REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD SEPTEMBER 28, 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 (6:03 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

Mr. Craig Epling, Principal of Roane County High School, announced that last year's junior class improved science proficiency by 5% and math proficiency by 4%.

He also recognized RCHS students Brianna Osborne, Fair Smelko, Gwendolyn Cox, and Nathaniel (Nate) Martin, who earned the National Rural and Small Town Award (NRSTA) from the College Board.

Next, RCHS FBLA was recognized for their part in the Friday Night Rivals production on WCHS-TV.

Then, Future Leaders Program promotions were recognized for the following cadets: Adelaide Taylor, Mitchell Arner, Noah Pena, Chase Pope, Konner Hornbeck, Andrew Jetton, Regan Banks, Alivia Linkinoggor, and Colton Westfall.

Alex Hunt was introduced as the new Assistant Principal at RCHS.

2. Public Participation
3. Student Achievement
4. Attendance Matters - August / September 2023

New Business for Consideration and Possible Action

1. Create Aide V / Special Education Assistant Teacher, Geary Elementary / Middle School [1 position]

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to approve. Motion carried. (6:29 pm)

2. Update on Summer Overpayments for Certain Personnel
3. Discussion of Funding for Athletic Programs
4. 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 Daris Harper and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve the following consent agenda as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (7:03 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of Regular Board Meeting on September 14, 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
   d. Board member reimbursements for travel
3. Policies
4. Contract(s) / Bid(s) / Agreement(s)
   a. Updated Contract with Professional Therapy Services, Inc. for speech/language, occupational, and/or physical therapies and assessments (change in ownership)
   b. Memorandum of Understanding with Mountain State ESC for professional development and mentoring
   c. Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council-Foster Grandparent Program Memorandum of Understanding
5. Field Trips
   a. RCHS Golf to State Golf Tournament in Wheeling, WV, on October 2 to 4, 2023
6. Volunteers
   a. Spencer Elementary School
      i. Judy Saunders, Andrea Carroll, Alexa White and Sharon Stepp
   b. Spencer Middle School
      i. Jessica Cooper, Melanie Taylor, Kayla Conley, Krisheana Carey, Megan D. Anderson, Kenneth Bunner, Ronnie Bunner, Heather Webb, Jenny Saunders, Holly Reger, Jessica Miller and Charlotte Stalnaker
   c. Walton Elementary Middle School
      i. Laura Smith and Brittani Steele
7. Student Transfers
8. Clinical Experiences
   a. Olivia VanDam, Glenville State University, placed at Spencer Elementary School as Teacher / 3rd Grade (clinical teacher of record beginning October 10, 2023)
   b. Joshua Huffman, Marshall University, placed at Spencer Middle School as Teacher / 5th Grade (clinical teacher of record for 2023-24 second semester)

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. (7:06 pm)

1. Create New Position(s)
    a. Aide V / Special Education Assistant Teacher (GEMS), 200 days, effective September 29, 2023
2. Resignation(s)
    a. Baker, Muriah - Social Media Coordinator (Roane County High School), effective September 21, 2023
    b. Redman, Laura - Substitute cook (RCS - Substitutes), effective September 26, 2023
    c. Redman, Jeffery - Custodian III (Spencer Elementary School), effective September 29, 2023
3. New Employment(s)
    a. Eastman, Jacqueline - Teacher / Title I (Spencer Elementary School), effective September 29, 2023
    b. (Kinder), Olivia - Aide / ECCAT (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective September 29, 2023
    c. Keiffer, Matthew - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective September 29, 2023
    d. Lowe, Eric - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective September 29, 2023
    e. Hordyszynski, Kyle - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective September 29, 2023
    f. Webb, Heather - Substitute aide (RCS - Substitutes), effective September 29, 2023
4. Transfer(s)
    a. Keaton, Rebecca - Teacher / English (Roane County High School) to Teacher / Career Literacy (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective October 16, 2023
5. Extracurricular(s)
    a. Coon, Alicia - Head Teacher (Spencer Middle School), effective September 29, 2023
    b. Caldwell, Sara - Game Manager (Spencer Middle School), effective September 29, 2023
    c. Gainer, Katherine - Game Manager (Spencer Middle School), effective September 29, 2023
    d. Coon, Alicia - Academic Recovery Facilitator (Spencer Middle School), effective September 29, 2023

Reports of Committees

1. Roane Jackson Technical Center Administrative Council (September 19, 2023)

We may have found an LPN Instructor. There has been discussion about working with local partners to incentivize these positions. RGH wants this program to succeed in order to help keep their staffing up, especially in the long term care division. There are legal hurdles, but we are looking for options.

Superintendent's Remarks

On Monday and Tuesday, members of our leadership team were in Charleston for the Science of Reading training. They are there again today and tomorrow learning how to implement and train teachers and staff.

On Tuesday, I was at the quarterly meeting of the Commission of Professional Teaching Standards. We heard updates about what efforts are being made to help with the teaching shortages and certification issues. There was a lot of good alternative education data across the state, which has only produced about 200-250 teachers. This makes up only a small percentage of the shortage.

LSIC at GEMS requested November 9th for their annual meeting with the BOE.

Adjournment

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

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by Daris Harper to approve. Motion carried. (7:13 pm)