

The Rockbridge County School Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at the County of Rockbridge Administration Building.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and requested that everyone rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Superintendent Thompson stated that the first order of business would be the Board's re-organization for the year 2019 and asked for nominations for Board Chairman. Trustee Hostetter nominated Trustee Lovell for Chairman, seconded by Trustee Berkstresser, and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote, with Trustee Lovell being elected as Chairman.

Trustee Berkstresser	– Yes
Trustee Lovell	– Yes
Trustee McDaniel	– Yes
Trustee Whitmore	– Yes
Trustee Hostetter	– Yes

Chairman Lovell asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Trustee Whitmore nominated Trustee Hostetter for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Trustee McDaniel, and passed by a following 5-0 vote roll call vote with Trustee Hostetter being elected as Vice-Chairman:

Trustee Berkstresser	– Yes
Trustee Hostetter	– Yes
Trustee Lovell	– Yes
Trustee McDaniel	– Yes
Trustee Whitmore	– Yes

Upon recommendation by Superintendent Thompson, motion by Trustee Berkstresser, seconded by Trustee McDaniel, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the Board appointed Rhonda Humphries as Clerk for the calendar year 2019.

Upon recommendation by Superintendent Thompson, motion by Trustee Berkstresser, seconded by Trustee McDaniel, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the Board appointed Haywood Hand as Deputy Clerk for the calendar year 2019.

Upon recommendation by Superintendent Thompson, motion by Trustee McDaniel, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the Board named Haywood Hand as Superintendent's Designee for the calendar year 2019.

Upon recommendation by Superintendent Thompson, motion by Trustee McDaniel, seconded by Trustee Berkstresser, and passed by a 5-0 vote, Phillip Thompson, Superintendent; David Daniels, Director of Financial Services; and Haywood Hand, Assistant Superintendent were appointed as School Board Fiscal Agents with the authority to approve the payment of bills if the School Board is unable to meet.

Chairman Lovell announced that committee assignments would remain the same, noting that the Discipline Committee may need rotation as needed with scheduling conflicts.

- Discipline Committee: Trustee Berkstresser, Chair; Trustee Hostetter, Trustee Whitmore
- Ad Hoc Committee: Trustee Lovell, Trustee Hostetter

Chairman Lovell announced that the Board will continue to conduct their regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Superintendent Thompson read the School Board Member Code of Conduct. Members of the Rockbridge County School Board signed the document.

- Chairman Lovell stated that the approved norms from years past are reflected in policy BBA-R.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

STUDENT / STAFF RECOGNITION:

Superintendent Thompson read the Proclamation from Virginia Governor Ralph S. Northam that Virginia School Principals Appreciation Week will be recognized January 20-26, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes: 1) November 29, 2018 [Joint Meeting with Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors]; 2) December 4, 2018 [Public Hearing]; 3) December 4, 2018 [Regular Meeting]; 4) December 7, 2018 [Special Meeting]; 5) December 12, 2018 [Discipline Committee Hearing].

- Field Trip and Bus Use Requests
- Fund Raiser Requests
- Enrollment Update
- **Appointments and Resignations**

Appointments**Professional Staff**

Gwendolyn Berry, Teacher, Rockbridge County High School, effective January 9, 2019
Teresa Jarvis, Special Education Teacher, Natural Bridge Elementary School, effective January 9, 2019

Support Staff

Ana Church, School Nutrition Secretary/Financial Assistant, effective January 14, 2019

Substitute Teachers

Alice Bruno
Adam Doll-Hennis
Janet Hyden
Diane Piranian
Melinda Zanie
Charles Smith
Camilla Higgins

Substitute Food Service Worker

Delores Minter

Coaches**Rockbridge County High School****Girls' Lacrosse**

Jen Goodhart, Volunteer Coach

Winter Cheer

Karlie Swisher, Assistant Coach

Professional Staff**Retiring**

Lawrence Nelson, Teacher, Rockbridge County High School, retiring end of 2018 – 2019 school year

Christopher Bowring, Teacher, Rockbridge County High School, retiring end of 2018 – 2019 school year

Pamela Burks, Teacher, Fairfield Elementary School, retiring end of 2018 – 2019 school year

Professional Staff**Resignation**

Lydia Biggs, Teacher, Central Elementary School, resigning end of 2018 – 2019 school year

- **Business Items**

The Board approved Monthly Financials in the amount of \$2,625,206.85.

BUDGET PLANNING:

Superintendent Thompson stated that there will be a Budget Work Session immediately following this regular meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE**INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT:**

Jason Kirby, Director of Personnel and Technology, provided a report on the RCPS Digital Conversion Update, which reflected the following information:

RCPS Technology Update:

- Transition to BARC has been incredibly successful.
- All Staff are now in the Google Environment.
- Edgenuity is the new online course provider.
- Teachers are utilizing creative new lessons.
- Digital Conversion is evident in how instruction is being delivered.

Digital Conversion Progress:

- Maury River Middle School 6th grade is currently 1:1 with students taking them home.
- Maury River Middle School 7th and 8th grade are 1:1 with carts for most of the school day.
- Rockbridge County High School has approximately 25 carts in addition to the computer labs throughout the building.
- Elementary Schools all have carts in the upper grade levels and tablets at the lower grade levels.
- ViewSonic ActivePanels will be piloted in the schools during the spring.
- Nearpod (lesson delivery) and LanSchool (classroom management) are currently being piloted for increased roles next year.

Digital Conversion Going Forward:

- 2019-2020- Maury River Middle School Completely 1:1
- 2020-2021- High School- Completely 1:1
- 3-5th grade- Cart per classroom by end of 2020
- K-2nd grade- Chrome tablets for each room by 2021
- Computer Labs-Google Chromeboxes by 2020
- All Teachers have a Chromebook (Accomplished)

How has instruction changed?

- Over 90% of teachers are delivering instruction through Google Classroom.
- Technology Enhanced Assessments are being delivered daily with instant feedback given to our students.
- Students are creating and able to display their knowledge using technology and social media.
- Instruction is meeting the needs of the Rockbridge County Public Schools' population through new and inventive technologies.
- Rockbridge County Public Schools' are able to access instructional content and resources that we have not in the past.
- Trustee Berkstresser inquired how many tablets are at the elementary school level.
 - Mr. Kirby stated that there are 10 per classroom at the elementary school level.
- Chairman Lovell inquired what the response from teachers has been and if students have been responsible.
 - Mr. Kirby stated that the response of teachers has been 90% positive and that students are taking the responsibility seriously.
- Trustee Whitmore inquired if the maintenance has been routine.
 - Mr. Kirby stated that the Lenovo warranty has worked great with the school system, sometimes utilizing overnight delivery. He further stated that 80% of the maintenance issues have been handled at the school level.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Mr. Haywood Hand, Assistant Superintendent, provided information on proposed policy changes to Section A [Foundation and Basic Commitments], Section B [School Board Governance and Operations – no changes], and Section C [General School Administration]. The revisions will be presented for approval at the February board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

Upon recommendation by Superintendent Thompson, motion by Trustee McDaniel, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the Rockbridge County High School Program of Studies.

- There was discussion of the Computer Math course that has been added to the Program of Studies in relation to the CTE program.
 - Ms. Pedigo stated that the curriculum presentations begin on January 9, 2019 and that will determine student interest.
 - Dr. Thompson further stated that classes would not be offered if there were no student interest.

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- Allison Mock, School Counselor, stated that students can choose two electives from twenty-one classes that are currently available.

Upon recommendation by Superintendent Thompson, motion by Trustee Berkstresser, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved policy manual updates to file DJ [Small Purchasing] and file DLB [Salary Deductions].

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

SCHOOL BOARD

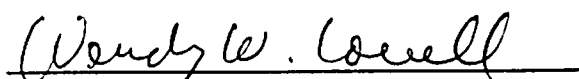
There will be a special meeting of the Rockbridge County School Board at the conclusion of this meeting for the purpose of conducting a budget work session.

There will be a joint meeting of the Rockbridge County School Board and the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussion. The meeting will be held at the Rockbridge County School Board Office, 2893 Collierstown Road, Lexington, Virginia.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Trustee Hostetter, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by 5-0 vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.


Wendy W. Lovell, Chairman


Rhonda B. Humphries, Clerk of the Board