

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Raleigh County Schools

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

ROLL CALL – The Raleigh County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 5:30 PM in Munson Hall at the Raleigh County Schools Central Office with the following members present: President Larry D. Ford, Vice President Jack G. Roop, Ms. Marie Hamrick, Mr. Richard V. Snuffer II, and Mr. C. David Price, Secretary. Dr. Charlotte Hutchens was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

President Ford called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADJUSTMENTS

President Ford requested approval of the agenda. Mr. Roop made the motion to approve. Ms. Hamrick seconded it. Motion passed 4-0.

RECOGNITIONS

There were no recognitions.

DELEGATIONS

- Agenda Items - No one registered to address agenda items.
- Non-Agenda Items
 - Parent Brandy Stover, thanked Assistant Superintendent Sandra Sheatsley for her assistance, addressed the board regarding procedures for agenda and non-agenda items, and voiced her frustration with mask mandates; including face shields she's provided for her special needs' child.
 - Clyde Schuyler addressed the board with his disapproval of the mask mandate being extended. He also questioned the quarantine procedures, the Health Department current guidelines and feels less cases are due to the fact less testing is being done.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

- Board Reports - Board members reported their activities since the last meeting.
- Superintendent's Report –
 - Superintendent Price introduced Director of School Health Services, Angela Foster, to share the latest Covid statistics. The week of 10/23/21 – 10/28/21 had 21 positive cases and 96 quarantined students. The week of 10/29/21 – 11/05/21 had 19 positive cases and 55 quarantined students. The first booster clinic for employees is scheduled for November 10, 2021 and the second booster clinic for employees will be December 3, 2021. Guidelines from the CDC, County Health and State Department highly recommends mask wearing, reducing the number of students quarantined, allows them to remain in school and allows schools to stay open.
 - Superintendent Price attended the National Blue Ribbon Schools Award Ceremony November 3-5, 2021 in Washington, D.C., along with Crescent Elementary Principal, Theresa Lewis and Crescent Elementary teacher, Katie Cooper. This is the second time in three years that a Raleigh County School has been named a National Blue Ribbon School winner.
 - Woodrow Wilson High School and Shady Spring High School volleyball teams will play in the WVSSAC State Volleyball Tournament on November 12, 2021. All four county high schools, Independence, Liberty, Shady Spring and Woodrow Wilson, will play in the first round of the WVSSAC Football Playoffs November 12, 2021. This is the first time in school history all four counties have advanced to the playoffs. He also stated the WVSSAC ticket sales have went to an online/virtual format for play-off and state tournament games.
 - Shady Spring High School and Woodrow Wilson High School will participate in the WVSSAC State Cheerleading Competition on December 11, 2021.

- Superintendent Price addressed the lack of substitutes for bus operators, which is currently a statewide and nationwide concern.
- Other Reports -
 - Director of Special Programs – Allen Sexton, explained how the Praxis Support Cohort Program would be implemented to aid teachers, be able to fill vacancy needs and recruit personnel. Mr. Sexton also shared the State Legislature has seen the need as well and recently passed Senate Bill 14; describing the State Board process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – There was no unfinished business to be considered.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – There were no policies or procedures to be considered.

CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Snuffer made the motion to approve Consent Items. Mr. Roop seconded it. Motion passed 4-0. Consent items are as follows:

- Approve Letter of Support with the WVU School of Medicine Cardiac Project for the 2021-22 school year
- Approve Payment of Bills – October 2021
- Approve Budget Supplements and Transfers – October 2021
Supplements \$ 15,002,192.29 Transfers \$ 5,563,883.09
- Approve minutes of Regular Meeting, October 26, 2021
- Approve recommended bids
- Future meetings/events: **CLOSED** – November 11, 2021 – Veterans Day
CLOSED – November 25/26, 2021 – Thanksgiving Break
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, November 30, 2021 – 5:30 PM – Munson Hall

NEW BUSINESS

- Consider approval of the adoption of the Superintendent Performance Evaluation Process as outlined in West Virginia Board of Education Policy 5309 and use of the template developed by the West Virginia School Board Association and the West Virginia Association of School Administrators
Mr. Roop made the motion to approve. Ms. Hamrick seconded it. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL

- Approve Superintendent’s recommendations for personnel 2021-22
With several corrections noted and approval of Superintendent Price, Mr. Snuffer made the motion to approve. Mr. Roop seconded it. Motion passed 4-0.
- Approve suspension of aide
Superintendent Price recommended the suspension of Sherri Epling. Mr. Snuffer made the motion to approve. Mr. Roop seconded it. Motion passed 4-0.
- Approve suspension of aide
Superintendent Price recommended the suspension of Arlie Thomas. Mr. Roop made the motion to approve. Ms. Hamrick seconded it. Motion passed 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT – At 6:18 PM the meeting adjourned by consensus.

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Larry D. Ford, President

C. David Price, Secretary