)

Concerning the water plant, they will be forfeiting the grant originally given by the SBA and to go back to the SBA to ask for more money. Good news is that the SBA can now give out 10% as opposed to the usual 3% to multi-county projects.

It seems now that all the LPN students need to be vaccinated since their clinical sites have vaccination mandates. This may be a requirement for high school health occupations students in the future. We hope to get more word on this soon.

They have hired Todd Cole as the new Criminal Justice Instructor since our previous instructor has moved to role of a Co-op Coordinator.

Superintendent's Remarks

Boggs Roofing has been working with us on some issues with roofing. Firestone took samples of the materials they supplied to the project and discovered that a batch of the sealant that we purchased from them was bad. Firestone has now decided to pay for repairs and modifications to all four roofs. Starting Monday, they will be laying out new material over all seams.

Locks are being replaced at all our schools and buildings. Four of five schools have been completed and the board office will also be finished tomorrow.

Jackson County has put together three options for their calendar for next year and will be presenting them at a hearing next month. We hope to start discussions on a framework for the next few years.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the next regular meeting, Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School

Motion by Gregory Boggs and seconded by Daris Harper to approve. Motion carried. (9:13 pm)