

Hamlet, North Carolina
April 29, 2025

The Richmond County Board of Education met in a quarterly work session on April 29, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the media center at Richmond Senior High School in Rockingham, North Carolina.

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

The administrators present: Dr. Joe Ferrell, Superintendent, Dr. Julian Carter, Associate Superintendent of Operations and Athletics, Dr. Kate Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Tesha Isler, Executive Director of Human Resources, Melvin Ingram, Assistant Superintendent of School Safety and Support Services, Dawn Jordan, Executive Director of Finance, and Cameron Whitley, Executive Director of Communications. Eva Dubuisson, Board Attorney, attended virtually.

Meeting Commencement

After noting that a quorum was present, Cory Satterfield, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Remediation Plan

Jennifer Taylor presented to the board to request approval of the 2024–2025 School Year Re-Administration and Summer Program Plans for Richmond County Schools. The purpose of both programs is to provide students who were close to achieving proficiency on EOG and EOC assessments with additional instructional support and the opportunity to re-test.

EOG and EOC Re-Administration Program Overview

- Dates: May 22 – June 5, 2025
 - Instructional Support: 8 hours of remediation prior to re-testing
- Testing Dates:
 - May 30 – June 5, 2025
- Eligibility: Students close to proficiency on EOG/EOG assessments
- Eligible Grades and Subjects:
 - Grades 3–12 Reading, Math and Math I (excluding Grade 3 Reading EOG, 5 & 8 Science EOGs, and Biology EOC due to delayed test results)
- Security: Test materials will follow NCDPI test security protocols

Summer Remediation Program Overview

- Richmond Early College
 - Instructional Dates/Time: May 23 & 27, 2025, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
 - Testing Date/Time: May 28, 2025, 8:00 AM–12:00 PM
- Richmond Senior High School
 - Instructional Dates/Time: June 10 – 11, 2025, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
 - Testing Dates/Time: June 12 – 13, 2025, 8:00 AM–12:00 PM
- Eligibility: Students must attend remediation to participate in re-testing

- Staffing: 2–4 certified teachers per subject and site coordinators as test coordinators
- Support Services:
 - Transportation provided via zoned bus routes
 - Child Nutrition: Grab-and-go breakfast and lunch on testing days

On a motion by Jerry Ethridge, seconded by Daryl Mason, the board voted unanimously to approve the summer remediation plans as presented.

Architect Contract Proposal

Steven King, Director of Maintenance, shared that the district issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the preliminary design of a new elementary school. Nine firms submitted responses. Following a series of interviews, three firms were selected as finalists. After careful evaluation, the team recommends awarding the contract to Moseley.

Mr. Steven introduced Ashley Dennis from Moseley (formerly Moseley Architects) to the board. Ms. Dennis shared her firm's qualifications and said that the company has a team made up of professionals from different fields. She also pointed out that Moseley has its own in-house engineering team.

Moseley will conduct assessments of LJ Bell Elementary School and Fairview Heights Elementary School. Their role includes assisting the district in determining which of the two schools would be the most suitable candidate for replacement. In addition, Moseley will support the district in preparing and submitting a Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund Grant application. Ms. Dennis noted that Moseley has extensive experience with these types of grants and currently maintains a 90% success rate, having assisted with approximately seven grant applications across the state.

Although the official grant application window opens in July/August, Moseley is prepared to begin preliminary work right away. The goal is to have the application fully prepared and submitted well in advance of the September deadline.

On a motion by Scotty Baldwin, seconded by Ronald Tillman, the board voted unanimously to approve entering into a contract with Moseley in the amount of \$37,271 for preliminary design services and into the grant application assistance.

Tour of RSHS New Gym

The meeting took a brief break to tour Richmond Senior High School's new construction projects.

Closed Session

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

On a motion by Scotty Baldwin, seconded by Ronald Tillman, the board voted unanimously to go into closed session at 5:09 p.m.

Return to Open Session and Adjournment

The board returned to open session at 5:24 p.m.

Action Item: Approval of Personnel Recommendations

On a motion by Scotty Baldwin, seconded by Ronald Tillman, the board voted unanimously to approve the personnel recommendations

There being no further business, on a motion by Scotty Baldwin, seconded by Daryl Mason, Chairman Satterfield adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.