

The Rockbridge County School Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at the County of Rockbridge Administration Building.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McDaniel called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and requested that everyone rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

STUDENT / STAFF RECOGNITION:

- Moment of Recognition for 2018 Retirees: Twila Brown, Maria Chase, Patsy Conner, Bonnie Fix, Linda Gorman, Deborah Hodge, Wayne Lemon, Julia Lipscomb, Maurya Schweizer, Gerard Winkler
- REACH Award: Professor Owen Collins, Professor of Theater, Washington and Lee University

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Lovell seconded by Trustee Berkstresser, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes: 1) April 30, 2018 [Special Meeting]; 2) May 8, 2018 [Regular Meeting]; 3) May 17, 2018 [Joint Meeting with Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors]
- Field Trips / Bus Use Requests
- Fund Raiser Requests
- Applications for Use of Facilities
- Enrollment Update
- Appointments and Resignations

Appointments

Professional Staff

Diane Secord, Principal, Fairfield Elementary School

Racheal Hepner, English Teacher, Maury River Middle School, 2018 – 2019 school year

Kiersten Donahue, Science Teacher, Rockbridge County High School, 2018 – 2019 school year

Amber Yohe, Science Teacher, Maury River Middle School, 2018 – 2019 school year

Russell Pedigo, Technology Education Teacher, Maury River Middle School, 2018 – 2019 school year

Keith Folsom, Teacher, Central Elementary School, 2018 – 2019 school year

Heather Glass, Teacher, Central Elementary School, 2018 – 2019 school year

Morgan McCrary, Teacher, Rockbridge County High School, 2018 – 2019 school year

Christine Wood, Director of Special Education, Central Office, 2018 – 2019 school year

Angela Wilder, Supervisor of Secondary Special Education, Central Office, 2018 – 2019 school year

Jake Adams, Maury River Middle School, Teacher 2018 – 2019 school year (previously resigned April 10, 2018, teacher requested to be reinstated)

Support Staff

Carolyn McNeil, Custodian, Central Elementary School, effective July 1, 2018

Resignations

Professional Staff

Joann Blouin, Teacher, Rockbridge County High School, resigning end of 2017 – 2018 school year

Sean Duncan, Teacher, Rockbridge County High School, resigning end of 2017 – 2018 school year

Jamey Nicely, Teacher, Maury River Middle School, resigning end of 2017 – 2018 school year

Robert Martin, Teacher, Rockbridge County High School, resigning end of 2017 - 2018 school year

Hannah Straub, Teacher, Rockbridge County Public Schools, resigning end of 2017 - 2018 school year

Support Staff

Mary Sue Driscoll, Teacher Assistant, Mountain View Elementary School, resigning end of 2017 – 2018 school year

Susan Johnson, Teacher Assistant, Part-time, Central Elementary School, resigned effective May 25, 2018

- **Financial Items**

Monthly Financials in the amount of \$3,748,249.93.

BUDGET PLANNING: None

COMMITTEE REPORT: None

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS:

Dr. Steven Wilder, Supervisor of Career and Technical Education, provide an update on the Dual Grad Program. He stated that the class of 2021 is the first class to be eligible for the new Dual Grad Program. In partnership with Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, RCHS now offers the opportunity to complete an Associate of Arts and Sciences (AAS) degree in time for high school graduation. This is a complete college degree program leading to a transferable 2-year AAS degree upon graduation from high school. He stated that in order for a student to join the first Dual Grade cohort, a student must take one approved dual enrollment course this fall; then continue taking dual enrollment classes through graduation. He further stated that this offers the opportunity for a student in the program to graduate with a RCHS High School Diploma and a DSLCC Associate of Arts & Sciences (AAS) Degree in General Studies.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Haywood Hand, Assistant Superintendent, provided information on the VSBA Policy Manual Updates. He provided an explanation of policy IKFD: Alternative Paths to Attaining Standard Units of Credit. He stated that he will present the policy as an Action Item at the August board RCSB meeting, noting that there will not be a July board meeting.

- Chairman McDaniel confirmed that all VSBA policy manual updates are in effect when presented to the Rockbridge County School Board.
 - Superintendent Thompson stated that previous board action dictates that VSBA policy manual updates are in effect once approved by VSBA.
- At the recommendation of Chairman McDaniel, this was added as Action Item 10F for approval, because there will not be a July board meeting.

Haywood Hand, Assistant Superintendent, provided information on the Dress Code Policy. He stated that teachers, students, and parents were involved in the policy review and that students developed the language of the policy. He noted that parents focused on specificity of the policy to be absolutely clear to all patrons of expectations. He stated that the policy will be re-evaluated at the end of the 2018-2019 school year while noting that it will continue to be adapted until the policy is in absolute good standing.

- Chairman McDaniel inquired if the school administrators feel the policy can be enforced.
 - Mr. Hand confirmed that school administrators do feel they can enforce the newly revised policy.
 - Trustee Lovell expressed her appreciation for the collaboration that took place and applauds the team effort.
- At the recommendation of Chairman McDaniel, this was added as Action Item 10G for approval, because there will not be a July board meeting.

Billy Thomas, Principal, Maury River Middle School, provided a review of Schools' Crisis Plans for 2018-2019. He noted that there are staffing and team changes that will be updated soon in the plans.

- At the recommendation of Chairman McDaniel, this was added as Action Item 10H for approval, because there will not be a July board meeting.

Jason Kirby, Director of Personnel and Technology, provided a Technology Update. He gave an overview of the RCPS Technology Summer Projects, Bandwidth Upgrades through BARC, and the status of RCPS Technology for school year 2018-19. He also provided an overview of the importance of technology: 21st Century Learning; Innovative Learning; Student Engagement; Personalized Learning; Access to Global Knowledge; and a Prepared Workforce.

- Chairman McDaniel inquired on the status of policies and procedures.
 - Mr. Kirby stated that he anticipates having these ready for review before the start of school.
- Chairman McDaniel stated that this has been a work in progress for three years and confirmed that all that progress in the Technology field at MRMS will carry forth to RCHS. He expressed his sentiments that the technology available to our students is beneficial for students and the community.

Superintendent Thompson provided information on the 2018 VSBA Media Honor Roll program and asked that board members notify him or Rhonda Humphries, Clerk, of nominations they wish to have considered. This will be presented as an Action Item at the August board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Lovell, seconded by Trustee Whitmore and passed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved the FY19 Budget as presented.

- Superintendent Thompson stated that RCPS will receive \$92,118 more than was estimated from the state and that because of the agreement with the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors, the "ask" will be \$192,632.
 - Superintendent Thompson provided an explanation of why the ADM number of 2540 is used. The budget is based on ADM trends over several years. The state calc tool estimated ADM for FY19 to be 2554; Rockbridge County Public Schools continues to use 2540 to budget for FY19 while noting that it may change in subsequent years if the ADM trend from the state dictates doing so. He also stated that ADM is measured at least twice a year and reflects average number of students each day in class. He further stated that the ADM number equates to funding. The estimated state revenue is based on funding and can change.

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Berkstresser, seconded by Trustee Hostetter, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the request of Heritage Hall to extend the current agreement through June 30, 2019 to use Maury River Middle School as an evacuation shelter.

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Hostetter, seconded by Trustee Lovell, and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote, the Board unanimously approved the Virginia Public School Educational Technology Notes and Resolution.

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Berkstresser, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the Consolidated and Title III Grants Application.

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Lovell, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the individual and consolidated state and federal entitlement grants.

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Lovell, seconded by Trustee Berkstresser, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved Policy IKFD as presented.

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Hostetter, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the Dress Code Policy as presented.

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Berkstresser, seconded by Trustee Hostetter, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the Crisis Plans, noting that there will be administrative and staff changes to be added.

NEW BUSINESS: None

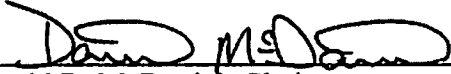
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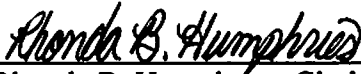
There will not be a regular monthly meeting for the month of July, 2018.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Rockbridge County School Board will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the County Administration Building, 150 South Main Street, Lexington, VA 24450.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Trustee Hostetter, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by 5-0 vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.



David B. McDaniel, Chairman

Rhonda B. Humphries, Clerk of the Board