REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD JULY 27, 2023, AT 6:00 PM, AT ROANE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, SPENCER,

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

Absent: (none)

Meeting called to order by Jeffrey Mace (6:02 pm)

This meeting can be joined remotely. The public can join by calling 1-304-553-7794 and entering the conference ID 517 398 244 or by joining on Microsoft Teams using this link.

Presentations

1. Positively Charged

Classes wrapped up last week for our Summer SOLE program while Energy Express is still going this week. Not as much participation this year as in the past, but we are looking to refocus the program next year as the Third Grade Success Act requirements kick in.

2. Public Participation
3. Student Achievement

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Rescind offers of employment

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Daris Harper to approve. Motion carried. (6:10 pm)

   a. Rescind offer of employment to Ashley King, Communities in Schools Coordinator at Roane County High School (did not accept employment; from May 25, 2023)
   b. Rescind offer of employment to Donna Schoolcraft, Aide / Early Childhood Classroom Assistant Teacher at Geary Elementary / Middle School (did not accept employment; from April 27, 2023)

2. Rescind transfer of Michele Hordyszynski to Counselor, Geary Elementary / Middle School, and return to School Social Worker, Office of Student Support Services (did not meet certification requirements)

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve. Motion carried. (6:12 pm)

3. Realign position for virtual instruction

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Daris Harper to approve. Motion carried. Eileen Richardson opposed. (6:22 pm)

   a. Abolish Teacher / Spanish, Roane County High School [1 position]
   b. Create Supervisory Aide / Paraprofessional, Roane County High School [1 position]

4. Approval of Proposed Job Descriptions

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to approve. Motion carried. (6:52 pm)

a. Lead Speech Language Pathologist (Countywide) [Extracurricular]
b. Lead Special Educator (School-based) [Extracurricular]
c. Homebound Facilitator (School-based) [Extracurricular]
d. Interventionist, Academic (School-based) [Professional]
e. Interventionist, Behavioral (School-based) [Professional]
f. Coordinator of School Improvement (School-based) [Professional]

5. Creation of New Extracurricular Assignments and Positions

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by James Minney to approve. Motion carried. (6:54 pm)

a. Create Lead Speech Language Pathologist, Office of Student Support Services [1 extracurricular assignment; funding through Special Education program]
b. Create Lead Special Educator, Geary Elementary / Middle School [1 extracurricular assignment; funded through Special Education program]
c. Create Lead Special Educator, Spencer Elementary School [1 extracurricular assignment; funded through Special Education program]
d. Create Lead Special Educator, Spencer Middle School [1 extracurricular assignment; funded through Special Education program]
e. Create Lead Special Educator, Walton Elementary / Middle School [1 extracurricular assignment; funded through Special Education program]
f. Create Lead Special Educator, Roane County High School [1 extracurricular assignment; funded through Special Education program]
g. Create Homebound Facilitator, Geary Elementary / Middle School [number of extracurricular assignments as needed; funded through local funds]
h. Create Homebound Facilitator, Spencer Elementary School [number of extracurricular assignments as needed; funded through local funds]
i. Create Homebound Facilitator, Spencer Middle School [number of extracurricular assignments as needed; funded through local funds]
j. Create Homebound Facilitator, Walton Elementary / Middle School [number of extracurricular assignments as needed; funded through local funds]
k. Create Behavioral Interventionist, Spencer Middle School [1 position; funded through Title I program]
l. Create Coordinator of School Improvement, Spencer Elementary School [1 position; funded through CSI grant]

6. Updates on Continuing Business
   a. Construction of the new Spencer Middle School
   b. Recreational Improvements at Geary Elementary / Middle School and Spencer Elementary School
   c. Property Matters involving the Goff Run complex, Madison Avenue complex, and Capitol Street complex

Consent Agenda - (Action)
Motion by James Minney and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve the following consent agenda, as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent, except for item 4d, which will be voted on separately. Motion carried. (7:06 pm)

James Minney requested to vote separately on item 4d.

1. Approval of minutes of Regular Board Meeting on July 13, 2023
2. Finance
    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. 2023-24 Pre-K Collaborative Contract with AFL-CIO Appalachian Council Head Start
    b. Best Life Therapy, LLC for audiology services
    c. Agreement with Wirt County Schools to provide child nutrition administrative service (renewal)
    d. Contract with Metheney Consulting Services to support development of year-end financial statements

Under the consent agenda motion, it was voted on separately to approve item #4d. Daris Harper opposed. Motion carried. (7:13 pm)

5. Field Trips
    a. RCHS Golf to Oglebay Golf Resort, Wheeling, WV for a golf match(August 7, 2023 to August 8, 2023)
6. Volunteers
7. Student Transfers
    a. 2 Students from Wood County Schools to Roane County Schools
    b. 1 Student from Calhoun County Schools to Roane County Schools
    c. 5 Student from Kanawha County Schools to Roane County Schools
    d. 1 Student from Wirt County Schools to Roane County Schools
8. Roane County Universal Pre-K Calendar for 2023-24

Personnel Consent Agenda - (Action)
Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Daris Harper to approve the following personnel items as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (7:17 pm)

1. Create New Position(s)
    a. Supervisory Aide / Paraprofessional (RCHS), 200 days, effective July 28, 2023
    b. Lead Special Educator (SES), 0 days, effective July 28, 2023
    c. Lead Special Educator (SMS), 0 days, effective July 28, 2023
    d. Lead Special Educator (WEMS), 0 days, effective July 28, 2023
    e. Lead Special Educator (RCHS), 0 days, effective July 28, 2023

f. Lead Special Educator (GEMS), 0 days, effective July 28, 2023
g. Lead Speech-Language Pathologist (Stu Srv), 0 days, effective July 28, 2023
h. Behavioral Interventionist (SMS), 200 days, effective July 28, 2023
i. Coordinator of School Improvement (SES), 210 days, effective July 28, 2023

2. Resignation(s)
   a. Gainer, Katherine - Yearbook Advisor (Spencer Elementary School), effective July 17, 2023
   b. Ramsey, Kenneth - Assistant Principal (Roane County High School), effective July 20, 2023
   c. Keiffer, Bryan - Coordinator of Technology (RCS - Central Office), effective August 4, 2023

3. New Employment(s)
   a. Miller, Allison - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective July 28, 2023
   b. May, Edward - Step Up Program Bus Operator (RCS - Operations), effective August 7, 2023
   c. Lesher, Dave - Step Up Program Bus Operator (RCS - Operations), effective August 7, 2023
   d. Marks, Sarah - Step Up Program Cook (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective August 7, 2023
   e. Stockner, Vicki - Step Up Program Bus Operator (RCS - Operations), effective August 7, 2023
   f. Stockner, Curtis - Step Up Program Bus Operator (RCS - Operations), effective August 7, 2023
   g. Windland, Ranell - Step Up Program Bus Operator (RCS - Operations), effective August 7, 2023
   h. Strickland, Orville - Step Up Program Bus Operator (RCS - Operations), effective August 7, 2023
   i. Starcher, Kristina - Kindergarten Step Up Teacher (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective August 7, 2023
   j. Ward, Cari - Kindergarten Step Up Teacher (Spencer Elementary School), effective August 7, 2023
   k. Engle, Stacy - Kindergarten Step Up Teacher (Spencer Elementary School), effective August 7, 2023
   l. Metz, Alexis - Kindergarten Step Up Teacher (Spencer Elementary School), effective August 7, 2023
   m. Strickland, Melissa - Step Up Program Cook (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective August 7, 2023
   n. Vaughan, Brittney - Kindergarten Step Up Teacher (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective August 7, 2023
   o. Payne, Bonnie - Step Up Program Cook (Spencer Elementary School), effective August 7, 2023

p. Nester, Carrie - Step Up Program Cook (Spencer Elementary School), effective August 7, 2023

4. Transfer(s)
   a. Dolan, Corena - Teacher / 3rd Grade (Spencer Elementary School) to Teacher / 2nd Grade (Spencer Elementary School), effective July 28, 2023
   b. Ford, Toby - Teacher / PE (Roane County High School) to Communities in Schools Coordinator (Roane County High School), effective July 28, 2023

Reports of Committees

1. Roane Jackson Technical Center Administrative Council (July 18, 2023)

There is still a need for an LPN Instructor. The program has been suspended until October. Mr. Cummings is trying to get legislative support to give teaching experience for real-world experience to CTE Teachers.

The $5 million building project is moving forward to the design phase with the SBA.

The water plant project has been mostly completed. The new pumps will arrive in September so they are currently hooked up to the old pumps with the new plumbing.

The ESSER project will go out for bids soon to replace the old ventilation equipment.

Superintendent's Remarks

Next week, we will have meetings with administrators and do building safety walkthroughs.

Tomorrow morning, I will be hosting the superintendents from Clay, Calhoun, and Wirt County Schools to discuss small county problems. Our counties work efficiently, but we lack the resources. We need other counties to see how to also work more efficiently.

Also, Kelli Whytsell from Calhoun County is retiring while her replacement, Michael Fitzwater, to be hired as the Interim Superintendent. This will be the 20th superintendent change across the state in the past twelve to thirteen months.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the next regular meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by James Minney to approve. Motion carried. (7:23 pm)