

Bryan County Schools

Board of Education

Called Work Session

Location: The Westin at Jekyll Island – Satilla Room
110 Ocean Way
Jekyll Island, GA

Date: January 23, 2021
Time: 8:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

- All Members Present.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: A.D. Smith Second: David Schwartz Action: Unanimous

III. Capital Projects Update and Discussion

- Mr. Craig Buckley and his team and Mr. Bill Vickery shared updates on the design and construction phase of the Richmond Hill Middle School Addition and renderings of the new replacement Richmond Hill High School.
- Dr. Brooksher presented the recommendation of moving Lanier Primary School to Bryan County Elementary School and creating a Pre-K through 5 school beginning August 2021. Staffing will be similar to McAllister and Frances Meeks Elementary. This would require an additional construction plan to add more classrooms. A survey was taken in 2017 that asked the community about combining Lanier Primary and Bryan County Elementary

and 73% were in favor of this change with 70% being North Bryan residents. Potential operational cost savings is approximately 1 million dollars each year. We would be able to fund this out of local expenditures.

- We will retain ownership of Lanier's building and would like to consider options for repurposing Lanier Primary School.
- We would like to bring forward for approval at the January board meeting a change order for Richmond Hill Middle School's addition to include an additional driveway to help with traffic flow into the school.
- Mr. Rogers shared the list of life cycles for our buildings that included HVAC, roofs, flooring, lighting, and painting.
- The board requested that the timeline for the athletic renovations for Bryan County Middle and High School be reviewed.
- Ms. Melanie James updated the board on our debt service fund, current SPLOST proceeds, and local funds.
- Mr. Todd Barnes with Raymond James shared information on the Bond program and SPLOST VI. Bond pricing and adoption of a bond resolution for issuance of 2021 bonds would occur in March and the bond closing would be in April. General elections would take place in November 2021.

IV. Legislative Updates

- Dr. Brooksher brought forward two resolutions for recommendation to be approved at the January board meeting. These resolutions included an increase in board compensation and making future elections for the Bryan

County Board of Education non-partisan. If board approved, they will be presented at the February legislative session.

V. General Updates

- The board reviewed the draft board agenda for January.

VI. Executive Session – Personnel

Motion: A.D. Smith Second: David Schwartz Action: Unanimous

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: David Schwartz Action: Unanimous

VII. Adjourn

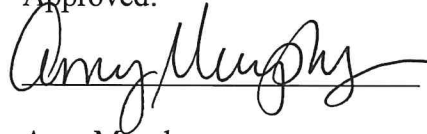
Motion: Dennis Seger Second: David Schwartz Action: Unanimous

Signed:



Paul T. Brooksher, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Approved:



Amy Murphy
Board Chairman