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

Present: Gregory Boggs, Jeffrey Mace, James Minney, Eileen Richardson

Absent: Daris Harper

Meeting called to order by Jeffrey Mace (6:02 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

Katie Cummings, RCHS Student, was recognized for her participation in Educators Rising. She won first place in the state and placed 2nd individually at the national level in the interview competition.

RCHS Band participated in Viking Fest at Ripley High School. In the smaller division, they placed first in their class and was awarded Outstanding Show Design. Also, Zane Tanner and Daisy Burke will have the honor in being a part of the Macy's Great American Marching Band at the Macy's Parade on Thanksgiving Day.

2. Public Participation

Bill Monterosso, Executive Director of the Work Force Development Board, presented on Career Connections, an employment and training program serving youth in 9 counties. They are looking to partner with schools to start training earlier to allow a smother transition into the work force.

Dr. Carroll Christiansen (Family Health Care), Dr. Brent Watson (Roane General Hospital), and Suzanne Rector (WEMS Teacher), spoke in support of a mask mandate in the schools.

3. School Spotlight: Geary Elementary Middle School

Annette Claypool, GEMS Principal, showcased projects, technology, data, and successful GEMS Alumni.

4. Division Spotlight: Curriculum & Instructional Support

Carla Brown, Curriculum Director, presented on the various duties performed and responsibilities overseen by Curriculum and Instructional Support, such as Title I services, family engagement, Title IV, and RLIS.

5. 2022-23 School Calendar Public Hearing

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Recommendation to suspend and terminate contract of Employee A

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Gregory Boggs to go into closed session this discuss this personnel item, as per WV Code 6-9A-4(b)(2)(A). Motion carried. (9:32 pm)

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Eileen Richardson to return to open session. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session. (9:41 pm)

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Gregory Boggs to approve the unpaid suspension of LPN/Aide, Carol Chapman, from October 18, 2021, through October 21, 2021, and termination effective October 22, 2021. Motion carried. (9:42 pm)

2. Proposed Updated Mitigation Strategies for Communicable Diseases

Motion by Gregory Boggs and seconded by James Minney to amend the updated mitigation strategies for communicable diseases to a "3% threshold" in order to require face masks at a particular school. Motion failed. Jeffrey Mace, Eileen Richardson opposed. (9:24 pm)

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by James Minney to approve the updated mitigation strategies for communicable diseases as proposed by the Superintendent. Motion carried. Gregory Boggs opposed. (9:25 pm)

3. Enrollment Trends and Staffing Projections for 2022-23

Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by Gregory Boggs to approve the following consent agenda as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (10:03 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of Regular Board Meeting on October 7, 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
4. Contract(s) / Bid(s) / Agreement(s)
    a. Bid for and approval to purchase 4 new school buses by Blue Bird of West Virginia in the amount of $400,740
5. Field Trips
6. Volunteers
    a. Walton Elementary Middle School
        i. Laura Shafer and Peggy Paxton
7. Student Transfers
    a. 4 Students from Calhoun 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. (10:04 pm)

1. Resignation(s)
    a. White, Nathanial - Assistant Coach, Boys Basketball (Spencer Middle School), effective October 4, 2021
    b. Gibson, Stephanie - LPN / Aide (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective October 29, 2021
2. New Employment(s)
    a. Salisbury, Emily - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective October 22,

2021

b. Bass, Tracy - Bus Operator (Bus #49) (RCS - Operations), effective January 3, 2022, from the substitute list

3. Extracurricular(s)
   a. Cross, Geneva - Coach, Girls Basketball (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective October 22, 2021
   b. Blosser, Anthony - Assistant Coach, Football (Auxiliary) (Roane County High School), effective October 22, 2021
   c. Taylor, Marilyn - Academic Recovery Facilitator (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective October 22, 2021
   d. Tanner, Lorra - Academic Recovery Facilitator (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective October 22, 2021
   e. Lowe, Eric - Coach, Boys Basketball (Spencer Middle School), effective October 22, 2021

4. Terminate contract(s)
   a. Chapman, Carol - LPN / Aide (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective October 22, 2021

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Reports of Committees

1. Roane Jackson Technical Center Administrative Council (10/19/2021)
2. FFA / 4-H Livestock Show and Sale

Mr. Minney reported that he was proud of what he saw at the FFA Barn this past weekend. Most people were masking, as they were supposed to. Many thanks to all the volunteers that made this event possible. With 79 animals showed, 76 animals sold for over $187,000. Over $2000 was raised for the scholarship fund, over $1,000 raised in for Junior Leadership and raffle tickets were sold by the FFA to pay for their trip to the National Convention in Indiana. It is impressive to see the discipline these students have and the hard work they have contributed.

Superintendent's Remarks

November 9th is recommended as the LSIC meeting at RCHS Auditorium.

For construction updates, the preliminary schematic design has been approved and we are now moving onto the design and development stage while Thrasher works on the 3D walk-thru to present to the public. There is one company that is interested in putting in a bid for the project.

At WEMS, the new door locks were reviewed, ceiling grid is in, and the flooring will be put in soon. Overall, it should take should take 1 or 2 months at WEMS to be finished. At GEMS, we are meeting with Thrasher to address the drainage issues on the library path next week.

The monthly statewide meeting for Superintendents is in Fairmont tomorrow.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the next regular meeting, Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School

Motion by Gregory Boggs and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve. Motion carried. (10:23 pm)