REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF ROANE, HELD JULY 10, 2025, AT 6:00 PM, AT ROANE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, SPENCER,

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

Absent: (none)

Meeting called to order by Jeffrey Mace (6:01 pm)

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

Presentations

1. Positively Charged

Though we are embarking on a difficult season in Roane County, we are overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from the community and that will help carry us through this difficult time.

In the future, we will call this the Superintendent Spotlight. We have lots of programs and a lot of positive things that we want to draw attention to in the county.

2. Public Participation

Brandi Workman, former RCHS teacher, commended Superintendent, Michelle Stellato for her professionalism at the state board meeting yesterday. She also thanked Dianna Carpenter, former FBLA Advisor, who took our students to the Leadership Conference in Anaheim to represent Roane County.

3. Student Achievement

The Pre-K core team, made up of representatives from DHHR, Appalachian Council Head Start, Mrs. Ash, Mrs. Tanner and myself, reviewed the program enrollment, which is currently 69 students. With Geary enrollment at 7 students, Walton at 14, and Spencer at 48, we decided to eliminate the preschool classroom at Geary for the 2025-26 school year, which we can reopen in years to come, should the need present itself. The teacher at Geary has agreed, by mutual consent, to transfer to Spencer, to teach the Pre-K classroom that was previously taught by a Head Start teacher. We will apply to make this change with the State Department.

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Report on West Virginia Board of Education action regarding the recommended state of emergency for Roane County Schools
2. Report of Cooperative Sponsorships for Athletic Programs
    a. Cheer - Spencer Middle, Geary, and Walton at Spencer Middle
    b. Football - Spencer Middle, Geary, and Walton at Spencer Middle
    c. Golf - Spencer Middle, Geary, and Walton at Spencer Middle
3. Reassignments by Mutual Consent

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Daris Harper to approve. Motion carried. (7:01 pm)

    a. Lora Matheney, from Teacher / 5th Grade at Spencer Middle School to Teacher / 5th Grade at Spencer Elementary School, effective 2025-26 school year

b. Katelyn Daniel, from Teacher / 5th Grade at Spencer Middle School to Teacher / 5th Grade at Spencer Elementary School, effective 2025-26 school year
c. Daphne Smith, from Teacher / 2nd Grade at Spencer Elementary School to Teacher / 5th Grade at Spencer Elementary School, effective 2025-26 school year
d. Julie Drennen, from Teacher / Pre-School at Geary Elementary Middle School to Teacher / Pre-School at Spencer Elementary School, effective 2025-26 school year

4. Restore Katlynn McGuire to Teacher / 2nd Grade, Spencer Elementary School, effective for 2025-26 school year (reason for transfer is no longer necessary)

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve. Motion carried. (7:02 pm)

5. Abolish Coordinator of ESEA Programs, Roane County Schools, effective June 30, 2025 (1 position)

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Daris Harper to approve. Motion carried. (7:02 pm)

6. Schedule of Board Meetings for 2025-26
7. Create Coordinator of Technology, Roane County Schools (1 position, 20% federal/80% technology funded)

Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by James Minney to approve. Motion carried. (7:19 pm)

Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to approve the following consent agenda as recommended by Michelle Stellato, Superintendent. Motion carried. (7:28 pm)

1. Approval of minutes of the regular board meeting on June 26, 2025 and special meeting on July 3, 2025
2. Financial
   a. Financial Reports
   b. Transfers/supplements to the budget
   c. Payments of bills as submitted; pre-approval to release checks not to exceed $20,000 prior to the next board meeting
3. Policies
4. Contract(s) / Bid(s) / Agreement(s)
   a. MOU with Appalachian Council Head Start for rental of office space
   b. MOU with Jay Carnell for personnel mentoring
   c. Bid for motor oil, bio-diesel, and gasoline for the 2025-26 school year: Harris Oil Company

Withdrawn ~~d.-----MO~~U with Roane Arts and Humanities Council, Inc.

5. Field Trips
6. Volunteers
7. Student Transfers

Personnel Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by James Minney to approve the following personnel items as recommended by Michelle Stellato, Superintendent. Motion carried. (8:20

pm)
Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Daris Harper to go into executive session to discuss personnel items #1, 2, and 4, as per WV Code 6-9A-4(b)(2)(A). Motion carried. (7:29 pm)
Motion by Dennis Carpenter and seconded by Daris Harper to return to open session. Motion carried. No action was taken in closed session. (8:16 pm)

1. Resignation(s)
    a. McGinnis, Toni - Coach, Cross Country (Roane County High School), effective July 1, 2025
    b. Keen, Michelle - Teacher / Special Education (Spencer Middle School), effective July 7, 2025
    c. Aguyo, Justus - Teacher / Math & Science (Roane County High School), effective July 7, 2025
    d. Lawson, Samantha - Coach, Cheer (Spencer Middle School), effective July 9, 2025
    e. Johnson, Andrew - Principal (Roane County High School), effective July 11, 2025
2. New Employment(s)
    a. Starcher, Megan - Principal (Geary Elementary / Middle School), effective July 1, 2025
3. Extracurricular(s)
    a. King, Jerry - Coach, Soccer (Roane County High School), effective July 11, 2025
4. Rescind action(s)
    a. New Employment of Adkins, Angela - Accountant II / Secretary II (Roane County High School), effective July 1, 2025, pending passage of appropriate service personnel classification exams and CIB clearance [from June 26, 2025]

Reports of Committees

Superintendent's Remarks

We have provided paper copies of attachments to the agenda today. We hope to be able to attach them in the future. One of the items in your packet shows personnel actions in the 25/26 school year.

I want to give a shout out to the summer staff. Summer SOAR started this week and it has been a great start thanks to the collaboration of teachers, transportation and the board office. We're serving 50 children and are operating under budget.

Our principals are going to be attending the WV Leadership Conference. We have been working all year with five collaborative counties, sponsored by Franklin Covey. We are ready to get together to start strategizing how we will move forward. I'm grateful to them for stepping up to go beyond their job to work hard on this.

Lastly, Dr. Tom Williams, former Kanawha County Schools Superintendent will be mentoring me. He's been so helpful so far and the state department covers the cost for mentorship for my first year.

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the next regular meeting on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School.

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Eileen Richardson to adjourn until the next regular meeting on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School. Motion carried. (8:32 pm)