

Bryan County Schools

Board of Education

Called Work Session

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

Date: September 15, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order

- Members present: Amy Murphy, Karen Krupp, Pamela Gunter, Dennis Seger, A.D. Smith, Marianne Smith, and Dr. Paul Brooksher.
- Members absent: David Schwartz

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Dennis Seger Second : Pamela Gunter Action : Unanimous

III. Superintendent Updates

- Tip411 anonymous reporting system that was introduced this school year has had positive impacts so far at our schools according to the Principals and Assistant Principals. As students become more accustomed to using the system, we feel this will continue to be a great component for student safety. Dr. Brooksher thanked the board for their support of this reporting system.
- Richmond Hill High School is now a 7A school which requires them to travel long distances for athletics. We recently requested a quote for charter busing as another option of transportation for our students, but the cost would be

approximately \$30,000 per event. Due to the high cost, this cannot be an option at this time so we will continue to transport via school buses.

- Thank you to the mechanics in our transportation department for replacing 6 bus engines. This was a huge cost savings as we did not have to outsource this expense, saving our district about \$27,000.
- Metrics reported for our first BOE newsletter were 1,428 views.
- The board would like to look at a timeline for visiting the newly renovated Carver Elementary School and Richmond Hill High School.

IV. Division of Operations and Business Services Updates

a. Capital Projects

- Concrete slabs are now being poured at the replacement Richmond Hill High School. We have had 22 inches of rain since July which caused delays.
- Work on the new playground at Bryan County Elementary School will begin October 3rd with an early February completion.
- Originally our board approved Pope Construction to complete athletic renovations at Bryan County Middle High School. The auditors are now requesting that the board approves a breakdown of the expenditures that were included in the athletic renovations. These will be presented for approval in the next couple of months.
- We kicked off our 5- and 10-year capital projects plan. This will be presented to the board at a December work session. Included with this will be a look at 3-, 5-, and 10-year student growth rates.

b. Policy BCBI – Public Participation in Board Meetings

- As decided at the 2022 General Assembly, boards of education are required to adopt a policy and then as part of the policy, include rules of conduct and public participation procedures. Boards of Education in the State of Georgia are to have the policy adopted by October 1st.
- The board reviewed policy BCBI, Public Participation in Board Meetings in comparison to what policy is already adopted. The state recommends districts to adopt rules of conduct as part of procedures to present with the approved policy. Much of the information in our current policy will be included in the district's procedures. The revised policy and procedures will be presented at the September board meeting for approval.
- Anyone wishing to speak at a board meeting will be required to sign up at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting with the Superintendent's office.

c. FY22 Budget Amendment

- Ms. Toni Williams explained information on the FY22 Budget Amendment. This amendment is a result of changes to the general fund and will be presented at the September board meeting for approval.

d. Leased Grounds Equipment

- We have a lease agreement with the mowers used by our grounds department that expired in February. The recommendation is to lease through All Seasons in Richmond Hill over a period of 48 months for approximately \$98,000 with the option to purchase. All repair costs are included in the lease which is a substantial cost savings and loaners are given to us if a mower is out for repair work.

e. Graduation

- Graduation ceremonies are scheduled on Saturday, May 20th. Richmond Hill High School requested to continue their graduation ceremony at Glynn County Stadium and Bryan County High School requested to continue their ceremony at Bryan County High's Stadium. Both events will be held at 9 a.m.

V. Board of Education Updates

a. GSBA Winter Conference

- The board discussed information on the upcoming GSBA Winter Conference in Atlanta. The board will participate in 6-hour workshops that will count towards their required 18 hours of training.

b. Governance Team of the Year

- Dr. Brooksher followed up with clarification on how to comply with specific areas of the questionnaire. The board will decide which stakeholders to request letters of recommendation. The Superintendent's evaluation will now be posted on the website and will include goals and board meeting minutes will reflect the Superintendent's evaluation as part of Executive Session for personnel when applicable. The questionnaire is due by November 4th.

c. Board Norms and Protocols

- The board will finalize revisions and additions to the norms and protocols to be ready for approval at the October board meeting.

d. The board will be nominating two people for the Richmond Hill Bryan County Chamber of Commerce awards, the DeVaul Henderson Community Service

Award and the Distinguished Public Service Award. They will also get information on GSBA Awards for community partnerships.

VI. Executive Session – Student Discipline

Motion: Dennis Seger Second : Karen Krupp Action: Unanimous

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VII. Adjourn

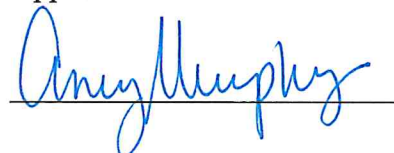
Motion: Dennis Seger Second : Karen Krupp Action: Unanimous

Signed:



Paul T. Brooksher, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Approved:



Amy Murphy
Board Chairman