

**Roxboro Community School  
Board of Directors  
February 9, 2015  
6:30 p.m.**

**Approved: March 9, 2015**

**Members Present:** Mark Phillips, Janet Clayton, Sam Kennington, Teresa Fox, Carla Garrett, Dr. Tom Long, Jr., Dr. Kimmie Yarborough, and Beth Townsend.

**Staff Present:** Natalie Brozy, Darkarai Bryant, Donna Ingram, Phyliss Boatwright, and Ann Wrenn

**Call to Order** Chairman Mark Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Carla Garrett. A moment of silence was held, remembering a friend of Mrs. Boatwright in hospice care, and the family of Lawrence Grinstead in bereavement. The Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag was recited.

**Public Comment:** None

**Recognition/Spotlight - Managing Executive Director, Natalie Brozy**

- Mrs. Boatwright's classes went to Bethel Hill Charter School in celebration of National School Choice Week to read to the K-5 and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes.
- **Our State Magazine's** February edition featured an article on renovations of cotton mills and warehouses in North Carolina. RCS was one of the places featured.
- School performance reports were released. (Attachment #1) RCS was graded a B on a 15-point score based on last year's performance. Mrs. Brozy explained the report in detail. The growth score is based on the predicted score for each student. Concern was expressed over assigning a letter grade to a school's entire performance.
- The AP Academy class recently attended an all day leadership workshop, lead by Margaret Bradsher and held at The Gathering Place. The session was very informative and enjoyed by all attending.
- A grant from Person County EMS was received to teach CPR training. In 2 days, 591 students and faculty members were trained. The Senior class members were not included because they will receive the training in the spring required by their diploma.
- Anderson Clayton received a full page spread in The Courier=Times on her experience with Global Leadership Adventures in Ghana, Africa.
- Parent volunteers will be featured in an article in The Courier=Times Saturday, February 14, 2015.
- Mr. John Betterton will be the speaker at the graduation of the Class of 2015. He is also involved in the **Raise the Roof** campaign serving as Honorary Co-Chair.
- Senior Haven Harris represented RCS well as Roxboro's Distinguished Young Woman at the state pageant in Greensboro.
- The annual RCS Variety Show held Friday, February 6, and Saturday, February 7 at the Kirby Theatre, was well attended and deemed a "great event".
- Senior Nicole Vetti was selected as the recipient of Roxboro Woman's Club's Sallie Southall Cotten Scholarship. She will represent the Roxboro club at the District 5 Arts Festival.
- Earl Gurtner, RCS volunteer golf coach has acquired the Roxboro Country Club. As new owner, he has agreed to install a sand volleyball course for our new sand volleyball team.
- Roxboro Community School is hosting its first Driver's Education class. The bookwork class is primarily attended by RCS students with a few home-schooled students and some from Roxboro Christian Academy.
- Twelve RCS students are planning to attend Youth Leadership Assembly this spring. Parent volunteer, Kelly Hardy is helping Mrs. Ball coordinate this event. Five students are serving as officers; two students going are from the AP Academy cohort.

**Business**

- **Secretary's Report – Mrs. Carla Garrett**  
Minutes from the January 12, 2015 meeting (Attachment 2) were presented for approval by Board Secretary, Mrs. Carla Garrett. She made the motion to approve with one correction. Chairman Phillips requested that

the word "Approved" be removed entirely until the minutes are officially approved. Teresa Fox seconded the motion, and it passed with no objection.

- **New Hires – Mrs. Brozy** (Attachment 3)
  - Tommy Harward has been hired as interim Math 3 teacher for Mrs. Sandi Daigle.
  - Nichole Schukraft has resigned to accept a position with Person County Schools as Director of Child Nutrition.
  - There are still 2 openings for next year; Mrs. Roux and Mr. Vosburg.

#### **Committee Reports**

- **Finance - Mr. Sam Kennington, Treasurer**
  - Mr. Kennington gave the treasurer's report (Attachment 4) showing the bank account balances from each account held at Roxboro Savings and one at Edward Jones. The Duke Energy bills for January 2015 continue to look good due to good conservation practices at RCS.
  - Mr. Kennington reviewed the budget report (Attachment 5), pointing out the percent remaining after seven of twelve months. This is in excellent shape at this time. He noted 2 areas showing negative balances where money has not been transferred from the proper account at the time of this report. Mr. Kennington moved that we approve the Treasurer's and Budget Reports for January. Mrs. Fox seconded, and the motion passed with no objection.
  - The Financial Committee met February 5, 2015. The report is attached (Attachment 6). Discussion centered around ways to keep track of the Raise the Roof funds and how best to manage all accounts. A motion was made by Mr. Kennington to authorize an appraisal of the Sumner property @ Hyco Lake. Seconded by Mrs. Janet Clayton, the motion passed with no opposition.
  - Other discussions concerned setting a check signing date; consideration of a bonus for teachers who meet or exceed expected growth; parking for gymnasium and auditorium attendees across railroad tracks; and the state mandate to set aside \$50,000 in the event of Charter school dissolution per NCGS 115C-218.100. Mr. Kennington made the motion to set aside in escrow \$50,000 from the money market account in order to comply. Beth Townsend seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- **Governance – Mrs. Carla Garrett, Chr.**
  - No written Governance report was presented.
  - Mrs. Brozy explained the change of location of all Charter School laws in the General Statutes. The Office of Charter Schools has requested the removal of specific requests for information from the application for admission. No changes will be made this year because the application has already been distributed.
- **Development, Fundraising, Grants – Dr. Tom Long and Mrs. Teresa Fox, Co-Chr.**
  - Dr. Tom Long reported that the Capital Campaign leaders have been working hard. He called on Chris Marshall, Campaign Director from Convergent Nonprofit to report on the progress of the campaign. Mr. Marshall showed a report which indicated the campaign is on track as outlined.
  - Help was requested to enlist individuals to tour the existing facility and the prospective renovation area. Board members were asked to volunteer to "open doors" for the individuals marked as potential supporters who do not know much about the project at this time.
  - The grant opportunity through North Carolina Parks and Recreational Trust Fund Grants for a partnership with Person County Parks and Recreation, will be pursued next year instead of the current year so that better preparation is possible.
- **Academic Excellence – Dr. Kimmie Yarborough, Chr.**
  - The Academic Excellence committee presented their report (Attachment 7).
  - A new Honor Roll policy was presented. Motion was made by Dr. Yarborough to accept the Honor Roll policy for use at RCS. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennington, and it passed with no objection.
- **Facilities Report – Mrs. Brozy in absence of Walt Rogers**
  - There is a drip located in the skylight in the atrium area.
  - Committee is looking at what is needed in the dining hall.
  - There were some areas in the sprinkler report where we did not pass. Those will be identified and corrected.

#### **School Reports**

- **Middle School – Mrs. Donna Ingram, Principal**

- Math classes are having outside speakers come into the classrooms to talk about their work and show how the skills they use are relevant to the student's curriculum.
  - MS sports teams are ending their winter schedule. The girls ended with a 5-7 record with some of the games ending in 1 to 3 point losses. They were eliminated in the first round of the conference tournament by River Mill Academy. The boys' teams played their first playoff game but were eliminated by River Mill. The JV team, started this year for the first time, won 8 of 12 games.
  - The AP Academy students made a presentation to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. They did an excellent and professional job of explaining the AP Academy program to next year's prospective students.
  - The AP Academy chose a Middle School Tutorial Program for their community service project. They will begin after school tutoring on Tuesday of this week.
  - The Reality Store will be held soon, and all participants from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be visiting various booths to learn many of the life skills they will need in the adult world.
- High School – Mr. Darkarai Bryant, Principal
    - Guidance department is active sending out summer enrichment opportunities to students as they come in and guiding them throughout the college application and scholarship enrollment process.
    - ACT practice is available through TRIO at PCC. The Princeton Review group came to see how the practice test had gone over. They were impressed with how well our students were doing in preparation for the ACT. They appreciated the opportunity to work with our students. In June, they are offering a course in ACT Preparation for \$600. The course comes with a guarantee of a 3-point increase in scores on the ACT or their money back. We are hoping for 8 to 10 students who will take it.
    - Two athletes have accepted scholarships to play sports in college. They are Parker Brann going to Louisburg for baseball and Charity Garrett going to Averette University for softball.
    - The Girls' basketball team is ranked 14 in 1A standings. If they continue to win they will win the Conference Championship and be in good standing for the State Playoffs. The boys could finish third in the conference and be eligible to go to the playoffs.

#### **Chairman's Report**

- Mr. Phillips recognized Christian Ingram for the fine job he has done with the boys' basketball team since they lost Darius McGee. Christian is a member of the 1000 Career Points Club.
- Chairman Phillips will attend the Person County Schools' Board of Education meeting next Monday to show appreciation for the use of PHS gym for the RCS vs. Voyager game. He plans to encourage collaboration with PCS.
- Chairman Phillips met with BHCS Principal Emeritus John Betterton. Mr. Betterton strongly advised that we be indoctrinated to the "charter school way". By staying informed and attending meetings of either the Alliance or the Association of Charter Schools, we can be better representatives and learn more about what makes a charter school different from other schools.

A motion was made to go into closed session by Dr. Long, and seconded by Dr. Yarborough. Motion passed with no objection.

#### **CLOSED SESSION NCGS143-318.11**

Personnel (a)(6).  
Campus Security (a)(8)

Motion made by Dr. Long to return to open session. Seconded by Mr. Kennington, the motion passed.

Motion was made by [REDACTED] to purchase the equipment as discussed in closed session. Seconded by Sam Kennington, the motion passed with all in favor.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Long, and seconded by Ms Townsend. Motion carried; all approved.

Meeting was adjourned.

**Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the RCS College Boardroom.**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**February 9-13 RCS Spirit Week**

February 13 Red and Black spirit week dance (high school)

February 17 Leadership Person County tour 12:45-1:45

February 17 Burger King night 4-8pm

February 17 Parent Information Night (6th grade A-K) 6 pm

February 19 School Improvement Team meeting 3:15

February 19 Parent Information Night (6th grade L-Z) 6 pm

February 25 African-American Read-In 3:15

February 26 Parent Information Night (7th grade – 12th grade) 6 pm

February 27 Open Enrollment ends

February 27 Required Teacher Workday

March 3 ACT

March 8 Daylight Savings Time ends

March 12 RCS Admission Lottery 6 pm