

The Rockbridge County School Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at the Rockbridge County School Board Office.

Present: Chairman David McDaniel; Trustees Heather Hostetter, Wendy Lovell, Neil Whitmore; Superintendent Phillip Thompson; Clerk Rhonda Humphries. Absent: Trustee Corey Berkstresser.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McDaniel called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. and requested that everyone rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

STUDENT / STAFF RECOGNITION:

VSBA Media Honor Roll:

- Lisa Perry, Reporter, The News-Gazette
- Doug Cumming, Associate Professor of Journalism, on behalf of The Journalism Department of The Rockbridge Report, Washington and Lee University

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Lovell, seconded by Trustee Hostetter, and passed by a 4-0 vote, the board approved the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes: 1) September 11, 2018 [Regular Meeting]; 2) September 20, 2018 [Joint Meeting with the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors]
- Field Trips / Bus Use Requests
- Fund Raiser Requests
- Applications for Use of Facilities
- Enrollment Update
- **Appointments and Resignations**
 - Appointments**
 - Food Service Substitutes**
 - Sandra Porterfield
 - Katie Sorrels
 - Stephanie Higgins
 - Megan Martin

Car Drivers

Catherine Radford
Norwood Keith Groah

Substitute Teachers

James Adams, Jr.
William Staton, Jr.
DeIna Coleman
Laura Holt

Rockbridge County High School

Volunteer Coaches

Chris Stafford, Volunteer Volleyball Coach
Ricky Haston, Volunteer Boys' Basketball Coach
Andy Coffey, Volunteer Boys' Basketball Coach

Rockbridge County High School

Winter Coach

Tasha Polly, Winter Cheer

Spring Coach

Susan Nye, Girls' Head Lacrosse Coach

Resignations**Support Staff**

Crystal Roberts, Teacher Assistant, Central Elementary School, resigning effective October 15, 2018

Retiring**Support Staff**

Bernadette Crews, Receptionist, Central Office, retiring December 31, 2018

- **Financial Items**

- Approve Monthly Financials \$3,198,151.13

BUDGET PLANNING: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Ms. Christine Wood, Director of Special Education, provided information on the Annual Special Education Performance Report and Accountability Matrix. She reviewed the fourteen indicators, which compares the division's performance to the State's target.

- Chairman McDaniel inquired if the report includes students who are transported to private day care, which would reflect more than classroom students.
 - Ms. Wood responded that the report does include these students and that Rockbridge County Public Schools staff works closely with Rivermont by being involved in meetings and professional development.
 - Chairman McDaniel verified that those students are included because they greatly impact the division.

Superintendent Thompson provided information on the School Resource Officer Grant. He stated that he worked with Sheriff Blalock, the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors, and County Administrator to sign a grant for School Resource Officer for the elementary schools. The grant is in the amount of \$38,500, which will help pay approximately 45% of the School Resource Officer position. The Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors agreed previously to take funds from the CIP escrow account for the balance. The boards were in agreement to fund one School Resource Officer, recommended location at Natural Bridge Elementary School and, if funds are available, to fund a second School Resource Officer at Fairfield Elementary School. There is currently approximately \$520,000 on the escrow account. The position will be funded in coming years by the Rockbridge County Sheriff's budget. The School Resource Officer will be overseen by the Rockbridge County Sheriff but RCPS will be able to utilize the position in our elementary school.

Superintendent Thompson stated that Rockbridge County Public Schools received a Safety Grant in the amount of \$56,000, which is to help to reimburse for the buzz-in systems at RCPS schools. This funding can be used for the School Resource Officer position. He stated that if this money is used for the SRO position, two positions could be funded; referencing the SRO Grant in the amount of \$38,500 and the Safety Grant in the amount of \$56,000.

- Trustee Lovell inquired if the two positions will be funded long-term by the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Department.
 - Superintendent Thompson stated that the officers will report to the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Department, which will allow for consistency.
 - Chairman McDaniel stated that the transfer of funds will go directly from the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors to the Rockridge County Sheriff's Department.
- Superintendent Thompson stated that it is ultimately a decision to be made by the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors as to where the funds will come from if School Resource Officers are provided. The Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors are also meeting on this same date.

Mr. Tim Martino, Director of Elementary Education provided information on Section I [Instruction] Policy Update and Section J [Students] Policy Update. The revisions will be presented for approval at the November board meeting.

- Chairman McDaniel received clarification from Superintendent Thompson that all changes are reviewed by the school board attorney.

- o Superintendent Thompson stated that it is anticipated that the entire updated Rockbridge County Public Schools Policy Manual will be available on the Rockbridge County Public Schools website as a searchable PDF file by the end of the year. The policy manual is currently available on the division website and that an extensive review for updates by directors is taking place.

Dr. Angela Wilder, Supervisor of Secondary Special Education, provided information on policy EB-R, Critical Incident Emergency Procedures Education.

- Superintendent Thompson stated that scheduled training will take place even if this regulation is not approved at this meeting. The regulation is not currently in the policy and is a priority for the school division.
- Chairman McDaniel requested that this item be presented as Action Item 10B at this meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Lovell, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by a 4-0 vote, the board approved the 2019-2020 School Calendar as presented.

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Hostetter, seconded by Trustee Lovell, and passed by a 4-0 vote, the board approved the Critical Incident Emergency Procedures Education policy, EB-R.

NEW BUSINESS:

Superintendent Thompson stated that the 2018 VSBA Annual Convention in Williamsburg will be held on November 14-16, 2018. He stated that there will be an opportunity for the Rockbridge County School Board to meet with the Lexington City School Board.

SCHOOL BOARD:

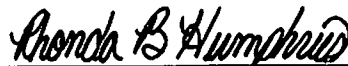
The next regular monthly meeting of the Rockbridge County School Board will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the County Administration Offices, 150 South Main Street, Lexington, Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Trustee Hostetter, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by 4-0 vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



David B. McDaniel, Chairman



Rhonda B. Humphries, Clerk of the Board