

Bryan County Schools

Board of Education

Called Work Session

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

Date: August 20, 2020
Time: 6:30 PM

I. Call to Order

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

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: David Schwartz Action: Unanimous

III. Superintendent Updates

- We have had a very good start to the 2020-2021 school year.
- Traffic patterns will continue to improve in time.
- Dr. Brooksher shared the revised Department of Public Health guidelines.
- Dr. Trey Robertson is the point of contact for student COVID cases and Ms. Mary Beth Brothers is the point of contact for staff COVID cases.
- Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, COVID referrals are reviewed.
- Dr. Trey Robertson shared the following:

- By next week, we will have solid attendance numbers to share.
- Hardship appeal form continues to be available for our parents who would like to switch their child from face-to-face to e-Learning and vice versa.
- We have many professional learning offerings taking place tomorrow during the staff planning day.
- There have been a few challenges at the high school level because most teachers are not used to having cameras in their rooms.
- We have a process in place to determine who may be affected if a positive case is reported.
- Mr. Jason Rogers shared the following:
 - We have qualified for 3 bond buses this year. We would like to approve these buses at the August board meeting on the 27th.
 - For our e-Learning students, we are hoping that a hold harmless form passes that can be issued to help with Impact Aid reporting.
 - Bus driver meetings were held to go over safeguards that will be in place for transportation.
 - We have revised our infectious disease plan in accordance with GHSA regulations for athletics.
 - Masks will be required at scrimmages with limited capacity.

- Ms. Melanie James shared the following:
 - The digest was approved and the notices will go out at the end of September.
 - Our enrollment numbers for before and after school care are at 679 and 653 students are enrolled in community education classes.
 - A process have been set up to allow parents to enroll their children in meal delivery for our e-Learners. We will offer meals for both free and reduced and paying students.
 - Melanie is going to research the a la carte options for our students who are at school.

IV. Capital Projects Update

- Mr. Jason Rogers shared the following updates:
 - Frances Meeks Elementary School is finishing up landscaping and fencing. Orientations have begun for equipment on site. The partnership with the city and county on this project has been great.
 - Dr. Brooksher recommended the board take a tour of Frances Meeks Elementary School. Plans for a ribbon cutting ceremony will also need to be considered. We will send out a poll to the board for tour option times.
 - Bryan County Elementary School wing addition is complete and look great. They are finishing a few touch ups on this project.

- Final designs are being reviewed for the new replacement Richmond Hill High School. Phase II site work is now on the street and we could possibly bring information to the board by next week's board meeting.
- We need to schedule a capital projects called work session in early December.

V. Board Norms and Protocols

- Ms. Amy Murphy shared updated information on protocols when e-mails are received from constituents to a board member.

VI. Executive Session – Personnel

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: David Schwartz Action: Unanimous

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VII. Personnel

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: Pamela Gunter Action: Unanimous

VIII. Adjourn

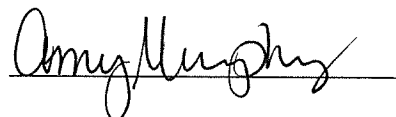
Motion: David Schwartz Second: Pamela Gunter Action: Unanimous

Signed:



Paul T. Brooksher, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Approved:



Amy Murphy
Board Chairman