

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD NOVEMBER 30, 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

Roane County FFA Forestry and Poultry teams presented on their achievements at the National Convention in Indianapolis. The poultry team, represented by Lexie Mitchell, Elizabeth Greathouse, Kacie Mace and Alexis Burdette presented that they placed 9th in the nation. They also now are being sponsored to attend the Poultry Expo in Atlanta, Georgia. The forestry team representative, Libby Stricklen presented that she, along with team members, Lacy Mitchell, Sawyer Hunt and Emma Looney, placed 9th in the nation while Lacy Mitchell, placed 12th in the individual competition. Congratulations to all participants for representing Roane County and West Virginia.

2. Public Participation

3. Student Achievement

4. Attendance Matters - Oct / Nov 2023

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Updates on Continuing Business

- a. Construction of the new Spencer Middle School
- b. Potential Excess Operating Levy Program
- 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

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by James Minney to go into closed session to discuss property matters, as per WV Code 6-9A-4(b)(9). Motion carried. (6:56 pm)

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by Daris Harper to return to open session. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session. (7:25 pm)

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Daris Harper to give the Superintendent authority to dispose of the Madison Avenue property, subject to final approval of the board, as amended by Dennis Carpenter. Motion carried. (7:26 pm)

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. (7:32 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of Regular Board Meeting on November 9, 2023 and Special Board Meeting on November 28, 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. Bid for and approval to purchase 2 new school buses by Blue Bird of West Virginia in the amount of \$295,010
 - b. Temporary Access Agreement with Walton Public Service District
5. Field Trips
6. Volunteers
 - a. Spencer Elementary School
 - i. Taylor Clothier and Sara Scott
 - b. Geary Elementary Middle School
 - i. Kristi Gray and Dee Truman
7. Student Transfers
 - a. 1 Student transfer from Kanawha County Schools to Roane County Schools

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. (7:48 pm)

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by James Minney to go into closed session to discuss personnel, as per WV Code 6-9A-4(b)(2)(A). Motion carried. (7:37 pm)

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Eileen Richardson to return to open session. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session. (7:48 pm)

1. Resignation(s)
 - a. Clarkson, Jane - Game Manager (Spencer Middle School), effective November 20, 2023
 - b. Clarkson, Jane - Substitute aide (RCS - Substitutes), effective November 20, 2023
 - c. Clarkson, Jane - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective November 20, 2023
 - d. Starcher, Kristina - Game Manager(s) (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective November 27, 2023
 - e. Lawson, Samuel - Assistant Coach, Wrestling (Spencer Middle School), effective November 28, 2023
 - f. Sears, Heather - Teacher / 3rd Grade (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective January 1, 2024, pending certified replacement
2. New Employment(s)
 - a. Harper, Micaela - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective December 1, 2023

- b. _____ - Teacher / Alternative Learning Center (Roane County High School), effective December 1, 2023
 - c. _____ - Academic Recovery Facilitator (Spencer Elementary School), effective December 1, 2023
3. Extracurricular(s)
- a. Keaton, Quinton - Assistant Coach, Wrestling (Auxiliary) (Spencer Middle School), effective December 1, 2023
 - b. Miller, Brayden - Assistant Coach, Boys Basketball (Roane County High School), effective December 1, 2023
 - c. _____ - Assistant Coach, Boys Basketball (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective December 1, 2023
 - d. Hedges, Marie - Social Media Coordinator (Roane County High School), effective December 1, 2023
 - e. Blosser, Emilee - Math Field Day Sponsor (Spencer Elementary School), effective December 1, 2023
 - f. Matheney, Lora - Assistant Coach, Girls Basketball (Auxiliary) (Roane County High School), effective December 1, 2023
 - g. Starcher, Kristina - Assistant Coach, Boys Basketball (Auxiliary) (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective December 1, 2023
 - h. DeWees, Robert - Science Fair Sponsor (RCS - Central Office), effective December 1, 2023
 - i. Cottrill, Shannon - Teacher / Tutor of English Language Learners (RCS - Student Support Services), effective December 1, 2023,

The following item(s) were recommended by Michelle Stellato, Superintendent's designee.

- 1. New Employment(s)
 - a. Duncan, Sarah - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective December 1, 2023, during a leave of absence per RCBOE Policy 560

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Daris Harper to approve the following personnel items as recommended by Michelle Stellato, Superintendent's designee. Dr. Richard Duncan recused himself from the discussion and vote and left the room. Motion carried. (7:51 pm)

Reports of Committees

Superintendent's Remarks

We are opening bids for our internet access contract next Friday. We hope to get some competitive bids there.

We installed 4 network speakers at RCHS over Thanksgiving break. We heard from the LSIC concerning the intercom repair and we hope to get some SBA funding for that. I received a \$20,000 quote for analog equipment, but it may be more beneficial to spend the \$32,000 to update to networking speakers.

An energy savings company will be doing a no risk assessment on our buildings to advise us on energy savings and will guarantee a certain amount of savings.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the special meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm at Spencer Middle School. The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School.

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by Daris Harper to approve. Motion carried. (7:58 pm)