

## Bryan County Schools

Board of Education

### Called Work Session

Location: Richmond Hill Middle School – Media Center  
503 Warren Hill Road  
Richmond Hill, GA

Date: May 14, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM

#### I. Call to Order

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

#### II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: David Schwartz      Second: A.D. Smith      Action: Unanimous

#### III. Superintendent Updates

- We started our slow return to work on May 4<sup>th</sup> and so far everything has gone well.
- Graduation is scheduled for this Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- We will go back to a normal schedule on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> to close out the schools. Principals will stagger staff into the building from May 18<sup>th</sup> until their last day, adhering to the CDC safety guidelines.
- As of right now, we are not making any changes to the 2020-2021 school calendar.

- Ms. Jackie Arbogast created a Go Fund Me account to help pay off school nutrition student debt. Many participated to pay off all school nutrition debt in Bryan County.
- Ms. Melanie James presented the following:
  - We have distributed 329,561 meals since the start of Meals on the Bus.
  - We will celebrate with our 60+ volunteers next week for all of their hard work.
  - Next Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> will be the last delivery for Meals on the Bus. Families are asked to contact Family Connections and/or Second Harvest for any needs throughout the summer.
  - The Pre-K lottery is now complete and information was posted on our webpage. We still do not know how many classrooms will be allocated for our district.
  - Childcare registration for our employer support child care has started with 36 registrations so far.
  - Summer Camp at the Community Education Center will begin on June 8<sup>th</sup>, offering classes for up to 20 children per classroom. No field trips will be allowed.
  - We could see a spike in the number of registrations for summer camp this year due to the parks and recreation department deciding to suspend their summer program this year.

- Employee programs through Horace Mann and Met Life are offering premium discounts for the next 2 months for those enrolled in their programs.
- Ms. James made a recommendation to the board to submit an RFP to explore costs on other services for our bond program.
- The board was provided copies of a spending resolution. This can be used if the budget is not approved by July.
- Dr. Trey Robertson presented the following:
  - Finished digital learning days today.
  - There have been 6 town hall meetings held so far.
  - Teachers will have through Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> to get grades into the portal.
  - We are looking at a more efficient model for self-contained ESS classes (i.e. putting students with similar disabilities in the same schools).
  - Extended school year will have a different approach this year with 2 weeks of virtual learning in June and 2 weeks of face to face in July.
  - There will be no Title I summer school program this year. The unused funds will help fund a tutoring program at the schools.
- Mr. Jason Rogers presented the following:
  - We have developed a re-entry action committee. They will discuss cleaning techniques, proper equipment needed, no-touch options, etc.

- We were one of 36 districts awarded Wi-Fi spots through a GADOE but do not know how many we will be awarded yet. The hotspots will be on busses.
- Mr. Bob Betz is working with agencies to determine our connectivity spots.
- Frances Meeks Elementary School's start and end times will mirror McAllister Elementary School.

#### IV. Capital Projects Update

- The furniture order for Frances Meeks Elementary is now complete and all traffic patterns are being finalized for buses.
- Bryan County Elementary School's wing addition is still on track.
- We will open for bids on the Richmond Hill Middle School wing addition on May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The renovation for the Richmond Hill Middle School's greenhouse will be included with the wing addition.
- We will soon be releasing the bid for the overall site preparation for the replacement Richmond Hill High School. We will be submitting plans to the Georgia Department of Education on June 15<sup>th</sup> for approval.
- Bryan County High School's greenhouse is expected to arrive this week and will be fully functional by the first day of school.
- Capital Projects on hold at this time will be renovations for Carver Elementary School and baseball field at Bryan County High School.

V. FY2021 Budget and Discussion

- At this time we have no documentation from the state level as to what percentage of a reduction we will be receiving.
- We are unable to present a preliminary budget at this time until the state presents its budget. We are hoping to have this by June.
- Principals and division heads at the Central Office were asked to look at staff vacancies to help off-set our reductions that would minimally affect our students.
- A cost savings option we are considering is to put 403(b) matches on hold for one year.
- Another consideration to off-set our reductions may be to increase our millage rate that has not increased in 11 years.
- We were allocated approximately \$750,000 in CARES funds.

VI. Board Protocols Discussion

- The board discussed the advocacy letter for the budget.

VII. Executive Session – Personnel

Motion: David Schwartz      Second: Pamela Gunter      Action: Unanimous

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VIII. Adjourn

Motion: Pamela Gunter      Second: Karen Krupp      Action: Unanimous

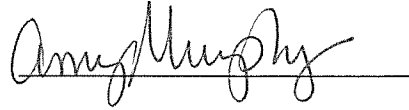
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Paul T. Brooksher, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

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Amy Murphy  
Board Chairman