

Bryan County Schools

Board of Education

Work Session

Location: Community Education Center – Media Room
120 Constitution Way
Richmond Hill, GA

Date: February 18, 2021
Time: 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order

- All members present. Ms. Amy Murphy virtually present.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: David Schwartz Action: Unanimous

III. Superintendent Updates

- Staffing meetings with principals took place over the last few days.
- Educator Interview Day was held last Thursday at Richmond Hill High School. The principals completed 101 interviews.
- Guidelines for the \$1,000 one-time payment to educators that Governor Kemp announced is now being delayed until March. We will be receiving more information about this after the March state board of education meeting.
- We recently sent a vaccine survey to all staff and a little under 600 were interested in having the vaccine.

- Send any budget goals to Dr. Brooksher as soon as possible to be included in March's board retreat.
- We have discussed offering some form of extended learning in June but feel our K-8 schools could benefit from receiving this now either before or after school instead of waiting for the summer months.
- Our ELA data is currently on track but math has been a challenge. When students are quarantined, it is difficult for parents to assist in the subject of math.
- We are looking at offering a quarantine tutoring program to help support parents at home and reinforce their child's learning.
- Ms. Melanie James updated the board on CARES funding. We have asked the state to consider a different formula to calculate funds allocated to school systems who have been open since the beginning of the school year. It should not be based on poverty and free and reduced rates.
- Mr. Jason Rogers shared the following:
 - High schools will be submitting their intent for participation in bass fishing, clay shooting, and eSports for next school year.
 - All local legislation was received and should be introduced shortly.
 - The third round of Ecovasive will be applied to our buildings this weekend.

IV. JBC(1) Homeless Students Policy Discussion

- The policy requires a few revisions based on recommendations from our federal monitors. We would like to bring the policy to the board for approval at the February 25th board meeting.

V. Review of the 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 Draft School Calendars

- The board reviewed copies of draft calendars for the next two school years. The presented drafts include additional professional learning days.
- Dr. Brooksher has requested that any feedback from the board be sent via e-mail over the next week. The calendars will be included as an action item for approval at the February 25th board meeting.
- If approved on February 25th, the calendars will be posted to the website on February 26th.

VI. Five Year Facilities Plan

- Mr. Jason Rogers gave an updated on a resolution that will be sent to Georgia Department of Education for a 5-year facilities plan. The board will be asked to adopt the resolution at the February 25th board meeting.

VII. Capital Projects Discussion

- Mr. Jason Rogers shared the following:
 - Richmond Hill Middle School is on schedule and we should move into the building in early July.

- LED outside lighting has been ordered and received for Bryan County High School and Bryan County Middle School. The LED lighting will also be changed in the gymnasium at Bryan County Middle School.
- An area in Bryan County High School's student parking lot and a small area of Bryan County Middle School's turn in lane off Payne Drive will be having the asphalt repaired to improve those areas.
- The work at Bryan County Elementary School has started and will be completed for next school year. A new law requires us to complete a site assessment.
- Mr. Rogers met with the athletic directors and coaches at Bryan County Middle and High school to discuss the athletic renovations. The board reviewed pictures of athletic fields that look similar to what will be built at our facility. We are also beginning work on the weight room expansion. We will be coordinating practices at Hendrix Park while the work is being completed.
- Community Education renovations will begin on spring break and should be accomplished at the start of next school year.
- The bid date for the new Richmond Hill High School has been extended to March 18th and will not impact our schedule.

VIII. Board Norms and Protocols

- None to review at this time.

IX. Executive Session – Personnel

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: David Schwartz Action: Unanimous

Motion: David Schwartz Second: Marianne Smith Action: Unanimous

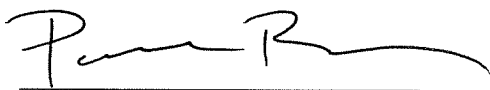
X. Personnel

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: A.D. Smith Action: Unanimous

XI. Adjourn

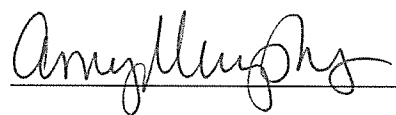
Motion: Dennis Seger Second: Pamela Gunter Action: Unanimous

Signed:

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Paul T. Brooksher, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Approved:

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Amy Murphy
Board Chairman