

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD JANUARY 11, 2024, 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

Ms. Stellato has presented certificates to classrooms who led the county and their improvement in the Star360 benchmarks between the beginning and middle of the year. This shows how fast our kids are improving their standing compared to their peers nationally.

2. Public Participation

Parents, Holly McCarty and Lisa Smith, expressed their concerns with 5th Grade at Geary Elementary / Middle School.

3. Student Achievement

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Create Teacher / Special Education (Behavioral Disorders), Roane County Schools (home base to be assigned as determined by student needs) [1 position]

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve. Motion carried. (6:47 pm)

2. Approval of Recommended Vendor for Equipment for the New Spencer Middle School under FCC Form 470 #24003944 and Authorization for Superintendent to Execute Related Contracts

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to approve. Motion carried. (6:49 pm)

3. Consideration of Recommendation to End Administrative Leave and Suspend without Pay Employee A, an Aide

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to go into closed session to discuss this personnel issue, as per WV Code 6-9A-4(2)(A). Motion carried. (6:50 pm)

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by Daris Harper to return to open session. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session. (7:44 pm)

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to follow the recommendation of the Superintendent to suspend Ashley Freeland, Aide / Special Education Assistant Teacher at Spencer Elementary School, for 3 days without pay and further require that she attend retraining and be reassigned as an Aide at the discretion of the Superintendent. Motion carried. (7:45 pm)

4. Review of Discussion of Graduation Recognitions (from May 25, 2023; June 8, 2023; and

June 22, 2023)

5. Consideration of Offers for the Madison Avenue complex and Capitol Street complex
Motion by Daris Harper 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. (8:05 pm)

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Daris Harper to return to open session. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session. (8:48 pm)

6. 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
7. Planning for 2024-25 and Beyond

Consent Agenda - (Action)

1. Approval of minutes of Regular Board Meeting on December 14, 2023 and Special Board Meeting on January 9, 2024
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
 - a. First Reading
 - i. Policy 350 - Nutrition and Wellness (revised)
4. Contract(s) / Bid(s) / Agreement(s)
 - a. MOA with West Virginia Military Authority for Future Leaders Program
 - b. MOA with Mission West Virginia for Advancing Equity in Adolescent Health through Evidence-Based Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs and Services Grant Program
5. Field Trips
 - a. RCHS FFA to the International Production & Processing Expo (IPPE) in Atlanta, Georgia on January 30 to February 2, 2024
6. Volunteers
 - a. Spencer Elementary School
 - i. Jamie Hammons, Greg Howard, Samantha May and Lindsay Brabham.
 - b. Geary Elementary Middle School
 - i. Pamela Miller
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. (9:18 pm)

1. Create New Position(s)
 - a. Teacher / Special Education (Behavioral Disorders) (Stu Srv), 200 days, effective January 12, 2024
2. New Employment(s)
 - a. Spears, Dylan - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective January 12, 2024
3. Transfer(s)
 - a. McPherson, Michelle - Teacher / 4th Grade (Geary Elementary / Middle School) to Teacher / 5th Grade (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective July 1, 2024
4. Extracurricular(s)
 - a. Ash, Larry - Assistant Coach, Baseball (Roane County High School), effective January 12, 2024
 - b. Queen, Matthew - Assistant Coach, Boys Basketball (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective January 12, 2024
 - c. Workman, Megan - FFA Sponsor (Auxiliary) (Roane County High School), effective January 12, 2024

Reports of Committees

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

Planning continues on the new building with some sketches on the wall with brick patterns. Mr. Cummings and his team will be visiting another site to see what else might be out there. They may be getting that out for bids this late winter or early spring. There will be no programs changing next year.
2. Faculty Senate Minutes (December 22, 2023)

Superintendent's Remarks

Today is day 2 of 60 so we should look for legislative updates to start coming. Mr. Brown has been keeping us up-to-date and may give us weekly updates. So far, the bills that were proposed last year didn't make it. There are some new ideas, but we will see how that progresses.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the special meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Roane County Schools Central Office. The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School.

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by Daris Harper to approve. Motion carried. (9:20 pm)