

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD DECEMBER 14, 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 James Minney (6:04 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

To celebrate the almost end of the first semester, winter benchmarks in Star 360 will wrap up this week.

In math, we've dropped from 62% of students below 40th percentile ranking to only 50%, meaning 140 kids have moved out of the concern area. Much of this improvement has been made at SES. Being a CSI school, that is a great success. Their math benchmarks show kindergarten up 29%, first grade is up 43%, second grade is up 22%, third grade is up 14%, and fourth grade is up 11%.

In reading, we had only 4% moving from below to above the 40th percentile ranking. This is an overall improvement that we hope to see more of by the end of the year.

2. Public Participation

Mr. Epling, RCHS Principal and representing the RCHS LSIC, requested guidance on protocol to implement the tiered model for graduation recognition, as voted on by RCHS LSIC.

3. Student Achievement

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Approval of Recommended Vendor for WAN Services under FCC Form 470 #24003549 and Authorization for Superintendent to Execute Related Contracts

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve. Motion carried. (6:36 pm)

2. Update on District Technology Planning and Network Improvements

3. School-Affiliated Organization Approval and Oversight

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by James Minney to approve. Motion carried. (6:58 pm)

4. 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 Jeffrey Mace and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to go into closed session to discuss property matters, as per WV Code 6-9A-4(b)(9). Motion carried. (7:15 pm)

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Eileen Richardson to return to open session. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session. (7:38 pm)

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Daris Harper to to grant the superintendent the authority to enter negotiations for the sale, transfer, or lease of a portion(s) of the Goff Run property, with the board's final approval. Motion carried. (7:39 pm)

Consent Agenda - (Action)

1. Approval of minutes of Regular Board Meeting on November 30, 2023 and Special Board Meeting on December 12, 2023

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by James Minney to approve. Motion carried. (7:45 pm)

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. Payment of Board Members for Meeting Attendance
3. Policies
4. Contract(s) / Bid(s) / Agreement(s)
 - a. b. Transportation contract for 1 student
5. Field Trips
6. Volunteers
 - a. Spencer Elementary School
 - i. Allison Pinson, Jessie Summers, Cody Coon and Marcia Corkrean
 - b. Geary Elementary Middle School
 - i. Kristi Gray, Dee Truman, Tara Linkinoggor, Jennifer Randolph and Shena Hall
7. Student Transfers

Personnel Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by Daris Harper to approve the following personnel items as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (7:47 pm)

1. New Employment(s)
 - a. Darling, Julie - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective December 15, 2023
 - b. George, Sharon - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective December 15, 2023
 - c. Haynes, Lisa - Teacher / 3rd Grade (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective January 2, 2024
 - d. Belcher, Malissa - Teacher / 6th Grade (Spencer Middle School), effective January

2, 2024, revised start date (from October 10, 2023)

2. Leave of Absence(s)
 - a. Jarvis, Amber - Teacher / Title I (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective January 1, 2024 to February 2, 2024, extension from previous leave (from September 14, 2023)
3. Extracurricular(s)
 - a. Ashley, Kimberly - Academic Recovery Facilitator (Spencer Elementary School), effective December 15, 2023
 - b. Rector, Joseph - Game Manager(s) (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective December 15, 2023
 - c. Tolley, Kaleena - Game Manager(s) (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective December 15, 2023
 - d. Deweese, Candace - Teacher / Alternative Learning Center (Roane County High School), effective December 15, 2023
 - e. _____ - Assistant Coach, Boys Basketball (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective December 15, 2023

Reports of Committees

Superintendent's Remarks

I went to the Capitol to meet with legislators earlier this week, including Vice Chairs of the House Education Committee, Chris Toney and Joe Statler. We discussed some changes for the state aid formula to support personnel funding, which would ultimately benefit all counties, especially smaller counties. With four elementary school closures approved this year, we have to make sure to work as efficient as possible and find ways to produce more revenue to avoid further closures.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the special board meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6 pm at Spencer Elementary School. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 6 pm at Roane County High School.

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Eileen Richardson to adjourn until the special board meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6 pm at Geary Elementary Middle School. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 6 pm at Roane County High School. Motion carried. (7:52 pm)