

The Rockbridge County School Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at the Rockbridge County School Board Office.

Present: Chairman David McDaniel; Trustees Corey Berkstresser, Heather Hostetter, Wendy Lovell, Neil Whitmore; Superintendent Phillip Thompson; Clerk Rhonda Humphries.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McDaniel called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and requested that everyone rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

STUDENT / STAFF RECOGNITION:

National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists: Genevieve Corazza, William Hanstedt, Charles Mayock-Bradley, Rebecca Russell

National Merit Commended Students: John Elrod, Gabrielle Frascati, Cameron Gavalier, Hunter Grist, Josh Henson, Miranda Johnson, Tieran McClure, Ben Newhouse, Henry Richter

Mike Keyser, CEO, BARC Electric Cooperative (BARC) announced that a total of \$5,000 will be donated as part of CoBank's Sharing Success program. This contribution was made as a part of CoBank's Sharing Success program, a fund that matches the contributions of CoBank's customers to the charities of their choice.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Berkstresser, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes: 1) October 9, 2018 [Special Meeting]; 2) October 9, 2018 [Regular Meeting]; 3) October 16, 2018 [Discipline Committee Hearing]; 4) October 30, 2018 [Discipline Committee Hearing]
- Field Trips / Bus Use Requests
- Fund Raiser Requests
- Applications for Use of Facilities
- Enrollment Update
- **Appointments and Resignations**

Appointments

Support Staff

Nicole Roko, Teacher Assistant, Central Elementary School effective November 7, 2018

Substitute Teachers

Bradyn Tuttle

Deborah Teague

Sondra Duncan

Jonathan Harrington

Substitute Bus Driver

Charles Smith

Clubs

Teresa Torrence, Destination Imagination, Central Elementary School, (split position)

Rockbridge County High School

Winter Coaches

Indoor Track

Julie Tisone, Volunteer Coach

Girls' Basketball

Marisa Bouchelle, Volunteer Coach

Wrestling

Chris Skretzwitz, Volunteer Coach

Swimming

Morgan Richter, Assistant Coach
Julie Woodzicka, Volunteer Coach

Spring Coach

Boys' Lacrosse

Robert Hull, Head Coach
Ryan Larsen, Assistant Coach (split position)
Eddie Semler, Assistant Coach (split position)

Girls' Lacrosse

Rebecca Stratton, Assistant Coach

Maury River Middle School

Wrestling

Josh Holton, Volunteer Coach

Professional Staff

Resignations

Olivia Perry, Teacher, Natural Bridge Elementary School, resigned effective November 14, 2018

Retiring

Sandra Nye, Teacher, Natural Bridge Elementary School, retiring end of 2018 – 2019 school year

• **Financial Items**

- Approval of request to authorize the Treasurer of Rockbridge County to pay debt service in the amount of \$554,375.00 for duly appropriated debt serve funds
- Approve Monthly Financials \$2,952,800.49

BUDGET PLANNING:

Superintendent Thompson stated that there have been no changes at this point. Central Office staff is gathering data in preparation for the Budget Work Session to be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 4:30 PM. The Budget Work Session will be held at the Rockbridge County School Board Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORTS: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Superintendent Thompson stated that the School Board Legislative Priorities which were approved by the Rockbridge County School Board on November 7, 2017 remain accurate and continue to advocate what will benefit students. He stated that the General Assembly has addressed some of the issues that were a focused priority in 2017 but that the school board members will need to decide if the approved priorities still apply for FY2019.

- Chairman McDaniel stated that Trustees Lovell and Hostetter have agreed to work on FY19 Legislative Priorities with Superintendent Thompson and Mr. Haywood Hand, Assistant Superintendent. He stated that he feels the approved priorities are still relevant. He anticipates that the FY19 School Board Legislative Priorities will be approved at the November 27, 2018 RCSB Budget Work Session and will be presented to Senator Creigh Deeds at a scheduled meeting on December 7, 2018.
 - Trustee Lovell stated that she feels the security protocols should be part of the priorities for the SRO grant.

Mr. Jason Kirby, Director of Personnel and Technology, provided a brief overview of the Rockbridge County Public Schools website utilizing the calendar feature. Patrons can view activities across the division by utilizing the calendar feature.

- Chairman McDaniel expressed his appreciation to school administration for keeping the calendar updated reflecting that school board members like to attend events to show support when their individual schedules allow.

Mr. David Daniels, Director of Financial Services, provided information on the two policies of the Rockbridge County Public Schools Policy Manual and stated that it will be brought back to the Board as an Action Item at the December meeting:

DI-R / Activity Fund Policy for Establishing Deposits and Investments Accounts
DL-R / Payroll Procedures / Payday Schedule

- Chairman McDaniel polled the board and it was unanimous to make this an Action Item at this meeting; Action Item 10C.

Superintendent Thompson provided information on a request from Collierstown Presbyterian Church and offered the summary:

Superintendent Thompson received a request via letter from Ms. Deborah McCormick, Trustee of Collierstown Presbyterian Church (CPC). Essentially, CPC has discovered that Rockbridge County has CPC listed as owning a small piece of property on Blacks Creek (Parcel 71-A-8). This property back in the late 1800s was listed as the Public Free School for Buffalo District of Rockbridge County. There is a structure still on the land that has been used to store hay for years that is believed to have been the original one-room schoolhouse. Until recently, CPC had no idea that they technically owned the land as it has been passed down for several generations with the adjoining land owner's property. CPC has no desire to keep the less than a one-acre tract of land. Because the research they have conducted last listed the property as a public free school, CPC wanted to ensure that RCPS had no claim on the property before they officially and legally gave the property to the adjoining landowner. A search of the RCPS board minutes (back to the late 1800s) did not reflect the piece of land or school on Blacks Creek. Spencer Suter, Rockbridge County Administrator, has been contacted and he can find no record of county ownership of the land either. He stated that his recommendation will be that the School Board vote that RCPS has no claim on this piece of land. This will essentially leave CPC the freedom to give the land away to the adjoining property owner. This will be presented as an Action Item at the December meeting of the Rockbridge County School Board.

- Trustee Lovell requested that contact be made with the Historical Society.
 - Superintendent Thompson agreed that there may be interest of the church documents.
- Trustee Whitmore confirmed that there will be no monetary funds exchanged.
- Chairman McDaniel polled the board and it unanimous to make this an Action Item at this meeting; Action Item 10D.

Superintendent Thompson provided information on the renewal of the lease for Rockbridge Church for the use of Maury River Middle School. The contract is set to expire on December 31, 2018. Rockbridge Church has offered to increase their weekly contract amount from \$200 to \$225.

- Trustee Berkstresser reflected that the church has been good stewards and his sentiments that it is good to provide assistance to the community.
- Chairman McDaniel asked if this is still considered a temporary situation or if they are still planning to build in the future. He also requested that an updated study of the costs associated with their use be provided to the RCSB.
 - Superintendent Thompson stated that it is the ultimate goal of the church to build as the church is currently growing, but not making a profit. He confirmed that a report of the associated costs will be provided to the RCSB. He also echoed the sentiments of Trustee Berkstresser that Rockbridge Church have been good stewards and tenants of Maury River Middle School.
- Chairman McDaniel polled the board and it unanimous to make this an Action Item at this meeting; Action Item 10E. He requested that the updated data be provided to the Rockbridge County School Board at a future meeting.

Ms. Tracy Hinty, Coordinator for Federal Programs, provided information on the Title I Family Engagement Plan which included the following compliance information:

- This plan must be written and reviewed by a Family Advisory Committee with representatives from RCPS Title I schools.
- The plan was last reviewed in 2016 with no changes at that time due to ESSA transition year (2016-17).
- The current committee met on October 10, 2018 and determined to revise per the sample template provided by the Virginia Department of Education.

Ms. Hinty provided a brief overview of the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan stating that she will present the final plan for approval at the December meeting of the Rockbridge County School Board.

- Chairman McDaniel polled the board and it was unanimous to make this an Action Item at this meeting; Action Item 10F.

ACTION ITEMS:

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Lovell, seconded by Trustee Berkstresser, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved the Section I policy manual revisions to IGBG; IKB; INB-R; and INDC-R as presented.

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Hostetter, seconded by Trustee Lovell, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved the Section J policy manual revisions to policy JO-R as presented.

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Lovell, seconded by Trustee Whitmoe, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved the Section D policy manual revisions to DI-R and DL-R as presented.

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Berkstresser, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved that Rockbridge County Public Schools has no claim on the small piece of property on Blacks Creek (Parcel 71-A-8).

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Hostetter, seconded by Trustee Berkstresser, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved the renewal of the lease for Rockbridge Church for Maury River Middle School; January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 at the monthly rate of \$225.00.

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Berkstresser, seconded by Trustee Lovell, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Superintendent Thompson provided a summary of upcoming dates:

2018 VSBA Annual Convention in Williamsburg will be held on November 14-16, 2018

- Tuesday, November 27, 2018: Budget Work Session
- Thursday, November 29, 2018: Joint Meeting with the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors
- Tuesday, December 4, 2018: Regular Meeting of the Rockbridge County School Board.
[note change in date]

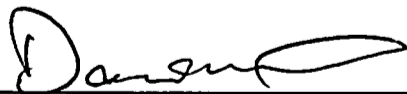
Chairman McDaniel wished students and faculty a Happy Thanksgiving.

SCHOOL BOARD:

The next regular monthly meeting of the Rockbridge County School Board will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the County Administration Offices, 150 South Main Street, Lexington, Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Trustee Berkstresser, seconded by Trustee Lovell, and passed by 5-0 vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.



David B. McDaniel, Chairman



Rhonda B. Humphries, Clerk of the Board