

The Rockbridge County School Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at the County of Rockbridge Administration Building.

Present: Chairman David McDaniel; Trustees Kevin Brooks, Albert Lewis, Wendy Lovell, Laurie Strong; Superintendent Phillip Thompson; Clerk Rhonda Humphries.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McDaniel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and requested that everyone rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

STUDENT / STAFF RECOGNITION:

- Members of the Rockbridge FFA chapter recently attended the Virginia FFA Convention on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. These students participated in various Career Development Events (CDEs) as they competed with other teams from across the state. Students competing in the Veterinary Science CDE placed first and will represent Virginia as they compete again at the National FFA Convention in October. Team members include: Allison Davis, Autumn Huffman, Katie Kirkpatrick, Rose McAloon, and are coached by FFA advisor and Rockbridge County High School teacher, Lisa Martin.
- 2017 VSBA Media Honor Roll: Bruce Young, Lexington Bureau Chief, WDBJ7 Television.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Lewis, seconded by Trustee Brooks, the board approved the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes: 1) June 13, 2017 [Regular Meeting] [Amended]; 2) August 8, 2017 [Regular Meeting]
- Rockbridge County Public Schools Field Trips
- Fund Raiser Request
- Enrollment Update
- Appointments and Resignations

Appointments

Support Staff

Jodi Clark, Teacher Assistant, Central Elementary School, effective September 12, 2017

Olivia Taylor, Teacher Assistant, Maury River Middle School, 2017 – 2018 school year
(time- sheet)

Heidi Burrows, Food Service Worker, Maury River Middle School, 2017 – 2018 (time-sheet)

Substitute Teachers

Blanche Bobowski

Rebecca Chittum Conley

Courtney Diette

Valorie MacInnis

Jody Morgan

Mackenzie Nicely

Hannah Straub

Nancy Trumps

Substitute Bus Drivers

Lorie VanNess

Robert McKinney

Car Drivers

Kenneth Arthurs

Substitute Food Service Workers

Suchada Davanzo

Carolyn Smith

Clubs / Sponsors**RCHS**

Laura Harrawood, Newspaper
 Brian Hamelman, Yearbook
 Amanda Burks, Forensics
 Chris McGrath, Academic Team
 Patrick Bradley, Academic Team Assistant
 Pam St. Clair, SCA
 Davina Copsy, National Honor Society
 Linda Gorman, Drama
 Amy Hinkle, Destination Imagination

MRMS

Erinn Hailey, Yearbook
 Tasha Polly, SCA
 Candace Kincaid, National Junior Honor Society
 Maurya Schweizer, Gifted
 Sarah Schultz, Destination Imagination
 Cyndi Tucker, Special Education Coordinator

CES

Liz Schmidt, Gifted

FES

Holly Wood, Gifted
 Cathy Whitesell, DI

MVES

Gail Clark, Gifted
 Sally Moore, DI

NBES

Beth McElroy, Gifted

Resignations**Professional Staff - Retiring**

Patsy Conner, Teacher, Central Elementary School, retiring effective January 31, 2018

Support Staff - Resignation

Victoria Johnston, Teacher Assistant, Central Elementary School, resigned effective August 14, 2017
 Roberta Arehart, Food Service Worker, Maury River Middle School, resigned effective August 14, 2017
 Jenny Bane, Teacher Assistant, Central Elementary School, resigned effective September 11, 2017

BUSINESS ITEMS

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Lewis, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the monthly financials in the amount of \$2,497,432.97

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Lovell, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the Board approve the request for the carryover of the CIP and CPP payments from the Rockbridge County Government Escrow account in the amount of \$306,909.00

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Lovell, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the Board approve the grant appropriations to Fund 50 in the amount of \$145,532.00.

BUDGET PLANNING:

Superintendent Thompson stated that it is time to begin planning for FY19. He requested that the board members give consideration and feedback on the following:

- Superintendent Thompson requested that board members develop their own list of ranked priorities. Once received Superintendent Thompson will aggregate them into a common list and have that ready for the first work session.
- Superintendent Thompson suggested that a budget work session be scheduled for early October.
 - Chairman McDaniel requested that each board member send two available dates to Superintendent Thompson for a possible budget work session.
 - Chairman McDaniel also stated that the board will need to meet with state legislators in November to discuss priorities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairman McDaniel explained that the Memorandum of Understanding was discussed at the Joint Meeting but that it will be discussed later on the agenda.

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT:

Twila Brown, Director of Special Education, provided a Special Education Update that included the following data: 1) Special Education Performance Report; 2) Reading Performance: Students with Disabilities; 3) Math Performance: Students with Disabilities. She also stated that the school division will continue to focus on co-teaching to improve performance.

- Trustee Brooks stated that he feels Rockbridge County Public Schools is making great strides in meeting timelines.
 - Superintendent Thompson concurred that the overall picture is positive.
- Trustee Strong expressed her appreciation for the report and for the comprehensive data included.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Dr. Thompson stated that he has had several conversations over the past few weeks with staff members and members of the community about potentially and formally naming of Rockbridge County High School Stadium. He stated that some of the staff at Rockbridge County High School have expressed their interest that the naming may coincide with the 25th anniversary of the school. He requested that board members consider this request and provide a directive as it is ultimately a school board decision.

- Chairman McDaniel requested that Mike Craft, Principal, provide a survey for teachers, and students to provide feedback.
 - Trustee Brooks expressed his sentiment that the survey be available to everyone in the community. He also stated that he would encourage naming the stadium something similar to Veteran's Memorial Field and placing a monument at the entrance listing of all of those who have given their lives who attended any school within Rockbridge County.
- Trustee Lovell stated her sentiment that this initiative could be a learning opportunity for students to be involved via committee participation.

Haywood Hand, Assistant Superintendent, provided information on the 2018-2019 School Calendar stating the calendar formulated last year is still in draft form at this point and ready for consideration but that he would like to obtain input. A survey is in the process of being restructured. He anticipates that the survey will be available on the RCPS website soon.

- Chairman McDaniel requested that board members relay important known issues to Mr. Hand. The goal is to obtain the best learning environment for our students.

Tracy Hinty, Coordinator for Federal Programs, provided information on Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) Grant, which will be used to supplement and support some of our programs. The grant funds can be used in three areas: 1) well rounded educational opportunities, such as STEM, high school classes, coursework; 2) safe and healthy students, such as active and healthy lifestyles, bullying, harassment; 3) effective use of technology; a current needs assessment is being conducted for best way to spend money. This grant will be presented as an Action Item at the October board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

One patron addressed the board regarding the upcoming budget development process.

ACTION ITEMS:

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Lewis, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the Resolution Authorizing Lease Purchase Financing.

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Lewis, and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote, the Board approved authorization of David McDaniel, School Board Chair, and Phillip Thompson Superintendent to enter into an energy performance contractual agreement with Trane (Energy Savings Company). This authorization is contingent upon the contract review and the recommendation of the School Board legal counsel.

Upon recommendation by Chairman McDaniel, motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Lovell, and passed by a 5-0 vote, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors and the Rockbridge County School Board to Memorialize Joint Intent for Funding and Executive of Certain Capital Improvement Projects.

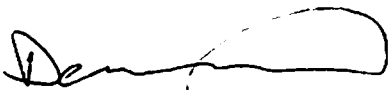
NEW BUSINESS: None

SCHOOL BOARD

The next regular meeting of the Rockbridge County School Board will be on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 / 5:00 PM / Location: Rockbridge County School Board Office, 2893 Collierstown Road, Lexington, Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Trustee Lewis, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and passed by 5-0 vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.



David B. McDaniel, Chairman



Rhonda B. Humphries, Clerk of the Board