REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD JANUARY 25, 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
    a. WVDE CTE Spotlight - Rebecca Keaton (Geary)
    b. RCHS FBLA Request - "FBLA Week" for February 11 - 17, 2024

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by James Minney to proclaim February 11-17, 2024, as National FBLA Week. Motion carried. (6:10 pm)

2. Public Participation

Parent, Melinda Parkins, and student, Addison Parkins, expressed their concerns about the graduation requirements in policy 223 - Program of Study for High School (Grades 9 through 12).

RCHS parent Amanda Hively and RCHS students Ella Wilson and Braxton Nichols voiced their concerns about internet issues and Policy 490 - Acceptable Use of Technology by Students.

RCHS parent Brad Nichols expressed a safety concern with the intercom not properly working.

GEMS Principal Lorra Tanner informed the board of the resolutions to the misunderstanding that was brought before the board at a previous meeting.

3. Student Achievement

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Consideration and Possible Adoption of a Resolution to Place on the Ballot of the May 14, 2024, Primary Election an Excess Levy Call

Jeff Mace tabled this item until the next meeting

2. Consideration of Offers for the Madison Avenue Complex and Capitol Street Complex

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Daris Harper to go into closed session to discuss property matters, as per WV Code 6-9A-4(b)(9). Motion carried. (7:37 pm)

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by James Minney to return to open session. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session. (8:06 pm)

3. Planning for 2024-25 and Beyond
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

Consent Agenda - (Action)
Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by Daris Harper to approve the following consent agenda as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (8:41 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of regular board meeting on January 11, 2024 and special meetings on January 18, 2024 and January 23, 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 524 - Transfers and Reductions-in-Force (revised)
        ii. Policy 562 - Daily Work Schedule (revised)
    b. Second Reading
        i. Policy 350 - Nutrition and Wellness (revised)
4. Contract(s) / Bid(s) / Agreement(s)
    a. Agreement with ESSI for school improvement support
    b. Contract Addendum with Complete Professional Services for Clerk-of-the-Works Services for the new Spencer Middle School
    c. Agreements with Salvatore Consulting for professional development and teacher support
5. Field Trips
    a. Roane County High School Honor Band to WVU, Morgantown, WV (February 8 - 10, 2024)
6. Volunteers
7. Student Transfers
    a. 1 student transfer from Calhoun County Schools to Roane County Schools

Personnel Consent Agenda - (Action)
Motion by James Minney and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve the following personnel items as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (8:43 pm)

1. Resignation(s)
    a. Moats, Shane - Assistant Coach, Track (Spencer Middle School), effective January 26, 2024
2. New Employment(s)
    a. VanDam, Olivia - Teacher / 3rd Grade (Spencer Elementary School), effective January 26, 2024
    b. Dona, Frank - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective January 26, 2024

3. Transfer(s)
    a. Freeland, Ashley - Aide V / Special Education Assistant Teacher (Spencer Elementary School) to Aide / ECCAT (Spencer Elementary School), effective January 16, 2024, in response to Board action on January 11, 2024

4. Leave of Absence(s)
    a. Metzger, Timothy - Teacher / Music (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective January 29, 2024 to May 29, 2024, intermittent paid and unpaid leave per RCBOE Policy 560
    b. Freeland, Tina - Cook III (Roane County High School), effective February 1, 2024 to February 9, 2024, per RCBOE Policy 560 (Dock Days)

5. Extracurricular(s)
    a. Greathouse, Karli - Assistant Coach, Softball (Auxiliary) (Roane County High School), effective January 26, 2024

Reports of Committees

1. Roane-Jackson Technical Center Administrative Council (1/18/2024)

There are now commitments from Roane General Hospital and Jackson General Hospital to pay supplements for the nurse instructors, granting them each an additional salary on top of the Jackson County scale, effective July 1, 2024.

2. Annual BRIM Inspection Reports

BRIM is now using Tawney Insurance to do their inspections instead of AIG.
Since lockdown procedures include covering windows and locking doors, many teachers keep the windows covered and doors locked at all times, but due to concerns with abuse and neglect, BRIM has recommended that all door windows remained uncovered and any doors without windows be replaced.

Superintendent's Remarks

We had a visit from CMTA, who walked us through all 5 schools for an energy audit in hopes that we may pursue an energy savings contract in the future.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the next regular meeting on Thursday February 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School.

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to approve. Motion carried. (8:52 pm)