

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD FEBRUARY 27, 2025, 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 (6:02 pm)**

**This meeting could be joined remotely. The public could join by calling 1-304-553-7794 and entering the provided conference ID 990 193 492 or by joining on Microsoft Teams using the provided link.**

**Presentations**

**1. Positively Charged**

Mrs. Craddock's (SMS) and Mrs. Smith (GEMS) classrooms were visited by Seth Skiles, the 2025 West Virginia Teacher of the Year, who is doing a 55-county tour.

**2. Public Participation**

Jeremiah Hively (RCHS Custodian) spoke concerning his working conditions.

Kacie Holcomb (GEMS Aide V), Lauren Lawson (GEMS LPN/Aide), Patty Proctor (GEMS parent), Justin Shears (GEMS parent), Amber Osborne(GEMS Teacher), Terri Myers(GEMS grandparent), John Proctor(GEMS parent), Nate Jett(parent), and Rachael Hays (WEMS parent) spoke concerning the financial recovery and personnel realignment for 2025-26.

Ben Hays (RCHS Agriculture Teacher) spoke concerning his maintenance concerns

Brandi Workman (RCHS Business Ed Teacher) recognized RCHS students and the 18 new inductees into the National Honor Society: Laci Cox, Addison Hersman, Kacie Mace, Lexi Mitchell, William Odle, Emma Sloan, Lily Smith, Anna Tolley, Addison Wilson, Paige Blosser, Braylin Bowe, Madison Carihfield, Kinzley Freeland, Logan Hargus, Shay Harper, Kaley Thurman and Autumn Craft

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to suspend the rules for public participation, as per Roane County Schools Policy 020. Motion carried. (6:40 pm)

**3. Student Achievement**

**New Business for Consideration and Potential Action**

**1. Adoption of Resolution to Protest Proposed Rate Increase(s) by AEP**

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Eileen Richardson to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried. (7:21 pm)

**2. Financial Adjustments for 2024-25**

**3. Plan for Financial Recovery and Personnel Realignment for 2025-26**

**4. Culture and Climate Initiative**

**5. Updates, discussion, and possible action regarding the appointment of a county superintendent to serve a one to four year term beginning July 1, 2025, and matters related**

thereto.

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Daris Harper to engage WVSBA to conduct a Superintendent search for Roane County Schools. Motion carried. (9:44 pm)

6. Legislative Update (Day 16 of 60)

**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. (10:12 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of the regular board meeting on February 13, 2025 and special meeting on February 20, 2025

Approval of the newly amended minutes of the regular board meeting on February 13, 2025 and minutes of the special meeting on February 20, 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

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. (10:13 pm)

1. Resignation(s)

- a. Cottrill, Shannon - Teacher / Tutor of English Language Learners (RCS - Student Support Services), effective January 6, 2025
- b. Cottrill, Shannon - Game Manager(s) (Roane County High School), effective January 6, 2025
- c. Cottrill, Shannon - Robotics Sponsor (Roane County High School), effective January 6, 2025

2. Transfer(s)

- a. Taylor, Christopher - Aide V / Special Education Assistant Teacher (RCS - Student Support Services) to Aide V / Special Education Assistant Teacher (Roane County High School), effective July 1, 2025
- b. DeWees, Robert - Teacher / Science (Walton Elementary / Middle School) to Teacher / Science (Spencer Middle School), effective July 1, 2025

3. Extracurricular(s)

- a. Karickhoff, Misty - Coach, Track (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective

February 28, 2025

- b. Holcomb, Robert - Assistant Coach, Softball (Auxiliary) (Roane County High School), effective February 28, 2025
- c. Simmons, Justin - Assistant Coach, Baseball (Spencer Middle School), effective February 28, 2025

### **Reports of Committees**

1. Roane Jackson Technical Center Administrative Council (2/18/2025)

There are some concerns on a possible shift of funding from tech centers to adult education. The new building is progressing and we hope to see the foundation in soon.

2. WVU Extension Service (2/17/2025)

Mr. Harper presented that Ms. Brabham will be presenting her budget to us in a meeting soon.

### **Superintendent's Remarks**

Watch legislature, watch what's going on and keep working on state grants. It looks like they won't open up the state aid formula until next year.

We've received grants recently for a new dishwasher at SES, \$14,000 for communication upgrades, and \$25,000 for professional development to address needs in math.

### **Adjournment**

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

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by James Minney to adjourn until the next regular meeting, Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 5:00 pm at Roane County High School. Motion carried. (10:21 pm)