

The Rockbridge County School Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at the County of Rockbridge Administration Building.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lovell called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

STUDENT / STAFF RECOGNITION:

Superintendent Thompson introduced Bobbie Wagner, Branch Executive, Rockbridge Area YMCA. She provided an overview, including a video, which reflected the impact and growth of the past several years and the mission of the Rockbridge Area YMCA. She stated that the area schools are the biggest partner for the YMCA involving 6 schools and 133 students per week in the after school program. The program currently has 25-30 community partners. YMCA provides more than childcare by providing enrichment activities.

- Chairman Lovell asked if the YMCA has seen an increase of families joining the YMCA as an extension of student involvement.
 - Ms. Wagner stated that there has been an increase in some families utilizing the summer camp but not necessarily an increase in YMCA membership.

Superintendent Thompson recognized Kurt Bennett, who received a Habitat for Humanity Conference Award. The Rockbridge County High School Building Trades Program was honored for receiving the 2019 Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Award. The Building Trades program in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity won 1st place in the 2019 Youth Group Effort of the Year category.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon recommendation by Chairman Lovell, motion by Trustee Hostetter, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, the board approved the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes: 1) September 10, 2019 [Regular Meeting]; 2) September 24, 2019 [Discipline Committee Hearing]
- Field Trip and Bus Use Requests
 - Chairman Lovell expressed her appreciation to principals and teachers for researching and scheduling impressive field trips that will impact student growth.
- Fundraiser Requests
- Application for Use of Facilities
- Enrollment Update

• **Appointments and Resignations**

Support Staff

Carson Richards, Custodian, Natural Bridge Elementary School, 2019-2020 school year
Amy Zickafoose, Teacher Assistant, Rockbridge County High School, 2019 – 20 school year

Substitute Teachers

Hilary Dalton
Joshua Holton
Christopher Spurbeck
Adrianna Duran

Substitute Bus Driver

William Woodward

Food Service Worker

Phyllis Campbell, Food Service Worker, Central Elementary School, 2019 - 2020 school year, (time-sheet)

Winter Coaches**Rockbridge County High School****Basketball – Boys'**

Darrell Plogger Head Varsity Coach
 David Miller Assistant Varsity Coach
 Ricky Haston Volunteer Coach
 Andy Coffey Volunteer Coach

Basketball – Girls'

Misty Armstrong Head Varsity Coach
 Penni Allen Assistant Varsity Coach
 Keston Beverly JV Coach

Wrestling

Aaron Bruce Head Coach
 Chris Skretzwitz Assistant Coach
 Quinten Youngblood Volunteer Coach

Swimming

Leslie Ayers Head Coach
 Morgan Richter Assistant Coach
 Julie Woodzicka Volunteer Coach

Indoor Track

Jennifer Showalter Head Coach
 Julie Tisone Assistant Coach
 Mike Brown Volunteer Coach
 Chris Crawford Volunteer Coach

Maury River Middle School**Basketball – Boys'**

Ron Clark Head Coach

Basketball – Girls'

Rebecca Stratton Head Coach

Wrestling

John Campbell Head Coach
 Joshua Holton Volunteer Coach
 Stuart Brown Volunteer Coach

Resignations**Professional Staff****Retirement**

Paul Williams, Teacher, Rockbridge County High School, retiring end of 2019-2020 school year

- **Business Items**

- Approval for new grant appropriations to Fund 50 in the amount of \$10,360.00.
- Approve Monthly Financials in the amount of \$2,796,494.45

BUDGET PLANNING:

Dr. Thompson stated that the Central Office Administrative Staff is discussing priorities and gathering a rank list. He suggested that a Budget Work Session be scheduled for late October or early November 2019.

- Chairman Lovell requested that the Public Hearing also be scheduled.
 - Superintendent Thompson stated that he anticipates that there be two opportunities for public to speak in regards to budget, one early and another hearing later in the budget planning process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Mr. Haywood Hand, Assistant Superintendent, provided information on Section K [School Community Relations] of the VSBA Policy Manual has been revised and updated. He stated that revisions will continue to be made and updates to all sections of the RCPS Policy Manual to align with and reflect current VSBA policy.

Mr. Haywood Hand, Assistant Superintendent, provided information on the 2020-2021 School Calendar. He provided five draft calendars for the board to use as a point of reference as the process begins. The next step will be for teacher review with a possible survey to rank calendars with an opportunity to provide the reason why a certain calendar is liked. This is in response to keep focus on teaching and learning.

- Superintendent Thompson reiterated that the resulting calendar must be educationally sound for teachers and students.

Ms. Lindsey Flint, Coordinator for Gifted Programs, provided information on the Draft Local Plan for the Education of the Gifted 2020-2025. The proposed plan reflects the strengthening of initiatives and expanding programs. This will be presented as an Action Item at the November board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

Upon recommendation by Superintendent Thompson, motion by Trustee Whitmore, seconded by Trustee Hostetter, and passed by a 3-0 vote, the Board approved the Purchasing and Surplus Manual as presented.

NEW BUSINESS: None

SCHOOL BOARD

The next regular meeting of the Rockbridge County School Board will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 / 5:00 PM / Location: Rockbridge County School Board Office, 2893 Collierstown Road, Lexington, Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Trustee Hostetter, seconded by Trustee Whitmore, and passed by 3-0 vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.


Wendy W. Lovell, Chairman


Rhonda B. Humphries, Clerk of the Board