

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Raleigh County Schools

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

ROLL CALL – The Raleigh County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 5:30 PM in Munson Hall at the Raleigh County Schools Central Office with the following members present: Dr. Charlotte Hutchens, Ms. Marie Hamrick, Mr. Richard V. Snuffer II, and Mr. C. David Price. President Larry D. Ford and Vice President Jack G. Roop were absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Snuffer called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Snuffer requested approval of the agenda. Ms. Hamrick made the motion to approve. Dr. Hutchens seconded it. Motion passed 3-0.

RECOGNITIONS – There were no recognitions.

DELEGATIONS

- Agenda Items - No one registered to address agenda items.
- Non-Agenda Items
 - Matt Huffman, a coach and parent of a student athlete at Shady Spring High School, addressed the board concerning the scheduling conflict of high school graduation dates and the WVSSAC State Track Meet.
 - David Shrader addressed the board regarding the mask mandates and the traffic situation at Shady Spring Elementary.
 - Theresa Dennison addressed the board with her concerns and statistics regarding the health risks to children due to mask mandates.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

- Board Reports - Board members reported their activities since the last meeting.
- Superintendent's Report –
 - Superintendent Price attended the WVSSAC Football Championship game at Wheeling, and commended Independence High School on a great season and outstanding community support. Superintendent Price shared Shady Spring High School placed 2nd in the WVSSAC Volleyball Championship and Woodrow Wilson High School advanced to the quarterfinal. Social Studies and Science Fairs will be held in January/February, 2022, along with recognition of Math Field Day winners. Superintendent Price also shared possible changes to the state aid formula funding, broadband expansion, plus recruitment and retention of teachers. Covid statistics for the week of 11-27-21 to 12-03-21 were 25 positive cases and 82 quarantined students. The week of 12-04-21 to 12-10-21 had 32 positive cases and 114 quarantined students.
 - Darrin Butcher, Treasurer/CSBO, updated the board members regarding the status of the Park Middle School gymnasium.
- Other Reports –
 - Anthony Jones, Director of Human Resources, and Jennifer Colvin, Director of Safety, discussed the timeline, procedures, and protocol followed for new employee hires. These include background checks, drug tests, and functional capacity tests—all of which have been affected by Covid-19 closures and quarantines.

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

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

CONSENT ITEMS

Dr. Hutchens made the motion to approve Consent Items. Ms. Hamrick seconded it. Motion passed 3-0. Consent Items are as follows:

- Approve minutes of Special Meeting, November 30, 2021
Regular Meeting, November 30, 2021
- Approve Payment of Bills – November, 2021
- Approve Budget Supplements and Transfers – November, 2021
Supplements - \$ 45,818,917.76
Transfers - \$ 5,083,534.72
- Future meetings: *Regular Meeting - Tuesday, December 21, 2021 – 5:30 PM – Munson Hall*
CLOSED – December 24/27, 2021 – Christmas
CLOSED – December 31, 2021 – New Year’s Day Observance

NEW BUSINESS

- Consider approval of Incentive Bonus for Early Retirement Notification
Ms. Hamrick made the motion to approve. Dr. Hutchens seconded it. Motion passed 3-0.
- Consider approval of Service Personnel Staff Development Pre-Employment Training
Dr. Serena Starcher, Assistant Superintendent, presented the recommendations of the Service Personnel Staff Development Council to address additional training for new employees. Beginning with the secretarial classification first, it would require at least a half-day video training for policies, procedures and programs. It would also include an additional day of training at both an elementary and secondary school. Dr. Hutchens made a motion to table it until all board members are present and allow the Service Personnel Staff Development Council to address the changes at their next meeting. Ms. Hamrick seconded it. Motion carried 3-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL

- Approve Superintendent’s recommendations for personnel 2021-22
With no corrections noted and approval of Superintendent Price, Ms. Hamrick made the motion to approve. Dr. Hutchens seconded it. Motion passed 3-0.
- Approve the following individuals for Contractor After Hours Academic and Psychological Testing– Per referral overages exceeding staff capacity as determined by Director
 - 1) Kara Lucado, Psychologist
 - 2) Lauren Blevins, Psychologist
 - 3) Belinda Harvey, Psychologist
 - 4) Neely Harvey, Psychologist
 - 5) Carolyn Turner, Diagnostician
 - 6) Kim Franklin, Diagnostician
 - 7) Debbie Ashwell, Diagnostician
 - 8) Lori Knight, Diagnostician
 - 9) Connie Dillon, Diagnostician
 - 10) Jennifer England, Diagnostician
 - 11) Patricia Staton, Diagnostician
 - 12) Lori Thompson, Diagnostician (PreK)

- Approve suspension of bus driver
Superintendent Price recommended the suspension of Steven Davis. Dr. Hutchens made the motion to approve. Ms. Hamrick seconded it. Motion passed 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT – At 6:58 PM the meeting was adjourned by consensus.

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Richard V. Snuffer II, Board Member

C. David Price, Secretary