

Bryan County Schools

Board of Education

Called Work Session

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

Date: May 16, 2017

Time: 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

- Members present: Eddie Warren, David Schwartz, Dennis Seger, Amy Murphy, Marianne Smith, and Dr. Paul Brooksher.
- Members absent: Karen Krupp and Paine Bacon.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: Amy Murphy Action: Unanimous

III. Superintendent Updates

- As a follow-up to the board's request, Dr. Brooksher shared findings of the advantages and disadvantages to moving the 2nd grade classes at Lanier Primary School to Bryan County Elementary School. The 2nd grade teachers are in favor of moving if everyone is moving, but if it is just them, they want to stay at Lanier. There is space to accommodate the 2nd grade classrooms but the support structures between the two schools would not be as balanced. There would be no academic advantage to moving just one grade level. The recommendation at this time is to keep 2nd graders at Lanier Primary School.

We will complete an audit of the school to see if there is a need for new furniture.

- The board has asked Dr. Brooksher to study the impact on our teachers when transporting students back and forth to private businesses.
- The board has been invited to dinner on June 8th with Buckley and Associates as part of the GSBA summer conference.
- Dr. Robertson gave a follow-up on the bid openings for kitchen equipment and copiers. The action items for approval will be on the 5/25/17 board agenda.
- AAU is requesting to use the RHHS west gym at a discounted rate over the summer. The board requested that Dr. Robertson ask the county to consider allowing AAU to use their facilities and the county use our facilities.

IV. Budget Discussion

- Our budget public hearings were advertised as required by law.
- The presented budget includes a 3% cost of living increase for all employees.
- Ms. Melanie James presented the FY2018 tentative budget and FY2018 salaries and supplements.
- Ms. James will revisit the Pre-K paraprofessional pay scale at the request of the board.
- Tentative approval for the budget, salaries and supplements will be included on the 5/25/17 board agenda.

V. Old BCES Discussion

- A second addendum was presented to the board for deferral of payments from the Downtown Development Authority of Pembroke for the old Bryan County Elementary School until June 1, 2018. Dr. Brooksher will contact Marc Bruce to move forward with finalizing the addendum. This will be included on the 5/25/17 board agenda.

VI. Capital Projects Update

- Dr. Brooksher and Dr. Robertson attended a land donation meeting on 5/15/17 and will meet again at the beginning of June.
- Dr. Brooksher will contact members from the city and county regarding growth in Richmond Hill.
- We have adjusted the budget to purchase an additional bus off of the state contract list. This will be added as an action item on the 5/25/17 board agenda.
- Schools included in the summer renovations have started packing rooms. Renovations will begin on the last day of school.
- Bathrooms will need to be renovated at the Community Education Center for Alternative school. Dr. Anderson and Dr. Robertson presented the proposals for two separate areas of the building. These renovations will be added as two separate action items on the 5/25/17 board agenda.

VII. Personnel

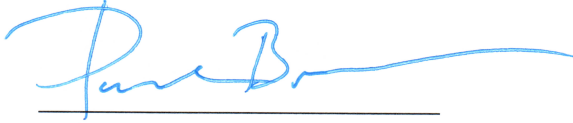
Motion: Dennis Seger Second: David Schwartz Action: Unanimous

VIII. Adjourn

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: Amy Murphy Action: Unanimous

Signed:

Approved:



Paul T. Brooksher, Ph.D.

Superintendent



Eddie Warren

Board Chairman