

Bryan County Schools

Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

Location: BOE Board Room
8810 U.S. Highway 280 East
Black Creek, GA

Date: December 15, 2020
Time: 6:30 PM

I. Call to Order

- Members present: Amy Murphy, Karen Krupp, Marianne Smith, Pamela Gunter, Dennis Seger, David Schwartz (via phone)
- Members absent: A.D. Smith

II. Moment of Quiet Reflection – Karen Krupp

III. Pledge of Allegiance – Dennis Seger

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: Pamela Gunter Action: Unanimous

V. Superintendent Updates – Dr. Brooksher

- Thank you to Ms. Kristin Lea for coordinating the retirement reception for Ms. Mary Beth Brothers.
- The schools and offices will be closed after December 18th for the winter break.

- Dr. Trey Robertson shared the following:
 - The CDC has the following revised COVID guidelines:
 - A 14 day quarantine can be reduced to 10 days if after day 5 of quarantine a person tests negative (must be a specific test).
 - In regards to sports, you can come to practice after day 7 if you test negative after day 5, but for conditioning only. Cannot participate fully until after day 14.
 - As we are transitioning students back into e-Learning, you may hear feedback from upset parents of those with students on probation that we are requiring to return to face to face learning.
 - Class sizes for second semester have increased in some of our schools due to many coming back to face to face learning.
 - We will be sending out notifications to parents and staff on January 1st & 2nd with reminders of our COVID guidelines as we return from winter break.
- Mr. Jason Rogers shared the following:
 - We have had approximately 1,000 participants complete the calendar survey. We will review the information and create a draft calendar to be presented to the board in February.
 - We continue to follow the GHSA guidelines for our athletics and update as needed.
 - Schools are now required to submit safety protocols for their teams when completing a field trip request form for approval.

- Our first ever girl's flag football team went to the second round in the state playoffs.
- The playground at Frances Meeks Elementary is now being installed.
- We are looking at pricing fencing for Lanier Primary School and this will be presented at the capital projects work session on January 23rd.
- Ms. Melanie James shared the following:
 - The survey for employer supported childcare in North Bryan is now finalized and is being sent out in January.
 - The employee W-2's will include a COVID relief amount in box 10.
This is not taxable income but added for information only.
- Dr. Brooksher shared a press release that announced our board as a 2020 Exemplary Board, as awarded by the Georgia School Boards Association.
- Because the board was unable to be formally recognized in March during School Board Appreciation Week, the board was presented with gifts in recognition.
- Ms. Melanie James and Dr. Brooksher recognized Ms. Mary Beth Brothers, Director of Human Resources on her retirement.

VI. Listen to Public Comment

- None.

VII. Approval of Minutes

a. November 19, 2020 – Regular Board Meeting (Attachment #1)

Motion: Dennis Seger

Second: David Schwartz

Action: Unanimous

VIII. Administration

a. Approval of the November 2020 Financial Report

Motion: Pamela Gunter Second: Marianne Smith Action: Unanimous

b. Approve the following donations:

i. To Bryan County High School's JROTC program from Mr. Henry
Rosenquist - \$800.00

ii. To Carver Elementary School from the Read-A-Thon Organization -
\$25,284.35

iii. To Frances Meeks Elementary School from Ms. Patti Hewitt – Amazon
gift cards valued at \$200.00

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: Karen Krupp Action: Unanimous

IX. Field Trip Requests

a. Approve the RHHS Wrestling Team to travel to Osceola High School in
Kissimmee, FL on 12/28/20-12/29/20 for a wrestling tournament (school bus)

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: Marianne Smith Action: Unanimous

X. Fundraising Requests

a. Approve the 2020-2021 second semester fundraisers (Attachment #2)

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: Marianne Smith Action: Unanimous

XI. Approve the 2021 Board Meeting Calendar (Attachment #3)

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: Marianne Smith Action: Unanimous

XII. Bryan County Schools Policy Revisions

- a. Approve the recommended revisions to the Bryan County Schools policies as presented (Attachment #4)

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: Marianne Smith Action: Unanimous

XIII. Discard Lists

- a. Approve the following discard list as presented (Attachment #5)

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: Karen Krupp Action: Unanimous

XIV. Personnel Agenda

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: Marianne Smith Action: Unanimous

XV. Board Member Comments

- Thank you for your comments regarding the board and we are glad to be here and to support our students. We appreciate our staff and are proud of everything that is going on in Bryan County Schools.
- Congratulations to Ms. Brothers on her retirement.

XVI. Adjourn

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: Karen Krupp Action: Unanimous

Signed:



Paul T. Brooksher, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Approved:



Amy Murphy
Board Chairman