

The Rockbridge County School Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at the County of Rockbridge Administration Building.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lovell called the meeting to order at 4:44 p.m.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

STUDENT / STAFF RECOGNITION:

- School Board Appreciation Month: February 2019

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes: 1) January 8, 2019 [Regular Meeting]; 2) January 8, 2019 [Special Meeting]; 3) January 16, 2019 [Discipline Committee Hearing].
- Field Trip and Bus Use Requests
 - Chairman Lovell stated that she remains impressed with the opportunities given to students to go on field trips.
- Fundraiser Requests
 - Chairman Lovell expressed her appreciation for the fundraiser that will be conducted by Fairfield Elementary School to raise funds to be "given back" to Project Horizon.
- Application for Use of Facilities
- Enrollment Update
- Appointments and Resignations

Appointments

Professional Staff

Jennifer Mastin, Teacher, Central Elementary School, effective 2019 – 2020 school year

Substitute Teachers

Rebecca Stratton

Michelle Berry

Sean Capps

Coaches

RCHS

Girls' Soccer

Sean Harrington, Head Varsity Coach

Jonathan Harrington, Volunteer Coach

Karon Harrington, Volunteer Coach

Girls' Lacrosse

Erica Semler, Volunteer Coach

Jim Coleman, Volunteer Coach

Girls' Tennis

Andy Coffey, Head Coach

Boys' Tennis

Holden Branham, Head Coach

Baseball

Nick Perlozzo, Volunteer Coach

Mat Rapoza, Volunteer Coach

Softball

Hannah McDaniel, Volunteer Coach

Boys' Soccer

Josh Elrod, Volunteer Coach

Jim Kahn, Volunteer Coach

Boys' Lacrosse

Sean Capps, Volunteer Coach

Outdoor Track

Penni Allen, Asst. Coach

Chris Crawford, Volunteer Coach

Julie Tisone, Volunteer Coach

MRMS**Outdoor Track**

Tasha Polly, Head Coach

Johnathan Williams, Asst. Coach

Brandy Connell-Marando, Volunteer Coach

Jessica Chittum, Volunteer Coach

Professional Staff**Retiring**

Joanne Groah, Teacher, Mountain View Elementary School, retiring end of 2018 – 2019 school year

Lori Apgar, Teacher, Rockbridge County High School, retiring end of 2018 – 2019 school year

• **Business Items**

- Approval of new grant appropriations to Fund 50 in the amount of \$57,227.00.
- Approve Monthly Financials \$2,923,873.50

BUDGET PLANNING:**COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE****INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT:**

Mike Craft, Principal, Rockbridge County High School, provided a report on F.O.R.C.E. [Focus on Rockbridge County Education]. He stated that the purpose of F.O.R.C.E. is to provide social and academic support to members of the Class of 2022, with the hope to change student attitudes and beliefs about themselves that limit their own potential and stand in the way of success. The goal is to prepare the students for the expectations of the *Profile of a Virginia Graduate* that begins with this year's freshman class. The meetings take place weekly during C lunch, often with combined lunches to allow students to meet with the F.O.R.C.E. team and have open and honest conversations about their experiences at RCHS and how teachers can support student needs. The ultimate goal of the F.O.R.C.E. program is to continue next year with two teams, Class of 2022 and Class of 2023.

Mr. Billy Thomas, Principal, Maury River Middle School, provided a report on WOW [Wonderful Opportunities Weekly]. He stated that the program offers students reading intervention, math intervention, or enrichment opportunities on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school week. He noted that students are selected for intervention opportunities based on individual SOL performance, class performance, benchmark assessments, QRI results, LLI assessments, and other teacher assessments. Activities during intervention are designed to assist students in bridging learning gaps and strengthening skills in math and reading / writing development. Student enrichment activities allow students to further use core subject concepts, to express creativity, to develop skills and knowledge needed at RCHS including practice in PBL and PBA strategies. Math, English, and Special Education teachers plan and deliver intervention activities based on student needs.

- Trustee Whitmore inquired as to the block of time for the WOW program.
 - Mr. Thomas stated that the students have a one-hour session on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Chairman Lovell inquired if there is proven academic success at this point.
 - Mr. Thomas stated that teachers have communicated that WOW program needs to be more than two days a week, which is a good indication that the program is being successful.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

One patron addressed the board regarding the development of a drug testing policy for student athletes.

ACTION ITEMS:

Upon recommendation by Superintendent Thompson, motion by Trustee Hostetter, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by a 3-0 vote, the Board approved the policy manual updates for Section A and Section C as presented.

- Chairman Lovell offered, as a point of clarification, that deleted policies are covered in other sections of the Rockbridge County Public Schools Policy Manual.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Dr. Angela Wilder, Supervisor of Secondary Special Education, provided an overview of the A.L.I.C.E. [Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate] Training that has taken place in Rockbridge County. Dr. Wilder offered the following highlights:

- ALICE training protocols are supported and vetted by: Department of Homeland Security, The National Association of School Psychologists, The U.S. Department of Education, The National Association of School Resource Officers, and International Association of Chiefs of Police.
- Dr. Wilder spoke of several real-life scenarios where ALICE training had prepared adult and students to know how to react.
- Dr. Wilder spoke of the ABC's of Safety K-5:
 - ALICE[Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate];
 - BRAVE [Bullying Reported And Violence Eradicated]; Dr. Wilder shared a link to Be BRAVE that is available to students on the home page for each Rockbridge County Public School. She referenced an APP "Safe2SpeakUp" which can also be used to report bullying.
 - CHOICES [learning how to react to a situation];
 - DRILLS [earthquake drills, lockdown drills, tornado drills, fire drills].
- Dr. Wilder stated that Rockbridge County Public Schools has successfully met the requirements of the ALICE Training Institute's Certified Program and is now certified for January 17, 2019 through January 17, 2020.

Dr. Thompson provided information on the 2019 VSBA Business Honor Roll. He expressed his sentiment that local businesses add so much to the educational programs during the school year and some do make a significant contribution. This will be presented as an action item at the March 12, 2019 meeting of the Rockbridge County School Board.

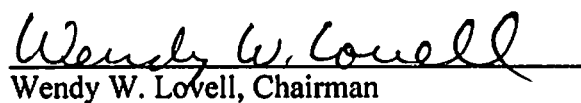
NEW BUSINESS: NONE

SCHOOL BOARD

The next regular meeting of the Rockbridge County School Board will be on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 / 5:00 PM / Location: County of Rockbridge Administration Building, 150 South Main Street, Lexington, Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Trustee Whitmore, seconded by Trustee Hostetter, and passed by 3-0 vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.


Wendy W. Lovell, Chairman


Rhonda B. Humphries, Clerk of the Board