REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD NOVEMBER 9, 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 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

As is our tradition, we want to recognize all Roane County Schools employees that are veterans of the armed forces. We thank you for your service to our country.

2. Public Participation

Anthony Thornabarr, Director of Raiders Baseball travel team, presented on the team and requested for support.

3. Student Achievement

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Student expulsion hearing #20231109

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to go into closed session for student expulsion hearing #20231109, as per WV Code section 6-9A-4(b)(3). Motion carried. (6:35 pm)

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to follow the superintendent's recommendation to expel student #20231109. Motion carried. (7:12 pm)

2. Annual review and renewal of Policy 512 - Areas of Critical Need and Shortage
3. Accept Base Bid and Alternates 1, 2, and 3 for Roane County High School HVAC Project from Dougherty Company, Inc., for $2,137,000 (ESSER-funded)
4. Updates on Continuing Business
    a. Potential Excess Operating Levy Program
    b. Construction of the new Spencer Middle School
    c. Recreational Improvements at Geary Elementary / Middle School and Spencer Elementary School
    d. Property Matters involving the Goff Run complex, Madison Avenue complex, and Capitol Street complex

Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to approve the following consent agenda as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (8:33 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of Regular Board Meeting on October 26, 2023 and Special Board

Meeting on November 7, 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. Agreement Addendum with Knotts Consulting for Additional HiSET Test
    b. Contract with Literacy Edventures for Science of Reading Training
    c. Contract with Mountain State ESC for Medicaid Billing Services
5. Field Trips
    a. RCHS FBLA to Fall Leadership Conference in Dallas, TX, on November 16 to 18, 2023
6. Volunteers
    a. Walton Elementary Middle School
        i. Libby Webb
7. Student Transfers

Personnel Consent Agenda - (Action)
Motion by and seconded by James Minney to approve the following personnel items as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (8:39 pm)
A Substitute Service Personnel calling order drawing was performed for Substitute Aides. The results were: 1) William Woods, 2) Kimberly Hersman

1. Resignation(s)
    a. Tolley, Kaleena - Assistant Coach, Boys Basketball (Auxiliary) (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective November 7, 2023
    b. Woods, Jessica - Teacher / 5th Grade (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective November 26, 2023
    c. Hordyszynski, Michele - School Social Worker (RCS - Student Support Services), effective December 31, 2023, amended date
2. New Employment(s)
    a. Harper, James - Custodian III (Spencer Elementary School), effective November 6, 2023, amended start date
    b. Woods, William - Substitute aide (RCS - Substitutes), effective November 10, 2023
    c. Smith, Jacklyn - Substitute bus operator (RCS - Substitutes), effective November 10, 2023
    d. Hersman, Kimberly - Substitute aide (RCS - Substitutes), effective November 13, 2023
3. Extracurricular(s)
    a. Harper, Gary - Coach, Boys Basketball (Spencer Middle School), effective

November 10, 2023

b. Ducasse, Jermaine - Assistant Coach, Girls Basketball (Roane County High School), effective November 10, 2023

Reports of Committees

1. Roane-Jackson Technical Center Administrative Council (10/25/2023)

The ESSER ventilation project was awarded to Dougherty Company, Inc. to replace fans and exhaust units. Also, we finally hired enough LPN Instructors to restart the program on January 2nd. We're currently discussing options with RGH and JGH to supplement the salaries for the LPN instructors in the future. Lastly, we'd like to congratulate Mr. Cummings. He attended the FFA National Conference where he received the Honorary American Degree.

Superintendent's Remarks

Our school-based probation officer, Kimberly Mertz, is taking employment elsewhere in the community. The courts will be looking for a new probation officer, which is a vital role in our attendance efforts.

Next, we have a long weekend starting with observing Veteran's Day tomorrow. Then, we have a full week of school before Thanksgiving break. We're rapidly getting to the midpoint of the school year and that fun time after Christmas when we get to personnel season and legislative season. If you didn't already read about it, State Board President Hardesty spoke during the delegations period, and has proposed a new act in legislature called the Local Accountability Act of 2024.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the special meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 pm at Walton Elementary Middle School. The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School.