

Hamlet, North Carolina  
June 24, 2024

The Richmond County Board of Education met in regular session for the July 2024 meeting on June 24, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Central Office in Hamlet, North Carolina.

The members present: Cory Satterfield, Chairman, Bobbie Sue Ormsby, Vice-Chairman, Scotty Baldwin, Jerry Ethridge, and Daryl Mason Bess Shuler and Ronald Tillman.

The administrators present: Dr. Joe Ferrell, Superintendent, Dr. Julian Carter, Associate Superintendent of Auxiliary Services of Operations and Athletics, Dr. Kate Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Melvin Ingram, Assistant Superintendent of School Safety and Support Services, Dr. Tesha Isler, Executive Director of Human Resources, Dawn Jordan, Executive Director of Finance, Steven King, Director of Maintenance, Mike Williams, Director of Technology Systems and Student Information, Katherine Bendell, Director of Instructional Technology, and Cameron Whitley, Executive Director of Communications.

### **Swearing in Ceremony**

Dr. Joe Ferrell recognized Bess Shuler as Richmond County School's newest member of the Board of Education as well as Ronald Tillman and Jerry Ethridge, who are both reelected.

- The superintendent turned it over to the Honorable Vicky Daniels to administer the oath to Bess Shuler, Ronald Tillman, and Jerry Ethridge.

### **Meeting Commencement**

After noting that a quorum was present, Dr. Joe Ferrell called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Ronald Tillman, requested a Moment of Silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Jerry Ethridge, seconded by Daryl Mason, the minutes of June 4, 2024 (open and closed) meetings were unanimously approved.

### **Election of Board of Education Chairman**

Dr. Joe Ferrell called for nominations for the new position as chairman for Richmond County Schools Board of Education.

Nominees were:

- Cory Satterfield
- Bobbie Sue Ormsby

The superintendent asked board member to vote by a show of hands for those in favor of Cory Satterfield being chairman for Richmond County Schools Board of Education. Dr. Ferrell repeated the process for Bobbie Sue Ormsby. Four board members voted in favor of Cory Satterfield and three board members were in favor of Bobbie Sue Ormsby. Cory Satterfield was named chairman for Richmond County Schools Board of Education.

### **Election of BOE Vice-Chairman**

Chairman Satterfield called for nominations for the new position as vice-chairman for Richmond County Schools Board of Education.

Nominees were:

- Scotty Baldwin
- Bobbie Sue Ormsby

Chairman Satterfield asked board member to vote by a show of hands for those in favor of Scotty Baldwin being vice-chairman for Richmond County Schools Board of Education and repeated the

process for Bobbie Sue Ormsby. Three board members voted in favor of Scotty Baldwin and four board members were in favor of Bobbie Sue Ormsby. Bobbie Sue Ormsby was renamed vice-chairman for Richmond County Schools Board of Education.

### **RCS Special Recognition**

Dr. Joe Ferrell, Superintendent, presented George Crump a retirement gift for 30 years of service as the school board attorney for Richmond County Schools.

### **Construction Updates**

Steven King presented an update on projects at Fairview Heights Elementary School, and Richmond Senior High School.

- Mineral Springs Elementary School
  - Drainage work completed last week
  - Interior ceiling grid installed
  - First coat of paint applied
  - Temporary air conditioning system in place to condition space and acclimate materials
  - Finished roof panels to be installed the week after July 4th
  - Aiming to be complete before school starts
- Fairview Heights Elementary School
  - Rough grading around the building
  - Stabilization, electrical, chemical, and plumbing work
  - Continued interior rough ins
  - Completed underground gas line from road to building
  - Duke Energy scheduled the week after July 4th for their underground work
  - Concrete block walls and block filler step work will start next week
  - High impact drywall to be installed on some interior walls starting
  - Looks like it will be complete ahead of schedule; before school starts
- Richmond Senior High School
  - Concrete block walls continue to go up (height: 13ft)
  - Ceiling grids installed
  - Painting continues, likely be complete next week, aiming to finish by end of the month
  - Will soon start second floor for additional classrooms

All three new structures are coming along well and will likely be completed ahead of the scheduled completion date.

### **Budget Amendments**

Dawn Jordan presented budget amendment requests for budget numbers 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24.

- Budget #20 State funds received an increase in the amount of \$447,291.60
- Budget #21 Local funds stayed the same
- Budget #22 Federal funds received an increase in the amount of \$634,229.31.
- Budget #23 Capital Outlay funds stayed the same.
- Budget #24 Other Local funds received an increase in the amount of \$142,260.20.

On a motion by Scotty Baldwin, seconded by Daryl Mason the board voted unanimously to approve budget amendments numbers 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24.

### **Policies for Adoption**

Melvin Ingram presented the conclusion of the 30-day review period, asking the board to adopt amendments for the following policies.

Policy Numbers:

- 1760/7280 Prohibition Against Retaliation

- 3220 E-A Field Trips
- 4040/7310 Staff-Student Relationships
- 4235/6129 First Aid/Emergency Health Care
- 4235/6129 R-1 Emergency Health Plan
- 5023/6128/7268 Emergency Administration of Naloxone
- 7130 Licensure

On a motion by Jerry Ethridge, seconded by Scotty Baldwin, the board voted unanimously to adopt policy amendments: 1760/7280, 3220 E-A, 4040/7310, 4235/6129, 4235/6129 R-1, 5023/6128/7268 and 7130.

### **Policies for Review**

Melvin Ingram presented the following policies for a 30-day review.

Policy Numbers:

- 3620 Extracurricular Activities and Student Organizations
- 4140 Foreign Exchange Students
- 8510 School Finance Officer

### **Field Trip Proposal**

Melvin Ingram presented the following previously board approved field trips for informational purposes only.

- Richmond Senior High School – Girls Basketball in Bermuda Run, NC – June 13-14, 2024
- Richmond Senior High School – Boys Basketball in Jacksonville, NC – June 20-23, 2024
- Richmond Senior High School – Boys Basketball in Chesterfield, SC – June 24, 2024

### **Surplus Items**

Dr. Joe Ferrell requested board approval to list 5 singlewide mobile classrooms (60'L x 14'W) as surplus items on Govdeals. The units are currently housed at Mineral Springs Elementary School during new building construction.

- All units are equipped with HVAC system.
- Units are not equipped with tongues, wheels and axles.
- Unit manufactured dates are:
  - 1 unit – 1998
  - 4 units – 2002
  - 1 unit – 2003

On a motion by Jerry Ethridge, seconded by Bobbie Sue Ormsby, the board voted unanimously to approve listing all 5 units as surplus items on Govdeals.

### **Board Members Comments**

Cory Satterfield thanked all staff for the hard work put into making all the graduations wonderful.

Scotty Baldwin welcomed Bess Shuler as a new member of the board of education.

Jerry Ethridge shared that RSHS CTE summer camp had an awesome turnout on the first day with over 100 students in attendance. Mr. Ethridge also shared Brent Harwood from Woodman of the World would provide free American flags to any school that needed them.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Joe Ferrell congratulated:

- Bess Shuler for becoming a new member on the board of education
- Cory Satterfield for becoming the board of education chairman
- Bobbie Sue Ormsby for being reelected vice chairman for the board of education

Dr. Joe Ferrell shared three dates with the board to look at as possible dates to hold appeals for denied school reassignments asking them to follow up with an email letting him know which dates each member would be available for appeals.

Cory Satterfield citing NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3),(6) requested a motion to go into closed session.

On a motion by Scotty Baldwin, seconded by Jerry Ethridge, the board voted unanimously to go into closed session at 12:48 p.m.

The board returned from closed session at 1:24 p.m.

Dr. Tesha Isler presented the personnel report, and the addendum.

On a motion by Daryl Mason, seconded by Ronald Tillman, the board voted unanimously to approve the personnel report and addendum as presented.

There being no further business, on a motion by Scotty Baldwin, seconded by Bess Shuler, Cory Satterfield adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.