REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD OCTOBER 20, 2022, AT 6:00 PM, AT ROANE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, SPENCER,

Present: Dennis Carpenter, Jeffrey Mace, James Minney, Eileen Richardson

Absent: Daris Harper

Meeting called to order by Jeffrey Mace (6:04 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

We want to recognize all students and staff that participated in the Black Walnut Festival. There is a lot of work that is put into the festival and it is nice to see the festival almost back to normal attendance.

Tomorrow is the day that schools must finalize their enrollment certification. It looks like our enrollment dropped by .89 students from last year, which is progress considering our drop off rate over the past years.

2. Public Participation
3. Student Achievement

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Update on Student Enrollment and Staffing
2. Update on construction of the new Spencer Middle School
3. Consideration of Education Accountability Amendment Including Possible Adoption of Related Resolution

Motion by Jeffrey Mace and seconded by James Minney to approve. Motion carried. Dennis Carpenter opposed. (7:14 pm)

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. (7:20 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on October 6, 2022 and the Special Board Meeting on October 18, 2022
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. MOU with Think Kids, Inc., for Connecting Kids to Coverage West Virginia Project

5. Field Trips
6. Volunteer(s)
   a. Geary Elementary Middle School
      i. Laurinda Swiney
   b. Spencer Elementary School
      i. Julie Garret and Delores Saunders
7. Student Transfers
   a. 3 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. (7:23 pm)

1. Resignation(s)
   a. Underwood, Lana - Academic Recovery Facilitator (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective October 12, 2022
   b. Gainer, Katherine - Assistant Coach, Softball (Roane County High School), effective October 19, 2022
   c. Metz, Alexis - Assistant Coach, Track (Spencer Middle School), effective October 19, 2022

2. New Employment(s)
   a. _____ - Assistant Principal (Spencer Middle School), effective October 21, 2022
   b. Slingerland, James - Bus Operator (Bus #20) (RCS - Operations), effective October 21, 2022
   c. ~~Gen~~try, Benjamin - Assistant Coach, Boys Basketball (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective October 21, 2022 Withdrawn
   d. McCune, Austin - Substitute aide (RCS - Substitutes), effective October 21, 2022
   e. _____ - Professional Accountant / Benefits Coordinator (RCS - Central Office), effective October 21, 2022
   f. _____ - Substitute aide (RCS - Substitutes), effective October 21, 2022
   g. _____ - Substitute cook (RCS - Substitutes), effective October 21, 2022

3. Transfer(s)
   a. Marks, Frankie - Bus Operator (Bus #58) (RCS - Operations) to Bus Operator (Bus #18) (RCS - Operations), effective October 21, 2022

4. Extracurricular(s)
   a. Tolley, Kaleena - Assistant Coach, Boys Basketball (Auxiliary) (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective October 21, 2022

b. Ashley, Timothy - Assistant Coach, Girls Basketball (Roane County High School), effective October 21, 2022
c. Gentry, Benjamin - Transportation Aide (morning, Bus #49) (RCS - Operations), effective October 21, 2022
d. Gentry, Benjamin - Transportation Aide (evening, Bus #13) (RCS - Operations), effective October 21, 2022
e. Gentry, Benjamin - Assistant Coach, Track (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective October 21, 2022
f. Taylor, Marilyn - Game Manager(s) (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective October 21, 2022

Reports of Committees

1. Roane Jackson Technical Center Administrative Council (10/18/2022)

There was no new business, but we lost a cosmetology student. Hopefully her situation will change soon and she can rejoin.

The first tractor for the CDL program has been purchased for $95k and we should receive some funding from the state.

We are finally approving bids from the water plant project and hope to start prepping now to do the work in late spring.

Superintendent's Remarks

I attended an EDA meeting this afternoon.The big topic of discussion was the developments in Jackson and Mason Counties and now extending to us for a housing study. I spoke with Commissioner Corkrean after the meeting about our needs as a county. Mayor Williams spoke about what they will be studying here soon. We have lost many businesses here in Roane County over the past 30 years and we haven't seen this optimism about development here in a long time.

I will be in Bridgeport for the Superintendents meeting tomorrow morning. The Hope Scholarship is back on again. We certainly have to watch our enrollments closely.

Press reports so far have been that charter school enrollment is lower than the charter schools projected, but we should know this information soon since charter schools must also certify their enrollment.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the special meeting / public forum and LSIC / BOE meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at Geary Elementary Middle School, beginning at 6 pm. The next regular meeting of the Board will be Thursday, November 3, 2022, beginning at 6 pm at Roane County High School.

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to approve. Motion carried. (7:40 pm)