

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD FEBRUARY 22, 2024, 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 (6:03 pm)

This meeting can be joined remotely. The public can join by calling 1-304-553-7794 and entering the conference ID 909 653 146 or by joining on Microsoft Teams using the link.

Presentations

1. Positively Charged

Check out Roane County competition winners for Young Writers, Science Fair, Social Studies Fair, and Math Field Day on each schools' facebook page. We will be recognizing regional and state winners here at a future meeting.

2. Public Participation

Donna May (RCHS secretary), Theresa Parker(teacher), spoke in support for the arts and have requested to be on the next agenda.

Sara Stricklen (WEMS counselor), Suzanne Rector (WEMS teacher), Susan Ellison (WEMS teacher), and Jamie Brisendine (WEMS custodian) voiced concerns about the personnel planning for the 2024-25 school year.

Melinda Parkins (RCHS parent) spoke on her continued concerns on Policy 223 and LSIC parent involvement.

3. 2024-25 School Calendar Public Meeting #1

4. Student Achievement

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Approval of ValuTeachers as a qualified 403B plan option

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by James Minney to approve. Motion carried. (7:28 pm)

2. Personnel Planning for 2024-25

3. Updates on Continuing Business

a. May 14, 2024, Excess Levy Ballot

b. Construction of the new Spencer Middle School

c. Property Matters involving the Madison Avenue Complex, Capitol Street Complex, and / or Goff Run 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. (9:01 pm)

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by James Minney to return to open session. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session. (9:24 pm)

- d. Network and Communications Updates
- e. Recreational Improvements at Geary Elementary / Middle School and Spencer Elementary School

Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve the following consent agenda, as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent, except for items 3.a.iii and 4.a, which will be voted on separately. Motion carried. (10:00 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of regular board meeting on February 8, 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
 - d. Board member reimbursements for travel
 - e. Approval of FY23 Unaudited Financial Statements
3. Policies
 - a. Third Reading & Adoption
 - i. Policy 524 - Transfers and Reductions-in-Force (revised)
 - ii. Policy 562 - Daily Work Schedule (revised)
 - iii. Policy 590 - Acceptable Use of Technology by Staff (revised)

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Daris Harper to to table Policy 590. Motion carried. (9:41 pm)

4. Contract(s) / Bid(s) / Agreement(s)
 - a. New Spencer Middle School Change Order #4 - \$117,982.53

Daris Harper and James Minney requested to pull this item to vote on separately

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by James Minney to approve. Motion carried. Daris Harper, James Minney opposed. (10:00 pm)

5. Field Trips
 - a. Roane County High School FBLA to WV FBLA State Leadership Conference at Camp Dawson in Kingwood, WV (March 7 - 8, 2024)
6. Volunteers
7. Student Transfers
 - a. 1 Student transfer from Jackson County Schools to Roane County Schools

Personnel Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Daris Harper to approve the following personnel items as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (10:02 pm)

1. Resignation(s)

- a. Drennen, Julie - Coach, Volleyball (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective February 19, 2024
 - b. Spencer, Jennifer - Coach, Volleyball (Spencer Middle School), effective February 22, 2024
 - c. Peery, Matthew - Coach, Boys Basketball (Roane County High School), effective June 30, 2024
 - d. Peery, Matthew - Lead Special Educator (Roane County High School), effective June 30, 2024
 - e. Peery, Matthew - Teacher / Special Education (Roane County High School), effective June 30, 2024
 - f. Peery, Matthew - Assistant Coach, Football (Roane County High School), effective June 30, 2024
2. Retirement(s)
 - a. Gray, Fawn - Teacher / Pre-K (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective June 30, 2024
3. New Employment(s)
 - a. Pack, Kaitlyn - Substitute aide (RCS - Substitutes), effective February 23, 2024
4. Extracurricular(s)
 - a. Holcomb, Robert - Assistant Coach, Softball (Auxiliary) (Roane County High School), effective February 23, 2024
 - b. Bass, Tracy - Morning Specialized Transportation Run (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective February 23, 2024

Reports of Committees

1. Faculty Senate Minutes (February 19, 2024)

The minutes for the five Faculty Senate meetings will be sent out once they are received.

Superintendent's Remarks

We made a payment to Dougherty Company for the continued preparation for the HVAC project at RCHS. We are waiting for a few items to arrive, including the units, so we can start this ESSERF project next week.

For legislative matters, I've been in contact with Delegate Moore concerning some lighting issues at RCHS and GEMS. Looks like there is some positive movement there. We will also be requesting radios that are SIRN-compatible for some of the schools to address some communication concerns.

Senator Jeffries and Delegate Moore toured the BOE Central Office last week, on behalf of the County Commission.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the next regular meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve. Motion carried.
(10:08 pm)