

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF
ROANE, HELD JULY 31, 2025, AT 5:00 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 (6:03 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.

Work Session

Options to reduce the deficit considered by the Roane County Schools Leadership Team were as follows:

- Relocate the Central Office to RCHS; turn the central office into a PreK Center.
- Generate revenue by adding childcare center to Walton building
- Move all 6-8 students to SMS, now or next year
- Close 1 school, either WEMS or GEMS; students will be transferred to SES and SMS
- Close 1 school, SES; reconfigure SMS to become SES offering PK-5 and reconfigure RCHS building to house SMS 6-8 and RCHS 9-12.
- Close 2 schools, both WEMS and GEMS; students will be transferred to Spencer Area Schools. Spencer Area School reconfigurations include 1)SES becomes a PreK-2 school, SMS becomes a 3-5 school, and RCHS becomes a 7-12 school. 2)SES becomes a PreK-4 school, SMS becomes 5-8 school, and RCHS remains a 9-12 high school. 3)SES becomes a K-5 school, SMS remains 6-8, RCHS remains 9-12 high school with Early Education Center created in the Student Support Services Area (originally a childcare center).

Dennis Carpenter also recommended...

The plan that I recommend to present to the State Board would be to consolidate all county schools and designate Spencer Elementary School to be a K-5 school, Spencer Middle School to be a 6-8 school, Roane County High School to be a 9-12 school, and offer early education where our Student Support Services office is currently. Walton Elementary Middle School and Geary Elementary Middle School will be closed.

1. Presentation and Information related to the WVBE State of Emergency for Roane County Schools; Presenters may include:
 - a. Ann Hardman, Treasurer
 - b. Jerry Garner, Director of Facilities and Transportation
 - c. Michelle Ash, Director of Student Support Services
 - d. Amy Cole, Director of Federal Programs & Compliance
 - e. Lorra Tanner, Director of Instructional Programs & Personnel
 - f. Lori Hamric (Cottrell), Jennifer Hunt, Annette Claypool & Megan Starcher, Principals

New Business for Consideration and Potential Action

1. Create Teacher / Kindergarten, Spencer Elementary School, effective August 1, 2025

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by James Minney to approve. Motion carried. (7:15 pm)

2. Create Aide / ECCAT, Spencer Elementary School, effective August 1, 2025

Motion by Eileen Richardson and seconded by Dennis Carpenter to approve. Motion carried. (7:16 pm)

3. Abolish Technology Systems Specialist, Roane County Schools, effective August 1, 2025

Motion by James Minney and seconded by Daris Harper to approve. Motion carried. (7:16 pm)

4. Restore Baylee O'Brien to Teacher / 4th grade, Walton Elementary Middle School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year (reason for transfer is no longer necessary)

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

Personnel Consent Agenda - (Action)

Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by Eileen Richardson to approve the following personnel items as recommended by Michelle Stellato, Superintendent. Motion carried. (7:23 pm)

1. Abolish Position(s)

- a. Technology Systems Specialist (CO), effective August 1, 2025,

2. Create New Position(s)

- a. Teacher / Kindergarten (SES), 200 days, effective August 1, 2025

- b. Aide / ECCAT (SES), 200 days, effective August 1, 2025

3. Resignation(s)

- a. Keaton, Rebecca - Teacher / English (Roane County High School), effective July 25, 2025

- b. Burdette, Angela - Senior Sponsor (Roane County High School), effective July 28, 2025

- c. Stockner, Shannon - Transportation Aide (morning, Bus #28) (RCS - Operations), effective July 28, 2025

- d. Moore, Brian - Substitute cook (RCS - Substitutes), effective July 31, 2025

4. New Employment(s)

- a. _____ - Principal (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective August 1, 2025

This position was not filled.

- b. _____ - Communities in Schools Coordinator (Walton Elementary / Middle School), effective August 12, 2025

This position was not filled.

- c. Hurd, Brianne - Teacher / Art (Spencer Middle School), effective August 12, 2025, pending CIB clearance

5. Transfer(s)

- a. Cohen, Kourtney - Teacher / Special Education (Roane County High School) to

- Teacher / Special Education (Spencer Elementary School), effective August 1, 2025
- b. Tolley, Kaleena - Teacher / 4th Grade (Walton Elementary / Middle School) to Teacher / Math (Roane County High School), effective August 1, 2025
 - c. Penfold, JuliAnna - Teacher / Special Education (Roane County High School) to Teacher / Special Education (Spencer Middle School), effective August 1, 2025
6. Extracurricular(s)
- a. Ford, Toby - Athletic Director, Roane County High School / Spencer Middle School (Roane County High (51%), Spencer Middle (49%)), effective August 1, 2025
7. Rescind action(s)
- a. Create New Position of Aide / ECCAT (multi-classified with Bus Operator) (GEMS), 200 days, effective July 1, 2025 [from March 20, 2025]

Adjournment

1. Adjourn until the next regular meeting, Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 6:00 pm at Roane County High School
- Motion by Daris Harper and seconded by James Minney to approve. Motion carried. (7:35 pm)