

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD NOVEMBER 21, 2024, AT 6:00 PM, AT SPENCER MIDDLE SCHOOL, SPENCER,**

**Present: Dennis Carpenter, Daris Harper, Jeffrey Mace, James Minney, Eileen Richardson**

**Absent: (none)**

**Meeting called to order by Jeffrey Mace (6:08 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

1) Raiders have gone 10 and 0 for the second time in school history and the second time in the past 3 years. Congratulations to them. They are now scheduled to take on Chapmanville Tigers on Saturday afternoon at County Stadium. Since it is a WVSSAC playoff game, please be sure to buy all tickets online.

2) Our kids at RJTC are setting the pace for the 2 counties. At the past meeting, 7 out of the 8 students that were recognized as the student of the month in each program, were Roane County students. Congratulations to those students.

3) We want to recognize the veterans working with us. Ms. Annette Claypool, Principal at Spencer Middle School; Bus operators, Jim Slingerland and Joe Skaggs; Future Leaders Program Teacher, Tyler Caruthers and Board Member, James Minney. We thank you for your service.

2. Public Participation

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to suspend the rule to limit the time for public participation. Motion carried. (6:12 pm)

Teachers, staff, parents, students and community members Jennifer Hunt, Rick Atkinson, Matt Hayes, Amy Shearer, Pamela O'Brien, Tiffany Raines, McKinley and Naomi Raines, Rachael Hays, Lorra Tanner, Nathan Jett, Connie Lupardus, Andrea Hays, Linda Ashley, Patty Proctor, Bobby Shafer, Kaitlyn Samples, Shelly Ellis and Miranda Reed spoke in support of Walton and Geary Schools.

3. 2025-26 School Calendar Public Hearing #1

**New Business for Consideration and Potential Action**

Board members requested to discuss items #4 and 5 to the top of New Business for Consideration and Potential Action.

1. Report of Cooperative Sponsorships for Athletic Programs

- a. Girls Basketball - Spencer Middle and Geary at Spencer Middle
- b. Wrestling - Spencer Middle, Geary, and Walton at Spencer Middle

2. Additional Positions Required Due to Class Size Limits

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by James Minney to approve. Motion carried. (9:16 pm)

- a. Create Teacher / 1st Grade, Geary Elementary / Middle School [2nd position]
  - b. Create Teacher / 2nd Grade, Spencer Elementary School [4th position]
3. Annual review and renewal of Policy 512 - Areas of Critical Need and Shortage
  4. Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Statements

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Daris Harper to table item #5 and form an advisory committee made up of the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, our Treasurer, President of each LSIC, and former Treasurer, Amy Downey to help us to move forward with the realignment. Dennis Carpenter withdrew this motion.

Motion by Dennis Carpenter to table item #5 and form an advisory committee made up of the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, our Treasurer, President of each LSIC, and former Treasurer, Amy Downey to help us to move forward with the realignment. In addition, the committee will report their findings at a special meeting on December 10th, and meet again at our regular meeting on December 12th. Dennis Carpenter withdrew this motion.

5. Consideration of School Configurations for 2025-26

The board made a recommendation to form a committee comprised of the LSIC Chairs, Treasurer, former treasurer, Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent that will help discuss further realignment, which may or may not include option 2 that was presented tonight. The committee will present in a meeting between January and March.

6. Updates on Continuing Business

- a. Property Matters Involving the Capitol Street Complex, Goff Run Complex, and old Spencer High School

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by James Minney to go into closed session to discuss property matters. Motion carried. (9:21 pm)

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to return to open session. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session. (9:46 pm)

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Daris Harper to authorize the Superintendent, Dr. Duncan, to seek legal counsel to consider selling the old Spencer Middle School via sealed bid auction. Motion carried. (9:46 pm)

- b. Network and Communications Updates
- c. Safety and Security Upgrades at Roane County High School and Spencer Middle School
- d. Closeout Process for the new Spencer Middle 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. (9:50 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of the regular board meeting on November 7, 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
4. Contract(s) / Bid(s) / Agreement(s)

- a. Affiliation Agreement with WVU School of Medicine for Speech Language Pathology Field Experiences
  - b. Amended Contract with Best Life Therapy for speech language and interpreting services
  - c. Memorandum of Understanding with WVU Extension Service for Family Nutrition Program at Spencer Elementary School
- 5. Field Trips
  - 6. Volunteers
  - 7. Student Transfers
  - 8. Clinical Experience(s)
    - a. Sarah Hewitt, Wilmington University (practicum courses)

**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. (9:51 pm)

- 1. Create New Position(s)
  - a. Teacher / 1st Grade (GEMS), 200 days, effective November 22, 2024
  - b. Teacher / 2nd Grade (SES), 200 days, effective November 22, 2024
- 2. Resignation(s)
  - a. Haines, Rhonda - Substitute secretary (RCS - Substitutes), effective November 12, 2024
  - b. Summers, Abigail - Aide / ECCAT (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective November 25, 2024
  - c. Miller, Allison - Coordinator of School Improvement (Spencer Elementary School), effective June 30, 2025
- 3. Retirement(s)
  - a. Goodwin, Terry - Bus Operator (Bus #01) (RCS - Operations), effective April 14, 2025
- 4. New Employment(s)
  - a. Mitchell, Amanda - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective November 25, 2024
- 5. Extracurricular(s)
  - a. Ash, Larry - Coach, Baseball (Roane County High School), effective November 22, 2024
  - b. Smith, James - Assistant Coach, Girls Basketball (Auxiliary) (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective November 22, 2024
  - c. Miller, Allison - Math Competition Sponsor (RCS - Central Office), effective November 22, 2024

**Reports of Committees**

**Superintendent's Remarks**

Safe travels going home. Though some counties have already called off, it doesn't look like we should need a delay for tomorrow. Also, on Saturday afternoon, the first round of playoffs start. Roane County Raiders will take on Chapmanville Tigers at County Stadium. GO RAIDERS!

### **Adjournment**

1. Adjourn until the next regular meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm at Spencer Middle School.

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve. Motion carried. (9:55 pm)