

The Rockbridge County School Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at the County of Rockbridge Administration Building.

Present: Chairman Wendy Lovell; Trustees Corey Berkstresser, Heather Hostetter, David McDaniel, and Neil Whitmore; Superintendent Phillip Thompson and Assistant Clerk Haywood Hand.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lovell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

STUDENT / STAFF RECOGNITION:

Mr. Paige Owens, Supervisor of Career and Technical Education, recognized Mr. Mike Keyser, BARC Electric Cooperative CEO, and Mike Sandridge, BARC Board Member, who presented a donation in the amount of \$4,000 to the CTE Energy and Solar Program. Mr. Owens expressed his appreciation to the BARC Board on behalf of Rockbridge County Public Schools and Career and Technical Programs to BARC for their continuing support. He stated that the funds will be used to continue enhancing and expanding the Energy and Power Program at Rockbridge County High School by providing more instructional training, purchasing equipment, and increasing program promotion.

Superintendent Thompson stated that the VSBA Welcome Back to School campaign is an annual initiative. He requested that the board take a picture at the conclusion of the meeting with a VSBA poster welcoming students back to school, to be posted on social media and to the VSBA website. He noted that other school divisions across the Commonwealth are participating in this campaign to welcome their students back.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon recommendation by Chairman Lovell, motion by Trustee Berkstresser, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, the board approved the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes: 1) July 9, 2019 [Regular Meeting]; 2) July 18, 2019 [Joint Meeting with the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors; 3) August 5, 2019 [Special Meeting]
- Field Trip and Bus Use Requests
 - Chairman Lovell inquired if the concert at MRMS is something that the Rockbridge Symphony is doing for schools.
 - o Superintendent Thompson shared that this has taken place in the past with it beginning again for the 2018-2019 school year.

- Fundraiser Requests
- Application for Use of Facilities
- Appointments and Resignations

Appointments

Professional Staff

Wanda Schemehorn, School Counselor, Natural Bridge Elementary School, 2019 – 2020 school year

Support Staff

Natasha Snider, Teacher Assistant, Central Elementary School, 2019 – 2020 school year
 Libby Braddy, Teacher Assistant, Maury River Middle School, 2019 – 2020 school year
 Jennifer Nelson, Teacher Assistant, Maury River Middle School, 2019 – 2020 school year
 Patty Watkins, Food Service Worker, Fairfield Elementary School, 2019 – 2020 school year (time-sheet)
 Amy Moore, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, 2019 – 2020 school year

Food Service Substitutes

Julie Shinol
 Becky Wells

RCHS Activities Volunteers

Laney Melton, Color Guard (Band)
 Sarah Stuttard, Cheerleading

Resignation**RCHS – Tennis**

Andy Coffey resigned as Girl's Head Tennis Coach 2019 – 2020 school year

• Business Items

- Approval for carryover grant appropriations to Fund 50 in the amount of \$812,578.00.
- Approval for new grant appropriations to Fund 50 in the amount of \$521,010.00.
- Approval for new grant appropriations to Fund 50 in the amount of \$35,000.00.
- Approve Monthly Financials in the amount of \$1,424,724.95.

BUDGET PLANNING:

Superintendent Thompson stated that conversations have begun in thinking about priorities for the next budget cycle, while noting that it will kick into high gear during October and November.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Superintendent Thompson reported that Ad Hoc Committee collaboration with Lexington City Schools is active. The agenda is not firm at the moment, but that a meeting will soon be scheduled.

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT:

Mr. Tim Martino, Director of K12 Curriculum and Instruction, provided information on the K-12 curriculum and pacing guide work. He noted that the PBL (Project Based Learning) and curriculum work spanned 30 days, accounting for 83% of the summer dedicated to professional development.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Mr. Jason Kirby, Director of Personnel and Technology, provided information on the New Teacher Orientation, Technology Boot Camp, Convocation, Health/Vendor Fair, RTEC, and Rockbridge County Public Schools Foundation.

- Trustee McDaniel inquired if the competitive salaries were helping with the hiring process.
 - Mr. Kirby responded that he feels the competitive salaries are helping.

Mr. Randy Walters, Director of Transportation and Maintenance, provided a Feasibility Study Update by reporting on on-site visits, meetings with engineers, and telephone conversations. The next step will involve interviews, a survey, and data collection, which will evolve into written reports to review.

ACTION ITEMS:

Upon recommendation by Chairman Lovell, 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.

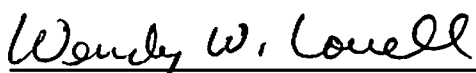
NEW BUSINESS: None

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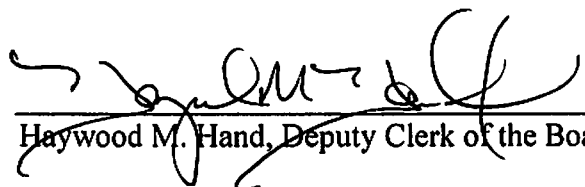
The next regular meeting of the Rockbridge County School Board will be on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 / 5:00 PM / Location: County of Rockbridge Administration Building, 150 South Main Street, Lexington, Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Trustee McDaniel, seconded by Trustee Hostetter, and passed by 5-0 vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.



Wendy W. Lovell, Chairman



Haywood M. Hand, Deputy Clerk of the Board