

Bryan County Schools

Board of Education

Called Work Session

Location: BOE
Time: 6:00 PM
Date: February 18, 2016

I. Call to Order

All members present.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Dennis Seger Second: Joe Pecenka Action: Unanimous

III. Superintendent Updates

- Administrators will be attending meetings to take an active role in what is going on and what is being presented.
- Dr. Brooksher held a coffee and conversation session at Bryan County High School on February 12th. About 18 staff members attended to share ideas and/or concerns.
- Dr. Brooksher has been attending meetings at the Department of Community Health on behalf of the board. They are currently working on a visioning activity.
- RESA is in Atlanta as representation on our behalf of 1st District RESA. Dr. Brooksher was unable to attend due to the scheduled called work session.
- Two bills we are watching are Senate bill 364 and 355.
- The number approved for the Yancey bus engines at the last board meeting were incorrect. The approved action item will be rescinded and a new action item will be presented with the correct amount.

- Our mechanics have verified that we have 4-5 buses to discard that do not work and are not feasible to fix. Board members will receive an e-mail with more information.
- RHHS's kitchen is in immediate need of a fan for cooking. We are getting quotes at this time and expect to have an action item on the next board agenda if required.
- State Superintendent Richard Woods will be visiting Richmond Hill Middle School on February 22nd. The board requested that we invite local officials to the school during the visit.
- Dr. Brad Anderson and Shila Cantele, Curriculum Coordinator presented a new professional learning platform called Professional Learning on Demand. They are on track to unveil in March.

IV. 2016 Legislative Delegates

- We need to elect a delegate and alternate to represent our board at the Delegate Assembly on June 10th. Marianne Smith volunteered to be delegate and Amy Murphy will be the alternate.

V. Policy Presentation

- Draft board policies were presented for review:
Ms. Melanie James - DJEAC - Purchasing or credit card use
Dr. Brad Anderson - IHE - Promotion and Retention
Ms. Brandi Hendrix - IDCG - Honor Graduates
Ms. Mary Beth Brothers - JCDA - Student Tobacco Use, GAN - Employee Tobacco Use, and KM - Visitors to School
These policies will not be brought to the board for approval until March and will also be e-mailed out to board members.

VI. Capital Projects Update

- Dr. Brooksher and Dr. Robertson met with Breaux and Associates and Mr. Vickery on February 5th. Pope Construction and Breaux and Associates will be invited to the board retreat. They are helping with the 5-10 year plan. Bryan County has 2300 new students since 2006.
- Dr. Brooksher is scheduling a meeting with the City and Development Authority of Pembroke to discuss the take possession date of BCES.
- Dr. Brooksher is scheduling a meeting with Mr. Ben Taylor, County Administrator, Mr. Chris Lovell, Richmond Hill City Administrator, Ms. Anna Chafin, CEO of the Development Authority, and City Administrator of Pembroke to discuss permits and interchange dates. The interchange as well as widening of Highway 144 has an anticipated completion date of 2019.
- Dr. Robertson is still working on the punch list for McAllister Elementary and Bryan County Elementary School. Progress is going well.

VII. Strategic Planning Update

- Dr. Brooksher presented an update to the Strategic Plan. The next steps will be as follows:
 - March 15th - a full presentation of the Strategic Plan will be shown to the board
 - April 1st - BOE feedback deadline
 - April 22nd - BOE retreat discussion
 - April 28th - BOE approval at the scheduled board meeting

VIII. Charter Schools

- We received a letter of intent to start a 6-12 charter school in North Bryan County for the 2017-18 school year. Once more details are available, Dr. Brooksher stated he would share them with the board.

IX. System of Strategic Waivers/IE² Update

- Dr. Anderson discussed requesting relief from several state board rules and Title 20 laws. Would like to present a full contract at the April retreat. Intent is to have waivers to the board early to prepare.

X. McAllister Elementary School Attendance Area

- Dr. Brooksher asked for board consensus to move forward and include the Spur.
- We are anticipating 50 new students to McAllister Elementary as a result of the Spur inclusion.
- The contractor has confirmed that the road will be completed and ready for the start of the 2016-17 school year.
- The Board agreed to move forward, redraw the map to include the Spur, and include an action item on February's board agenda to adopt the new attendance line for the 2016-17 school year.

XI. BOE Retreat

- Dr. Brooksher presented the board with a draft agenda for April's board retreat and asked that they look it over and offer any feedback. The board requested that we change the verbiage on the agenda from "presentation" to "discussion." Also, Dr. Brooksher asked if there were any objections with the tentative plan so he could move forward with securing the hotel. No objections were noted.

XII. 2016-17 Human Resources Staff Recommendation List Timeline

- The Human Resources timeline was updated to move the internal transfer process in line with the contract time.
- Each board member was provided contract recommendation lists to review and asked to call Dr. Brooksher with any specific questions.

XIII. Old Business

- The question was asked as to the status of the RHHS band room. This will be addressed in the capital projects discussion at the April board retreat.
- Mr. Seger requested to see a list of board approved personnel over the last 3-4 years in non-teaching positions (i.e. Central Office and support staff), and Mr. Seger said he would set up a meeting with the Superintendent to review.

XIV. New Business

- None

XV. Personnel Agenda

Motion: Joe Pecenka Second: Dennis Seger Action: Unanimous

XVI. Adjourn

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Signed:

Approved:



Paul T. Brooksher, Ph.D.

Superintendent



Eddie Warren

Board Chairman