

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD MAY 9, 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 (6:05 pm)

This meeting can be joined remotely. The public can join by calling 1-304-553-7794 and entering the conference ID 525 609 223 or by joining on Microsoft Teams using this link.

Presentations

1. Positively Charged

Students were recognized for the following academic achievements during the 2023-24 school year:

Walton Elementary Middle School

County Spelling Bee - Cora Raines (Runner up)

Regional Science Fair - Hayden Rector (1st), Brycen Craft (1st), Caden White (1st)

Eli Hays(2nd), Cheyanne Funk (2nd)

State Science Fair - Hayden Rector (1st), Brycen Craft(3rd) and Caden White (3rd)

Young Writers Contest - Olivia Raines (1st for grades 1-2), Jordyn Nichols (1st for grades 5-6), and Addison Lowe (1st for grades 7-8), Caden White (Honorable Mention in grades 3-4)

Math Field Day - Briana Teel (top scorer for grades 4-6)

Geary Elementary Middle School

County Spelling Bee - Ian Hall (1st), Shaiden Starcher (3rd), Jaden Lanham (4th)

Black Walnut Festival Art Competition - Liam Sloan (1st), Faith Melara (2nd), Karmyn Holt (3rd), Conner McCune (Honorable Mention)

Poca Valley Bank Christmas Card Competition - Jaden Lanham (Overall), Jaelynn Runyon (GEMS)

Roane County High School

Gabriel Gainer, Sawyer Hunt, Lexi Mitchell and Lacy Mitchell went to Oklahoma for the National Land Judging competition. Lacy earned 3rd place in individual on the home side evaluation and the team was the reserve national champion team. On top of that, she earned 10th place in individual and national land judging in addition to the team earning third place in the nation.

Theresa Parker presented the 2024 Social Studies Fair results. Of the 33 Roane County projects, 18 projects qualified for the Regionals in Parkersburg and then 7 moved on to the State Social Studies Fair where Katherine Stump-Cohen placed 3rd and Ella Wilson and Braxton Nichols both received honorable mentions.

2. Public Participation

Steve Kinder (RCHS family) and Anthony Thornabarr (RCHS parent), expressed their concerns for baseball and athletics in Roane County.

RCHS Students, Braxton Nichols and Ella Wilson, spoke in support of their FBLA chapter and requested support for their 10 members that plan to attend the National Leadership Conference in Florida next month, representing Roane County Schools and West Virginia.

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. SBA MIP Proposal - Safety and Security Upgrades to RCHS and SMS
2. WVDE Electric Bus Distribution
3. Possible Sale or Disposal of Board Property Known as the Madison Avenue Complex
Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Eileen Richardson to go into closed session to discuss property matters as per WV Code 6-9A-4(b)(9). Motion carried. (6:46 pm)

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Eileen Richardson to return to open session.
Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session. (7:07 pm)

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by James Minney to pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 18-5-7b, for Roane County to declare certain tracts of land, designated for tax purposes as Map 5, Parcels 166, 167, 170, and 171, situated in Spencer Corp. District, as no longer needed for school purposes upon the conveyance of certain tracts of land, designated for tax purposes as Map 5, Parcels 166, 167, 170, and 171, to Freshwater Family Foundation Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation, under the terms and conditions of the deed presented to the Board for consideration, and to authorize the President and/or the Superintendent of the Board to execute the deed and any and all other documents necessary for conveyance of the property. Motion carried. (7:13 pm)

- a. Consideration and possible action, pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 18-5-7b, to declare certain tracts of land, designated for tax purposes as Map 5, Parcels 166, 167, 170, and 171, situate in Spencer Corp. District, as no longer needed for school purposes.
 - b. Consideration and possible action, pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 18-5-7b, to convey certain tracts of land, designated for tax purposes as Map 5, Parcels 166, 167, 170, and 171, to _____, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation, under the terms and conditions of the deed presented to the Board for consideration, and consideration and possible action to authorize the President and/or the Superintendent of the Board to execute the deed and any and all other documents necessary for conveyance of the property.
4. Updates on Continuing Business
 - a. May 14, 2024, Excess Levy Ballot
 - b. Network Operations and Communications
 - c. Property Matters involving the Capitol Street Complex and / or Goff Run Complex

Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Daris Harper to approve the following consent agenda as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (7:41 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of the regular board meeting on April 25, 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. Appointment of Ann Marie Boggs as Treasurer of the Board for 2024-25 pursuant to WV Code 18-9-6
 - f. Approval of FY23 Financial Audit
3. Policies
4. Contract(s) / Bid(s) / Agreement(s)
 - a. MOU with WV Supreme Court of Appeals for School-Based Probation Officer Program
5. Field Trips
 - a. Roane County High School Girls Basketball to The Point High School Shootout at Cedar Point Sports Center in Sandusky, OH (6/9/2024-6/11/2024)
6. Volunteers
7. Student Transfers

Personnel Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve the following personnel items as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (7:44 pm)

1. Resignation(s)
 - a. Malcolm, Cecil - Assistant Coach, Volleyball (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective June 30, 2024
 - b. Malcolm, Cecil - Assistant Coach, Boys Basketball (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective June 30, 2024
 - c. Malcolm, Cecil - Assistant Coach, Track (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective June 30, 2024
 - d. Strimel, Michelle - Coordinator of Family Engagement & Academic Support (RCS - Central Office), effective June 30, 2024
2. Retirement(s)
 - a. Allen, Cindy - Custodian III (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective June 30, 2024
3. New Employment(s)
 - a. Cohen, Kourtney - Teacher / Special Education (Spencer Elementary School), effective May 10, 2024
 - b. Baker, Muriah - Summer SOLE Teacher (Spencer Elementary School), effective June 10, 2024
 - c. Ward, Cari - Summer SOLE Teacher (Spencer Elementary School), effective June 10, 2024

- d. Parkins, Melinda - Summer SOLE Counselor (Spencer Elementary School), effective June 10, 2024
- e. Ford, Toby - Summer SOLE Credit Recovery Facilitator (Roane County High School), effective June 10, 2024
- f. Huffman, Orland - Summer SOLE Teacher (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective June 10, 2024
- g. Penfold, JuliAnna - Summer SOLE Teacher (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective June 10, 2024
- h. Tanner, Lorra - Summer SOLE Teacher (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective June 10, 2024
- i. Boggs, Rebecca - Summer SOLE Teacher (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective June 10, 2024
- j. Nester, Carrie - Summer SOLE Cook (Spencer Elementary School), effective June 14, 2024
- k. Marks, Sarah - Summer SOLE Cook (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective June 14, 2024
- l. Strickland, Melissa - Summer SOLE Cook (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective June 14, 2024

Withdrawn m----- - Accountant II / Secretary II (Spencer Elementary School), effective July 1, 2024

- n. Legg, Eric - Coordinator of Special Educator Support (RCS - Student Support Services), effective July 1, 2024

Withdrawn o----- - Coordinator of Educator Support (RCS - Central Office), effective July 1, 2024

Withdrawn p----- - Teacher / Special Education (Spencer Elementary School), effective August 15, 2024

Withdrawn q----- - Teacher / Music (Spencer Elementary School), effective August 15, 2024

4. Transfer(s)

- a. Greathouse, Richard - Bus Operator (Bus #28) (RCS - Operations) to Bus Operator (Bus #47) (RCS - Operations), effective May 10, 2024
- b. Waggoner, Jennifer - Custodian III (Geary Elementary / Middle School) to Custodian III (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective July 1, 2024, shift change
- c. Hall, Dixie - Aide (Spencer Elementary School) to Aide V / Special Education Assistant Teacher (Spencer Elementary School), effective July 1, 2024

Reports of Committees

Superintendent's Remarks

SBA meeting was held yesterday in Charleston. Tomorrow, WVASA will meet in Bridgeport with Mr. Seufer for annual legal updates.

Awards Night is a week from tonight and RCHS Graduation is the week after that.

Our summer program is gearing up.

The new SMS continues on pace with furniture coming in 3 weeks. Contractors get their first punch list next week. Ribbon-cutting ceremony will likely be in late July or early August.

The County Commission will certify the excess levy election before any levy rates can be proposed, which will require a meeting in addition to the regularly scheduled meeting on the 23rd.

Superintendent and Board Evaluations will be done on June 13th.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the next regular meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by Daris Harper to approve. Motion carried. (7:52 pm)