

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD FEBRUARY 9, 2023, AT 6:00 PM, AT ROANE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, SPENCER, WEST VIRGINIA

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

Absent: (none)

Meeting called to order by Jeffrey Mace (6:01 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

In recognition of National School Counselor Week, school counselors were honored for the vital work they are doing at the schools. In attendance were Marie Hedges and Rebecca Lockhart from RCHS and Sara Stricklen from WEMS. Not in attendance were Ashley McClure (GEMS), Courtney Bowman (SMS), and Amy Stotts (SES).

2. Public Participation

Parent, Richard Conley and Teacher, Stacy Engle, presented their concerns about student use of restrooms at RCHS.

3. Student Achievement

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Consideration of property matters involving the Transportation Complex and adjacent property

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Eileen Richardson to go into closed session to discuss property matters involving the Transportation Complex and adjacent property, as per WV Code section 6-9A-4(b)(9). Motion carried. (7:58 pm)

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by James Minney to return to open session. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session. (7:01 pm)

2. Consideration of confidential settlement agreement in Charity Moore and Lakota "Raine" Moore v. Roane County Schools (PADR-154-17)

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Daris Harper to go into closed session. Motion carried. (7:02 pm)

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Daris Harper to return to open session. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session. (7:29 pm)

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Eileen Richardson to accept the confidential settlement agreement with Charity Moore and Lakota "Raine" Moore v. Roane County Schools. Motion carried. Daris Harper opposed. (7:29 pm)

3. Consideration of recommendation to suspend without pay Employee A, a custodian, for three working days to be determined by his/her supervisor

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to go into closed session to consider

the suspension without pay for Employee A, for three working days to be determined by his/her supervisor, as per WV Code 6-9A-4(b)(2)(B). Motion carried. (7:30 pm)

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to return to open session. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session. (7:50 pm)

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Daris Harper to ratify the superintendent's recommendation to suspend Jeremiah Hively, Custodian III at Walton Elementary / Middle School, for three days without pay to be determined by his supervisor. Motion carried. (7:51 pm)

4. Update on construction of the new Spencer Middle School
5. Update on staff and student survey program
6. Update on WVDE Instructional Review at Spencer Elementary School
7. Legislative Update (Day 30 of 60)

Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve the following consent agenda, as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent, except for item 4a, which will be voted on separately. Motion carried. (9:04 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 26, 2023
2. Financial
 - a. Financial Reports
 - b. Transfers/supplements to the budget
 - c. Payments of bills as submitted; pre-approval to release checks not to exceed \$20,000 prior to the next board meeting
3. Policies
 - a. 2nd Reading
 - i. Policy 560 - Leave (revised)
4. Contract(s) / Bid(s) / Agreement(s)
 - a. Contract with Steele Hollow Estates for RCHS 2023 Prom

This item will be voted on separately.

Under the Consent Agenda motion, approval of item 4a was voted on separately, and as originally stated on the agenda. Motion passed. Jeffrey Mace recused himself from the vote. (9:07 pm)

5. Field Trips
 - a. RCHS FBLA to Marshall University for State Leadership Conference (March 13 - 14, 2023)
6. Volunteers
 - a. Spencer Elementary School
 - i. Sandy Batten
 - b. Spencer Middle School
 - i. Tina Starcher and Rose Smith
7. Student Transfers

Personnel Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Daris Harper to approve the following personnel

items as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (9:07 pm)

1. Retirement(s)
 - a. Nichols, Millie - Supervisory Aide / Paraprofessional (RCS - Student Support Services), effective March 9, 2023
 - b. Kendall, Terry - Teacher / PE (Spencer Elementary School), effective June 30, 2023
 - c. Miller, Allison - Teacher / 4th Grade (Spencer Elementary School), effective June 30, 2023
 - d. Miller, Allison - Math Field Day Sponsor (Spencer Elementary School), effective June 30, 2023
 - e. Miller, Allison - Technology Support Coordinator (Spencer Elementary School), effective June 30, 2023
2. New Employment(s)
 - a. Boggs, Brian - Custodian III (Roane County High School), effective February 10, 2023
 - b. Hordyszynski, Kyle - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective February 10, 2023
 - c. Woods, William - Substitute custodian (RCS - Substitutes), effective February 10, 2023
3. Extracurricular(s)
 - a. McGinnis, Austin - Assistant Coach, Boys Track (Auxiliary) (Roane County High School), effective February 10, 2023

Reports of Committees

Superintendent's Remarks

The State Board meeting was yesterday and I spoke during the delegation period on our outdated salary schedule for service personnel. With wages at sub-poverty levels, it is time to update this salary schedule.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the special meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School. The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School.

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Daris Harper to adjourn until the next special meeting on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm at RCS Central Office. There will be another special meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 6:00 PM at Roane County High School. The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 6:00 PM at Roane County High School. Motion carried. (9:21 pm)