

The Rockbridge County School Board held a special meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at the Rockbridge County High School Innovation Center.

Present: Chairman Kathleen Burant; Trustees Corey Berkstresser, Lenna Ojure, Neil Whitmore, Catie Brown, Superintendent Phillip Thompson, Clerk Heather Bennington, VSBA Executive Director Gina Patterson, VSBA Senior Member Engagement & Communications Specialist Bella Corob

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burant called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Appointments and Resignations

Appointments

Professional Staff

Amelia Bane, Teacher, Fairfield Elementary School, effective 2026-2027 school year
Elizabeth Kiem, Teacher, Rockbridge County High School, effective 2026-2027 school year
Hannah Hutcherson, Teacher, Mountain View Elementary School, effective 2026-2027 school year
Lisa Krepps, Assistant Principal, Maury River Middle School, effective 2026-2027 school year
Rachel Drumheller, Assistant Principal, Central Elementary School, effective 2026-2027 school year
Lindsay Stutsman, Teacher, Natural Bridge Elementary School, effective 2026-2027 school year
Triniti Stores, Teacher, Maury River Middle School, effective 2026-2027 school year
Mollie Calomeris, Teacher, Rockbridge County High School, effective 2026-2027 school year

Appointments

Support Staff

Shelia Parker, Teacher Assistant, Fairfield Elementary School, effective 2026-2027 school year
Sherry Johnson, Teacher Assistant, Natural Bridge Elementary School, effective 2026-2027 school year
Michael Nicely, Custodian, Rockbridge County High School, effective July 22, 2026

Custodian(s)-Timesheet

River Jenkins

Resignations

Professional Staff

Lily Sexton, Teacher, Rockbridge County High School, resigning effective end of the 2025-2026 school year

Resignations

Support Staff

Garfield Garrison, Custodian, Maury River Middle School, resigning effective July 31, 2026
Morgan Vest, Secretary, Natural Bridge Elementary School, resigning effective end of the 2025-2026 school year
Carolyn Hill, Food Service, Central Elementary School, resigning effective end of the 2025-2026 school year
Sydney Bowen-Sweet, Teacher Assistant, Maury River Middle School, resigning effective end of the 2025-2026 school year

Support Staff

Retirement

Karla Staton, Custodian, Maury River Middle School, retiring effective July 1, 2026

CLOSED MEETING

Under Virginia code Section 2.2-3711.A(1) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Trustee Whitmore recommended that the Board go into a Closed Meeting. The subject of the portion of the session was the discussion with Virginia School Boards Association for consideration of prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion,

performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, and appointees for the position of Superintendent. Motion was made by Trustee Whitmore, seconded by Lenna Ojure, and passed by 5-0 vote.

The board entered into the Closed Meeting at 11:11 a.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:27 p.m.

Chairman Burant read the following motion to Certify the Closed Meeting:

Whereas, the Rockbridge County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and;

Whereas, Section 2.2-3712.D of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Rockbridge County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered.

Upon initial motion of Certification of Closed Meeting by Chairman Burant, and seconded by Trustee Berkstresser, the motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Trustee Whitmore	- Aye
Trustee Berkstresser	- Aye
Trustee Ojure	- Aye
Trustee Brown	- Aye
Chairman Burant	- Aye

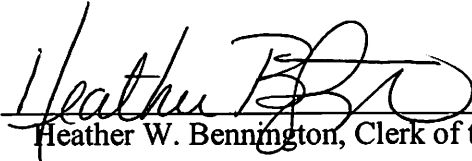
SCHOOL BOARD

The next regular meeting of the Rockbridge County School Board will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 / 5:30 PM / Location: County of Rockbridge Administration Building, 150 South Main Street, Lexington, Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Trustee Brown, seconded by Trustee Berkstresser, and passed by 5-0 vote, the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.


Kathleen M. Burant, Chairman


Heather W. Bennington, Clerk of the Board