

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD JANUARY 23, 2025, AT 6:00 PM, AT SPENCER MIDDLE SCHOOL, SPENCER, WEST VIRGINIA**

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

**Absent: (none)**

**Meeting called to order by Jeffrey Mace (6:00 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

Great achievements were made at our County Science Fair and Math Field Day. For the County Science Fair, those who placed first in the various categories go to the Regional Science Fair later next month. For Math Field Day, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd move on, while alternates are named, just in case. Good luck to all those that move forward to represent Roane County.

2. Public Participation

3. Student Achievement

**New Business for Consideration and Potential Action**

1. Consideration and Possible Action on a Bid for the property known as the former Spencer High School

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by James Minney to accept the bid from "The Chapel" dba Ignite Church for \$126,000 and to authorize the board president and superintendent to conduct all legal matters pertaining to the property. Motion carried. (6:21 pm)

2. First Look at FY26 Budget

3. Updates on Continuing Business

a. Community Committee

b. Network and Communications Updates

c. Closeout Process for the new Spencer Middle School

**Consent Agenda - (Action)**

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve the following consent agenda as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (7:05 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of the regular board meeting on January 9, 2025

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. Third Reading and Adoption

- i. Policy 524 - Transfers and Reductions-in-Force (revised)
- 4. Contract(s) / Bid(s) / Agreement(s)
- 5. Field Trips
  - a. RCHS Band to WVU Honor Band in Morgantown, WV (February 13 - 15, 2025)
  - b. RCHS FBLA to Spring Leadership Conference at Camp Dawson, Kingwood, WV (March 12 - 13, 2025)
- 6. Volunteers
- 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. (7:05 pm)

- 1. Resignation(s)
  - a. Haywood-Dill, Lynda - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective January 17, 2025
- 2. New Employment(s)
  - a. Ward, Shelby - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective January 27, 2025
  - b. Camp, Haley - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective January 27, 2025, Pending CIB clearance

#### **Reports of Committees**

- 1. Roane Jackson Technical Center Administrative Council (1/21/2025)  
It was a short meeting. We paid bills and had few updates, but not much to report.

#### **Superintendent's Remarks**

Though Governor Morrissey was unable to attend our ASA meeting as planned, former Governor, Joe Manchin spoke and was very supportive of public education. Most of the focus at these meetings was legal issues, but nothing to be worried about other than the Third Grade Success Act retention policy that I mentioned previously.

We did hear comments on snow days, however, since we haven't missed a tremendous amount of days, it does not look like the state superintendent will not reduce the days in the school calendar, as state code does allow him/her to do during a governor-declared state of emergency. So far, have missed 7 days and still have 3 more NTI days before we would have to revise our school calendar.

#### **Adjournment**

- 1. Adjourn until the next regular meeting, Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 6:00 pm at Spencer Middle School

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by James Minney to approve. Motion carried. (7:10 pm)