

The Rockbridge County School Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.
The meeting was held at Maury River Middle School.

Present: Chairman Wendy Lovell; Trustees Corey Berkstresser, Catie Brown, Kathy Burant, and Neil Whitmore; Superintendent Phillip Thompson and Clerk Rhonda Humphries.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lovell called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Blake Darmante, grade 12, Rockbridge County School, was recognized as the first place winner in Forensics at the Virginia High School League State Tournament held in March 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon recommendation by Chairman Lovell, motion by Trustee Burant, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, the board voted 5-0, the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes: 1) April 5, 2022 [Regular Meeting]; 2) April 25, 2022 [Discipline Committee Hearing]; 3) April 27, 2022 [Discipline Committee Hearing]; 4) May 4, 2022 [Discipline Committee Hearing]
- Field Trip / Bus Use Requests
- Fundraising Requests
- Application for Use of Facilities
- Appointments and Resignations

APPOINTMENTS

Professional Staff

Brooke Bolen, Teacher, Mountain View Elementary School, 2022 – 2023 school year
Nicholas Perlozzo, Teacher, Rockbridge County High School, 2022 – 2023 school year
Diana Goad, Teacher, Fairfield Elementary School, 2022 – 2023 school year
Paul Gundacker, Teacher, Rockbridge County High School, 2022 – 2023 school year
Stefanie Hogge, Teacher 2022 – 2023 school year
Mila Alt, Teacher, Natural Bridge Elementary School, 2022 – 2023 school year
Tamar Wood, School Counselor, Rockbridge County High School, 2022 – 2023 school year
Shannon Bryan, Teacher, Rockbridge County High School, 2022 - 2023 school year
Heather Glass, Teacher, Central Elementary School, 2022 – 2023 school year

Support Staff

Rebecca Staton, Custodian, Fairfield Elementary School, effective July 1, 2022

Food Service Sub

Karla Valenzuela
Shawny Bowyer

Resignations

Professional Staff

Hailey Keiser, Teacher, Mountain View Elementary School resigning end of the 2021 – 2022 school year
Dennis Moore, Teacher, Rockbridge County High School, resigning end of the 2021 – 2022 school year
Amanda McCoy, Teacher and Volleyball Coach, Rockbridge County High School, resigning end of the 2021 – 2022 school year
Tamara Trombetta, Teacher, Maury River Middle School, resigning end of the 2021 – 2022 school year

Retirement

Professional Staff

Christine Wood, Director of Special Education, Central Office, retiring end of the 2021 – 2022 school year

Resignations**Support Staff**

Kim Sponaugle, Food Service Worker, Fairfield Elementary School, resigning end of the 2021 – 2022 school year

Marla Fauber, Food Service Worker, Fairfield Elementary School, resigning end of the 2021 – 2022 school year

Retirement**Support Staff**

Bernie Kirby, Custodian, Fairfield Elementary School, retiring effective June 30, 2022

Lewis Moore, Maintenance, Central Office, retiring effective June 30, 2022

Support Staff Approvals for Employment 2022-2023 School Year**Teacher Assistants**

Aligood, Patsy	Teacher Assistant
Ashcraft, Sherita	Teacher Assistant
Ayers, Tristan	Teacher Assistant
Blackburn, Keller	Teacher Assistant
Bolen, Deborah	Teacher Assistant
Branch, Loretta	Teacher Assistant
Braddy, Mary	Teacher Assistant
Bryan, Shannon	Teacher Assistant
Chaffin, Alesa	Teacher Assistant
Chittum, Reneda	Teacher Assistant
Coffey, Stephanie	Teacher Assistant
Crookshanks, Tiffany	Teacher Assistant
Day, Deborah	Teacher Assistant
Early, Mary	Teacher Assistant
Forren, Skylar	Teacher Assistant
George, Catherine	Teacher Assistant
Hamilton, Ashley	Teacher Assistant
Harris, Joyce	Teacher Assistant
Harris, Theresa	Teacher Assistant
Hilliard, Virginia	Teacher Assistant
Jarvis, Tricia	Teacher Assistant
Jenkins, Emily	Teacher Assistant
Kirk, Emma	Teacher Assistant
Montgomery, Brandy	Teacher Assistant
Morrow, Lindsey	Teacher Assistant
Nelson, Jennifer	Teacher Assistant
Painter, Anita	Teacher Assistant
Petty, Hailey	Teacher Assistant
Pufahl, Maria	Teacher Assistant
Sheltman, Brian	Teacher Assistant
Showalter, Haley	Teacher Assistant
Snider, Natasha	Teacher Assistant
Snyder, Angela	Teacher Assistant
Teague, Deborah	Teacher Assistant
VanNess, Susan	Teacher Assistant
Wade, Chelsia	Teacher Assistant
Wiley, Caryn	Teacher Assistant
Williams, Jeremy	Teacher Assistant
Zickafoose, Amy	Teacher Assistant
Ziegler, Christy	Teacher Assistant

Custodians

Barbour, Bryan	Custodian
Eagle, David	Custodian
Eagle, William	Custodian
Hostetter, Jamie	Custodian
Hostetter, Joey	Custodian
Hostetter, Michael	Custodian

Custodians - continued

Reed, Melissa	Custodian
Richards, Carson	Custodian
Riley, Jack	Custodian
Shanks, Gregory	Custodian
Smith, Calvin	Custodian
Staton, Karla	Custodian

School Secretaries/Bookkeepers/Clerical Assistants

Bauernfeind, Tina	Clerical Assistant
Burke, Brittany	Clerical Assistant
Cash, Phyllis	Bookkeeper
Chism, Donna	School Secretary
Coffey, Joan	School Secretary
Emrey, Karen	School Secretary
Jones, Elizabeth	School Secretary
McCaleb, Bonnie	School Secretary
Miller, Lisa	Bookkeeper
Rogers, Travis	School Secretary
Swartz, Jane	School Secretary
Van Ravenswaay, Lisa	School Secretary
Vest, Violet	School Secretary
White, Morgan	Clerical Assistant
Zitmore, Lisa	School Secretary

Maintenance

Beard, Kenneth	Maintenance
Cash, Gary	Maintenance
Floyd, Edward	Maintenance
Kessinger, William	Maintenance
Lilly, David	Maintenance
Mahood, Todd	Maintenance
Runkle, David	Maintenance
Staton, Roy	Maintenance

Central Office Support Staff

Church, Ana	School Nutrition Services Secretary/Finance Assistant
Cox, Kelly	Receptionist/Records
Dunlap, Tracy	Transportation Clerk
Humphries, Rhonda	Administrative Assistant/Clerk of the Board
Johnson, Carolyn	Secretary for Facilities
Loope, Dana	Accounts Payable Specialist
Luck, Cindy	Secretary for Special Education
Rexrode, Monica	Personnel Specialist
Michele Staton	Payroll & Benefits Specialist

School Nurses

Bennington, Melissa	School Nurse
Marcum, Katina	School Nurse
Sheltman, Heidi	School Nurse
Staton, Meagan	School Nurse
Woodruff, Dylan	School Nurse

Technology

Bundy, Justin	Technology Specialist
Coleman, Mark	Technology Specialist
Kerr, J.D.	Technology Specialist
Patterson, Mike	Technology Specialist
Staton, Cole	Technology Specialist

Food Service

Arthur, Mary (Time Sheet)	Food Service
Blackwell, Mary (Time Sheet)	Food Service
Campbell, Gwen	Food Service
Coffey, Chelsea	Food Service
Coffey, Marlene	Food Service
Cruz, Becky (Time Sheet)	Food Service

Food Service - continued

Emore, Kassandra (Time Sheet)	Food Service
Harris, Amy (Time Sheet)	Food Service
Hetrick, Dawn	Food Service
Kerr, Brenda	Food Service
Manspile, Catherine (Time Sheet)	Food Service
Martin, Teresa	Food Service
Minter, Delores (Time Sheet)	Food Service
Robinson, Lezley (Time Sheet)	Food Service
Skipper, Amber (Time Sheet)	Food Service
Skipper, Kathryn (Time Sheet)	Food Service
Smith, Kathryn	Food Service
Snuffer, Whitney (Time Sheet)	Food Service
Sorrels, Roxie	Food Service

Hansley, Lenya (Grant NBES)

- Business Items
 - Approved debt service payment due June 1, 2022 to US Bank for Rockbridge County Public Schools VPSA bonds in the amount of \$159,375.00.
 - Approved Monthly Financials in the amount of \$3,648,565.60.
- School Board Power and Duties Governance Norms and Protocols

PUBLIC COMMENT:

One patron addressed the board regarding incidents that have happened in the past with his children and stated that those issues have been addressed. Patron requested a private conversation with Superintendent Thompson.

One patron addressed the board concerned about the mental health of students in the schools.

BUDGET PLANNING: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT:

Ms. Lauren Fauber, Principal, Fairfield Elementary School, provided a Project Based Learning (PBL) Presentation. The following teachers provided highlights of PBL initiatives in their respective classrooms / grade levels:

Grade Kindergarten: Farrah Erskine

Grade 1: Patricia Jennings, Maury Davis, Rebecca Bryant

Grade 2: Holly Wood, Hailey Roberts (ITRT)

Grade 5: Kaitlyn Nicely

The teachers described their individual class projects, which reflected the excitement of teachers as well as students, via student participation. All teachers spoke to their goals for continuing their PBL projects for the 2022-2023 school year.

Chairman Lovell expressed her sentiment that she was excited for PBL prior to Covid and is excited again to hear what teachers are doing with appreciation for engaging their students.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

Ms. Tracy Hinty, Supervisor of Federal Programs, provided information on the Federal Grants, which will become available on July 1. She provided information on the individual and consolidated state and federal entitlement grants, which are Title I, Title II, Title III, and Title IV. Federal Grants will be presented as an Action Item at the June board meeting.

Ms. Tracy Hinty, Supervisor of Federal Programs, provided background of the Title I Family Engagement Plan, which included the following General Expectations and Objectives and Adoption of the plan. The Title I Family Engagement Plan will be presented as an Action Item at the June board meeting.

ACTION ITEM: None

Upon recommendation by Chairman Lovell, motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Berkstresser, the board voted 5-0, to approve the application for the Carl Perkins Grant as presented.

Upon recommendation by Chairman Lovell, motion by Trustee Burant, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, the board voted 5-0, to approve the Rockbridge Area Special Education Advisory Council members, and the Special Education Annual Plan and Applications for Federal Funds, as presented.

Upon recommendation by Chairman Lovell, motion by Trustee Berkstresser, seconded by Trustee Burant, the board voted 5-0, the Board approved authorization for the Superintendent /Designee to close out the current fiscal year. This authorization would include payment of remaining accounts payable and payroll expenses and the preparation of necessary expenditure transfers, budget adjustments, appropriations of additional revenues and requests for category transfers from the Board of Supervisors, if needed. A final report summarizing these actions will be distributed during the month of July. All transactions will require signatures of two of the following staff positions: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Business Officer, Chief Operations Officer, or Director of Financial Services.

Upon recommendation by Chairman Lovell, motion by Trustee Berkstresser, seconded by Trustee Burant, the board voted 5-0, to approve the FY23 Line Item Budget in the amount of \$34,502,996.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Lovell stated that the Ad Hoc Committee will meet on May 19, 2022.

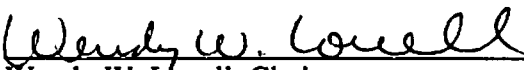
Superintendent Thompson stated that progress has been made in the future renovation of Floyd S. Kay/CTE Center at Rockbridge County High School. He reflected that teachers are doing a great job with the current facility but that renovations are badly needed. Administration has been in negotiations with an Architectural & Engineering Firm and have signed a contract with Spectrum Design of Roanoke, Virginia. The tentative begin date for construction is April 2023.

SCHOOL BOARD:

The next regular monthly meeting of the Rockbridge County School Board will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Maury River Middle School, 600 Waddell Street, Lexington, Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by 5-0 vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.


Wendy W. Lovell, Chairman


Rhonda B. Humphries, Clerk of the Board