

Rowan County Board of Education Regular Meeting

January 15, 2019, 6 p.m.

Rowan County Board of Education

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson
Dr. Scott Davison
Mr. Danny Mabry
Mrs. Brenda Stamm
Mr. Rick Whelan

1. Open meeting

1.a. Call meeting to order

Chairman Rick Whelan called the meeting to order.

1.b. Pledge of Allegiance

Grace Davison, student at Rowan County Middle School, led the board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.c. Recognize visitors and guests

1.c. - Recognize board members as the month of January is school board member recognition month

Superintendent Maxey thanked the board members for working extremely hard and making a lot of tough decisions for very little pay. He noted they do it because they care about kids and care about this community. Board members received certificates of appreciation for their service.

1.c. - School presentation by Rowan County Middle School

Micah Stokes, academic team coach at the middle school, and team members discussed the many facets the academic team includes ranging from league play, Governor’s Cup and Sixth Grade Showcase. Trophies were on display at the meeting showcasing what an outstanding job the students have done this year. Other students discussed the roles they play on the team and what events they had placed in for the medals they were wearing. Superintendent Maxey expressed his appreciation for these students and how proud we are of them.

2. Approve regular business items

2.a. Approve regular December 18, 2018, and special January 7, 2019, board meeting minutes

2.b. Approve payment of monthly claims

Motion Passed: Motion to approve regular business items passed with a motion by Mr. Danny Mabry and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Dr. Scott Davison	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Yes

3. Personnel report

Superintendent Maxey shared the following personnel report:

Employment

Brown, Nancy employ as an instructional assistant at Tilden Hogge Elementary effective January 9, 2019

Transfers

Hess, Christopher transfer from a teacher at the Bluegrass Discovery Academy to a district-wide special education teacher effective January 3, 2019

Resignations

Slone, Chelcee resign as a bus monitor with the Rowan County Schools effective January 18, 2019

4. Treasurer's report

Superintendent Maxey gave the treasurer's report reflecting a balance in the general fund of \$5,448,024.82.

5. Update on bonding potential from Ross, Sinclair & Associates

Lincoln Theinert from Ross, Sinclair & Associates was present at the meeting to discuss bonding potential. Board members received a handout from Mr. Theinert which he reviewed and discussed with them. Information received indicated the board could bond presently \$7.6 million with an additional \$2 million in bonding available in July 1, 2020.

6. Approve resolution employing attorneys

Superintendent Maxey noted we must hire an attorney each year. We have used Bob Chenoweth for several years and he does a great job. Superintendent Maxey recommends that the board that we continue to use Chenoweth Law Office on an as needed basis.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve resolution employing Chenoweth Law Office as school board attorneys passed with a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson and a second by Dr. Scott Davison.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Dr. Scott Davison	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Yes

7. Review the 2019 - 2020 draft budget

Glen Teager noted that the state requires that the minutes show the board has reviewed the draft budget. However, Mr. Teager said this is the exact budget that we have currently. We do not have any numbers yet to start working on the new budget.

Motion Passed: Motion that the board reviewed the 2019 - 2020 draft budget passed with a motion by Mr. Danny Mabry and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Dr. Scott Davison	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Yes

8. Discuss audit proposal

Glen Teager noted that it has been more than 10 years since we last advertised and requested bids for audit proposals. The last time we accepted bids; there was only one company that responded. There are generally very few firms out there that will audit more than two or three school systems. Chairman Whelan noted that he is happy with our current auditing firm, but thinks we need to do our due diligence and the transparency part of it and at least advertise for audit proposals.

Motion Passed: Motion to advertise for audit proposals passed with a motion by Mr. Danny Mabry and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Dr. Scott Davison	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Yes

9. Approve school calendar for 2019-2020 school year

Chairman Whelan noted that we have rules and regulations for the calendar committee now that we didn't have before. Chairman Whelan said he was not going to go against the calendar committee. They have put a lot of time in on the school calendar, but he does not agree with it. Vice chairman Danny Mabry noted that he does not agree with the calendar either. He thinks we need to be in school on those days in the fall when it is pretty weather. He thinks we are off too many days in the fall. Board member Jennifer Anderson would like to see next year how much we spend on substitute teachers and how much we lose from students not being in school during the two days of Thanksgiving week.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve school calendar for 2019-2020 school year passed with a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson and a second by Mrs. Brenda Stamm.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Dr. Scott Davison	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	No
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Yes

10. Award bid to Enterprise for fleet management system for the 2018 - 2019 school year

Superintendent Maxey and Glen Teager discussed the fleet management system. For the same amount of money we have been spending to maintain vehicles, some with 200,000 miles, we could have new vans for transporting our kids and new vehicles for our maintenance workers and not be spending any more money. The

long term plan is to shrink our current fleet from 15 vehicles to eventually 6 or 7 vehicles.

Motion Passed: Motion to award bid to Enterprise for fleet management system for the 2018 - 2019 school year passed with a motion by Dr. Scott Davison and a second by Mr. Danny Mabry.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Dr. Scott Davison	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Yes

11. Discuss architectural services for a baseball field/tennis court project

Superintendent Maxey noted that since we sold the Community Park property, it is the desire of the board to build a baseball field and tennis court. In order to have this process rolling and ready to move dirt once we close on the property, we need to get an architect hired. Meetings can then take place with baseball, tennis, and other persons concerning this project. It will not cost us anything to go ahead and advertise and select an architect for this project until we actually start working on it.

Motion Passed: Motion to authorize superintendent to advertise for architectural services for the Rowan County baseball/tennis court project passed with a motion by Mr. Danny Mabry and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Dr. Scott Davison	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Yes

12. Superintendent's report

Superintendent Maxey reported the following:

- 2019 Annual KSBA Conference - February 22 - 24, 2019
- Congratulations to Matt Stokes and the RCSHS girls' basketball team in the Kentucky 2A Tournament. The team will play their next tournament game in Owensboro on Friday, January 18, 2019.
- The following students were voted by the teachers of RCSHS as candidates for Mr. & Miss Rowan County Senior High School. Presentation of the court as well as the winners for Mr. & Miss RCSHS will be named between the boys and girls game against Menifee County on Tuesday, January 29, 2019. Please join us in celebrating these outstanding students!

Carmen Alderman
Kathryn Bonney
Hannah Clatos
Zayda Greene
Angela Marcum

Matthew Gagliano
Angel Gonzalez-Napoleoni
Andrew Hacker
Nick Menard
Charles Whelan

- Congratulations to Ms. Angela Lyon who will be receiving the Outstanding Elementary School Teacher of the Year for District 8 from the Kentucky Music Educators Association later this month. Ms. Lyon was nominated by Melanie Everman of Mt. Sterling Elementary. After a vote from 50 educators in the district, Ms. Lyon was selected for the award.

13. Other business

13.a. Approve leave of absence for Molly Huffman for the remainder of the 2018 - 2019 school year

Motion Passed: Motion to approve leave of absence for Molly Huffman for the remainder of the 2018 - 2019 school year passed with a motion by Mr. Danny Mabry and a second by Mrs. Brenda Stamm.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Dr. Scott Davison	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Yes

14. Closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (c) to discuss proposed or pending litigation

Motion Passed: Motion to go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (c) to discuss proposed or pending litigation passed with a motion by Mr. Danny Mabry and a second by Mrs. Brenda Stamm.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Dr. Scott Davison	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Yes

The board went into closed session at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at 7:27 p.m. with no action being taken.

15. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Motion that the meeting adjourn passed with a motion by Mrs. Brenda Stamm and a second by Dr. Scott Davison.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Dr. Scott Davison	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent