REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD FEBRUARY 13, 2025, 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 (6:00 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

We want to recognize those who have placed in the Regional Science Fair. Four 1st place winners will move on to represent Roane County at the State Science Fair.

2. Public Participation

The Office of Student Support Services, Michelle Ash (Director), Anna Shaffer (School Psychologist) and Stacy Richards (School Psychologist), Eric Legg (Coordinator of Special Educator Support), and Jessica Bailey (School Social Worker) spoke in support of the services they provide to the county.

Chad Strimel, former teacher and Instructional Coach, shared his exit experience.

Chad Perkins, WEMS parent and form board member, spoke to encourage a superintendent search with the option of allowing the current superintendent to apply.

3. Student Achievement

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Request for Approval of Program for 2025-26

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Daris Harper to table the discussion for a later meeting. Motion carried. (7:16 pm)

2. Report from Community Committee
3. Report of Cooperative Sponsorships for Athletic Programs
    a. Baseball - Spencer Middle, Geary, and Walton at Spencer Middle
    b. Softball - Spencer Middle, Geary, and Walton at Spencer Middle
    c. Track - Geary and Walton at Walton
4. Proposed West Virginia Board of Education Policy 4374 - Personal Electronic Device Usage In Schools
5. Consideration and Possible Adoption of Resolution to Protest Proposed Rate Increase(s) by AEP

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by James Minney to authorize the superintendent to draft and pursue a resolution to protest proposed rate increase by AEP. Motion carried. (8:47 pm)

6. Federal Funding Concerns Involving Personnel Realignment for 2025-26
7. Superintendent's Evaluation for 2024-25

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. (9:45 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of the regular board meeting on January 23, 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
4. Contract(s) / Bid(s) / Agreement(s)
5. Field Trips
6. Volunteers
    a. Spencer Elementary School
        i. Paula Workman
    b. Walton Elementary Middle School
        i. Billie Huffman
    c. Geary Elementary Middle School
        i. Yawana Surface, Susan Beard, Audrey Engle and Natallie Jett
7. Student Transfers
8. Clinical Experience(s)
    a. Brianna Godfrey, WVU at Parkersburg (field experience)

Personnel Consent Agenda - (Action)
Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve the following personnel items as recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent. Motion carried. (9:46 pm)

1. Resignation(s)
    a. Bass, Tracy - Morning Specialized Transportation Run (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective February 3, 2025
    b. Ash, Matthew - Assistant Coach, Baseball (Spencer Middle School), effective February 6, 2025
    c. McCune, Austin - Aide V / Special Education Assistant Teacher (Roane County High School), effective February 6, 2025
    d. Ash, Larry - Assistant Coach, Baseball (Roane County High School), effective February 6, 2025
    e. Bailey, Jessica - School Social Worker (RCS - Student Support Services), effective March 7, 2025
2. Retirement(s)
    a. Spencer, Jennifer - Teacher / Special Education (Spencer Middle School),

effective June 30, 2025

3. New Employment(s)
    a. OBrien, Jennifer - Teacher / Title I (Spencer Middle School), effective February 14, 2025

4. Transfer(s)
    a. Raines, Tiffany - Teacher / Art (Walton Elementary / Middle School) to Teacher / Art (Roane County High School), effective July 1, 2025

5. Extracurricular(s)
    a. Burdette, Paul - Game Manager(s) (Roane County High School), effective February 14, 2025
    b. Craft, Brian - Assistant Coach, Softball (Auxiliary) (Roane County High School), effective February 14, 2025
    c. Greathouse, Karli - Assistant Coach, Softball (Auxiliary) (Roane County High School), effective February 14, 2025
    d. Pena, John - Coach, Track (Spencer Middle School), effective February 14, 2025
    e. Taylor, Christopher - Assistant Coach, Track (Spencer Middle School), effective February 14, 2025
    f. Windland, Ranell - Morning Specialized Transportation Run (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective February 14, 2025
    g. Huffman, Orland - Game Manager(s) (Roane County High School), effective February 14, 2025
    h. Karickhoff, Misty - Assistant Coach, Track (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective February 14, 2025

6. Rescind action(s)
    a. Retirement of Goodwin, Terry - Bus Operator (Bus #01) (RCS - Operations), effective April 14, 2025 [from November 21, 2024]

Reports of Committees

1. West Virginia School Boards Association Delegate Assembly (2/8/2025)

Mr. Mace presented his updates on the delegate assembly on February 8th, including possible changes in the fee structure for WVSBA. We are working towards forming an advisory group of small counties.

Superintendent's Remarks

The state board rejected a rule to change the classification system for the WVSSAC, therefore, the current classification system will remain.

A bill has been proposed to change the SBA (Buidling) to the SMA (Maintenance).

There is concern that public education will receive only a small increase in the budget bill. In the 6-year plan it shows state aid decreasing by $15 million per year for 4 years through fiscal year 28/29.

Other bills of interest so far include a bill that gives low income families in counties with school levies an exemption from that tax and a bill that offers charter schools access to unused school buildings and spaces and will require public schools to publish a list of those spaces. Also, the House Education Committee is getting a presentation from the department on the state aid formula and their intention is to open up the formula.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the next regular meeting, Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 6:00 pm at Spencer Middle School

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by James Minney to adjourn until the special meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm at Spencer Middle School. The next regular meeting is on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 6:00 pm at Spencer Middle School. Motion carried. (10:05 pm)