

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD MAY 8, 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 (6:00 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 our students who have made great academic achievements throughout the year. For Spencer Middle School, we have 3 Golden Horseshoe winners: Katherine Stump-Cohen (SMS), Jessie Westfall (SMS), and Nathan Osborne (WEMS). They will be recognized in June by either the State Superintendent or the Governor.

At Spencer Elementary School, we have 2 Regional Science Fair 1st place winners: Jack Workman and Gracie Rhodes. For the Regional Social Studies Fair, we have Moxxie Stepp and Elaina Hamilton.

At Walton Elementary Middle School, 23 have Regional Science Fair placers: Cora Raines, Hayden Rector, Brycen Craft, Caden White, Zander Carpenter, Emma Mace, Jordyn Nichols, Makynlee Patton, Naomi Raines, Jonah Rector, Hayden Rector and Cora Raines. For the Regional Social Studies Fair, we have Summer Bell (honorable mention), Anna Smith (honorable mention), Hayden Rector (1st place), Jonah Rector (1st place), Avery Shafer (2nd place) and Leah Smith (2nd place). For the State Social Studies Fair, Hayden Rector placed 3rd. For the County Spelling Bee, the Roane County Spelling Bee Champion was Jonah Rector. Cora Raines, Briana Teel, Caden White, and Jonah Rector were participants.

At Geary Elementary Middle School, Brynlen Sowards participated in Young Writers. For State Science Fair, Danielle Osborne won the State Science Fair. For the Regional Social Studies Winner, Lexie Williams, Peyton Abnathy, Sunny Miller, Dixie Jacobson, and Brenna Shears participated. At the Governor's School, Cailee Mounts, Jaylan Sullivan and Joseph Swiney were winners. The Math Field Day winners were Korey Osborne, Danielle Osborne, Abby Conley, Anya Helms and Gracie Boggs. Maddyson Martin and Gracelynn Boggs participated in the All State's Children Chorus and Joseph Swiney, Cailee Mounts and Colby McCune participated in the All Region Band.

Theresa Parker presented that the Roane County Social Studies Fair was on February 18th at Roane County High School and 31 projects were submitted from Faith Christian Academy, GEMS, WEMS, and SMS. RCHS had 5 projects that moved on to the Regionals. 12 projects went to represent Roane County at the Regional Science Fair held at Blennerhassett Elementary School. All 12 placed and 3 earned blue ribbons, moving them up to the State Social Studies Fair. On April 11, 2024, Jonah Rector, Hayden Rector, and Lacey Smith participated in the State Social Studies Fair and Hayden Rector placed 3rd.

Congratulations to all students that participated.

Also, this week is Teacher Appreciation Week. We want to recognize our teacher for their hard work. With testing this week, it is nice for teachers to see they're appreciated.

2. Public Participation
3. Student Achievement

### **New Business for Consideration and Potential Action**

1. Approval to Accept Transfer of former Walton Medical Clinic from Roane General Hospital

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Daris Harper to approve. Motion carried. (6:34 pm)

2. Proposal for Cooperative Education Program at RCHS

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Eileen Richardson to endorse proposal for the Cooperative Education Program through Roane Jackson Technical Center. Motion carried. (6:43 pm)

3. Reconfigure Teacher / Health, Roane County High School, to Teacher / Wellness, Roane County High School, effective July 1, 2025

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Daris Harper to approve. Motion carried. (6:45 pm)

4. Create Summer Assignments for Roane County Schools SOAR Into Summer Program (funded by local Title I and state Title I Competitive Grant)

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve as amended, striking "ECCAT" from 4c. Motion carried. (6:51 pm)

- a. Create SOAR Into Summer Teacher, Spencer Elementary School (8 assignments)
- b. Create SOAR Into Summer Aide / ECCAT, Spencer Elementary School (4 assignments)
- c. Create SOAR Into Summer Bus Operator / Aide / ECCAT, Spencer Elementary School (4 assignments)
- d. Create SOAR Into Summer Coordinator, Spencer Elementary School (1 assignment)

5. Enrollment Concerns and Projections for 2025-26

6. Review of 2025 Regular Session of the WV Legislature and Upcoming Policy Revisions

7. Approval of Contract with Michelle Stellato as Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2025

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Daris Harper to go into an executive session to discuss the superintendent contract with Michelle Stellato. Richard Duncan was not present for this executive session. Motion carried. (7:34 pm)

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to return to open session. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session. (8:58 pm)

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Eileen Richardson to give a 2-year contract to Michelle Stellato as Superintendent of Roane County Schools. She will be paid \$107,000 on the first year and \$110,000 on the second year, semi monthly, pending execution of the contract. Motion carried. (9:01 pm)

### **Consent Agenda - (Action)**

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by James Minney to approve the following consent agenda as recommended by Michelle Stellato, Superintendent. Motion carried. (9:04 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of the regular board meeting on April 24, 2025
2. Financial
  - 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
  - a. Spencer Elementary School 1st Grade to Stacy Farm, Marietta, OH (May 27, 2025)
  - b. Roane County High School FBLA to National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA (June 28, 2025 to July 3, 2025)
6. Volunteers
7. Student Transfers

### **Personnel Consent Agenda - (Action)**

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve the following personnel items as recommended by Michelle Stellato, Superintendent. Motion carried. (9:05 pm)

1. Resignation(s)
2. New Employment(s)
3. Transfer(s)
4. Extracurricular(s)

The following item(s) were recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent's designee.

1. Resignation(s)
  - a. Miller, Heather - Substitute teacher (RCS - Substitutes), effective April 30, 2025
1. Resignation(s)
  - b. White, Shandi - Coach, Volleyball (Roane County High School), effective May 9, 2025
1. Resignation(s)
  - c. Popp, Patrick - Teacher / Art (Spencer Middle School), effective June 6, 2025

The following item(s) were recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent's designee.

1. New Employment(s)

Withdrawn a:----- - Teacher / Interventionist (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective July 1, 2025

The following item(s) were recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent's designee.

1. Transfer(s)
  - a. Blatt, Quentin - Teacher / Health (Roane County High School) to Teacher / Science (Roane County High School), effective June 30, 2025
1. Transfer(s)
  - b. Jett, Cynthia - Teacher / English (Roane County High School) to Teacher / Wellness (Roane County High School), effective July 1, 2025, pending receipt of endorsements
1. Transfer(s)
  - c. Greathouse, Richard - Bus Operator (Bus #47) (RCS - Operations) to Bus Operator (Bus #53) (RCS - Operations), effective July 1, 2025
1. Transfer(s)
  - d. Eads, Tamara - Supervisory Aide / Paraprofessional (RCS - Student Support Services) to Aide V / Special Education Assistant Teacher (Spencer Middle School), effective July 1, 2025
1. Transfer(s)
  - e. Parkins, Melinda - Itinerant Elementary Counselor (RCS - Student Support (75%), Spencer Elementary (25%)) to Elementary Alternative Education Counselor (RCS - Student Support (75%), Spencer Elementary (25%)), effective July 1, 2025
1. Transfer(s)
  - f. Baker, Muriah - Teacher / Special Education (Roane County High School) to Teacher / Special Education (Spencer Middle School), effective July 1, 2025
1. Transfer(s)
  - g. Burdette, Angela - Teacher / Option Pathway & Homebound (Roane County High School) to Teacher / Special Education (Roane County High School), effective July 1, 2025, and rescind placement as Teacher / Title I, Spencer Middle School (from April 24, 2025)
1. Transfer(s)
  - h. Taylor, Amber - Teacher / Title I (Spencer Elementary School) to Teacher / Interventionist (Spencer Elementary School), effective July 1, 2025
1. Transfer(s)
  - i. Sinclair, Meghan - Teacher / 1st Grade (Spencer Elementary School) to Teacher / 3rd Grade (Spencer Elementary School), effective July 1, 2025, and remove from the administrative transfer list

The following item(s) were recommended by Richard Duncan, Superintendent's designee.

1. Extracurricular(s)
  - a. Mills, Ashley - Homebound Facilitator (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective May 9, 2025
1. Extracurricular(s)
  - b. Cummings, William - Assistant Coach, Wrestling (Roane County High School), effective July 1, 2025

## **Reports of Committees**

### **Superintendent's Remarks**

There are some end-of-year activities coming up, such as award ceremonies, graduation and field trips. Also, at the next meeting, we will be recognizing our student athletes who have achieved great things this year, as well as anyone we missed this evening with academics.

In addition, as part of Governor Morrissey's Mountaineer Mile efforts, students are going out walking. It is a good way to get kids moving during instruction.

### **Adjournment**

1. Adjourn until the next regular meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School.

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by Daris Harper to approve. Motion failed. (9:08 pm)