

The Rockbridge County School Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at the County of Rockbridge Administration Building.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Lewis 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:

Superintendent Thompson requested that an Action Item be added to the agenda for Designation of Superintendent Designee.

STUDENT / STAFF RECOGNITION: None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes: 1) June 13, 2017 [Regular Meeting]; 2) June 20, 2017 [Special Meeting]; 3) June 27, 2017 [Special Meeting]
- Rockbridge County Public Schools Field Trips
- Fund Raiser Request
- Declaration of Surplus Vehicles
- Appointments and Resignations

Appointments

Professional Staff

Lacey Lynch, Teacher, Natural Bridge Elementary School, 2017 – 2018 school year
Martha Gilchrist, Teacher/Coordinator ELL Services, Division, 2017 – 2018 school year
Lydia Biggs, Teacher, Central Elementary School, 2017 – 2018 school year
Jacqueline Dull, Teacher, Central Elementary School, 2017 – 2018 school year

Support Staff

Erica Shafer, Clerical Assistant, Central Elementary School, 2017 – 2018 school year
Molly Rolon, Teacher Assistant, Central Elementary School, 2017 – 2018 school year
Sarah Richey, Teacher Assistant, Natural Bridge Elementary School,
2017 – 2018 school year
Deborah Bolen, Teacher Assistant, Mountain View Elementary School, 2017 – 2018 school year

Contracted School Bus Drivers

Curtis	Austin
Faye	Austin
Roy Alex	Clark
Brenda	Comas
Lonna	Dudley
Patricia	Dudley
Larry	Garrett
Theresa	Harris
Jimmy	Hickman
Coleman	Hoke
Elise	Johnson
Annie	Marshall
Valerie	Mikels
Janice	Moore
Lindley	Newcomer
Susan	Perry
Donna	Powell
Wanda	Ramsey
James	Rice
Sabra	Richards
Gerald	Sampson
Larry	Sensabaugh
Brian	Smals
Edward	Smith
Kay	Smith
Herman	Snyder
Paul	Truska

Linda Weeks
Theresa Williams
Ray Wimer
Gerard Winkler

Non-Contracted School Bus Drivers

Lorie Bare
Martha Blalock
Sarah Braford
Melissa Bryant
Donald Campbell
Danny Chittum
Brenda Clements-Campbell
Bucky Hostetter
Dennis Johnston
Ida Manspile
Clarence McDaniel
JoAnne Moore
Kenneth Ramsey
Roy Smith
Karla Staton
Golden Terry, Jr.
Eric Wilhelm

Substitute School Bus Drivers

John Butler
Terry Evans
Scott Hannah
Kimberly Humphreys
Eddie Milliner
Amy Moore
Lorrie Smals
Brian Tolley

Car Drivers

Donald Campbell
Rodney Early
Karen Goodbar
Carolyn Hartless
Iris Jenkins
Sarah Lawernce
John Lewis
Paulette Lipscomb
Pamela Lotts
Galen Lynn
Mike McCormick
Johnny Montgomery
Sheena Nelson
Kendall Painter
Edith Petty
Bruce Royer
Eloise Sensabaugh
Yvonne Sorrells
Roxie Sorrels
Jessie Terry

Bus Aides

Lib Chittum
Shirley Meadows
Pauline Taylor

Substitute Teachers

Abney Aja
Ahrsbrak Ann
Alexander Lynn
Becker Christian
Bedell Ethan
Bennett Colter
Bennett Tanya
Berry Gwendolyn
Berry Michelle
Biggs Rita
Black Jeffrey
Bond Larry
Bridge Theresa
Broughman MaryEtta
Brown Gloria
Brown Jennifer
Bushnell Jennifer
Bytnar Linda
Carlock Craig
Carwell Deborah
Caylor Curtis
Chambers Vickie
Chambers William
Chaplin Travis
Chappell Andreatta
Chase Joelyn
Cline Lacy
Cox Helen
Culpepper Susan
Cunningham Sara
Dameron Cheryl
Dixon Pandora
Donahue Kiersten
Doss Joy
Dotson James
Drake Janet
Eckert Brian
Eland Cynthia
Faulkner MaryJean
Ferguson Lynn
Fitzgerald-Clark Carolyn
Folsom Keith
Fox Debbie
Franke Linda
Friski Susan
Gantert Erika
Gray Linda
Green Amanda
Hand Danielle
Harris Lisa
Hasey Richard
Hatter Virginia
Hawes Diana
Hays Peggy
Head Eileen
Hennis Melissa
Heslep Evelyn
Hickman Vickie
Higgins Patricia
Hipes Ashley
Howard Dana
Huffman Constance

Substitute Teachers - continued

Imler Christina
 Irvine Teresa
 Jackson Brenda
 Jackson Guy
 Jarrett Deborah
 Jones Cynthia
 Kimbler Karl
 King Rosalind
 Kish Christian
 Lawson Rhonda
 Lefever Katherine
 Lollis Beth
 Mack Shelby
 Manspile Shirley
 March Katharine
 Martin Claire
 Mason Twinkle
 Mast Sharon
 Matiuk Angelika
 Mayr Melissa
 McLaughlin Lee
 Meyer Carol
 Miles Robert
 Moore Amy
 Moore Molly
 Nicely Peggy
 Parker Phyllis
 Patterson Sharon
 Pruett Deborah
 Ramsey Elizabeth
 Reiter Patricia
 Radebaugh Barbara
 Robinson Genie
 Schrader Ann
 Scott Thomas
 Shewey Alice
 Shutler Shana
 Slaydon Alexis
 Smith Hayley
 Spath Jarold
 Stene Greer
 Sterling Sidney
 Teten Gail
 Thompson Judith
 Thompson Sheila
 Tolley Bryan
 Tolley Robin
 Tomlin Valerie
 Trimble Susan
 Trombetta Tamara
 VanNess Jeannie
 Walters Amy
 Weddle Deborah
 Whiteley Patricia
 Whitesell John
 Willilams Theresa
 Wood Linda

Teacher Assistant Substitute

Diamond Moreland
 Swartz Victoria

Secretary/Clerical Asst. Substitute

Sensabaugh Eloise
 Clark Carla

Custodian Substitute

Higgins Elaine

Coaches - Fall Sports - RCHS**Football**

Poston Mark Head Coach
 Rapoza Mat Asst. Coach
 Perkins Donnie Asst. Coach
 Glass Heath Asst. Coach
 Roadcap Travis Asst. Coach
 Wenger Justin Asst. Coach
 Wood Chris Asst. Coach
 Fields James Asst. Coach
 Hall Corey Volunteer
 Rhodenizer Zachary Volunteer

Volleyball

McCoy Amanda Head Coach
 Clemmer Karen Asst. Coach
 Copsy Davina JV Coach
 Hamilton Lynn Volunteer
 Kinkaid Hannah Volunteer

Boys' Cross Country

Tisone Julie Head Coach

Girls' Cross Country

Bowring Chris Head Coach
 Chaos Holly Volunteer
 Golf
 Miller David Head Coach

Cheerleading

Abell Crissie Head Coach
 Polly Tasha Asst. Coach

MRMS**Volleyball**

Camden Candy Head Coach

Cross Country

Black Vicki Head Coach

BUSINESS ITEMS

Upon recommendation by Vice-Chairman Lewis, motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Lovell, and passed by a 4-0 vote, the Board approved debt service payments in the amount of \$2,381,228.96 due July 15, 2017 to US Bank for Rockbridge County Public School VPSA bonds.

Upon recommendation by Vice-Chairman Lewis, motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Lovell, and passed by a 4-0 vote the Board approved payment of bills and budget amendments in the amount of \$66,335.64.

- Trustee Brooks stated that he had questioned, and received an explanation earlier in the week, on one amount which was Interactive Health Technologies.
- Matthew Crossman responded that the project initiated by the MRMS PE teachers which will be used for the health aspect during the PE class but also for the math class and the STEM classes at MRMS will use the data for statistical purposes; truly a cross-curriculum project. The project involves 150 fitness wristbands needed each class period for a six period day. The funding came from the Rockbridge County Public Schools Foundation, RCPS, CTE through the Perkins Grant, and the MRMS 21st Century Learning program. There is funding for the program to be on-going.
 - Trustee Brooks noted that the one of the expense comes out of the RCPS budget, as reimbursement comes from the Foundation.
 - Vice-Chairman Lewis stated that the concept was originated with the Central Elementary School PE teachers with positive learning from the project.

- Trustee Brooks stated that the board members do contact the Superintendent and Central Office staff if there are questions on the expenditures and do not just automatically approve consent agendas.

Upon recommendation by Vice-Chairman Lewis, motion by Trustee Lovell, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and passed by a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the carry over grant appropriation to Fund 50, Title I 2016, in the amount of \$134,287.00

Upon recommendation by Vice-Chairman Lewis, motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Lovell, and passed by a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the carry over grant appropriation to Fund 50, Title II 2016, in the amount of \$89,368.00.

Upon recommendation by Vice-Chairman Lewis, motion by Trustee Lovell, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and passed by a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the carry over grant appropriation to Fund 50, VIB IDEA 611 2016, in the amount of \$522,906.00.

Upon recommendation by Vice-Chairman Lewis, motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Lovell, and passed by a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the carry over grant appropriation to Fund 50, VIB 619 2016, in the amount of \$1,324.00.

Upon recommendation by Vice-Chairman Lewis, motion by Trustee Lovell, seconded by Trustee Strong, and passed by a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the carry over grant appropriation to Fund 50, 21st Century MRMS 2016, in the amount of \$87,157.00.

Upon recommendation by Vice-Chairman Lewis, motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Lovell, and passed by a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the carry over grant appropriation to Fund 50, Civics 2017, in the amount of \$19,053.00.

Upon recommendation by Vice-Chairman Lewis, motion by Trustee Lovell, seconded by Trustee Strong, and passed by a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the new grant appropriation to Fund 50, RACE to GED 2017, in the amount of \$16,000.00.

Upon recommendation by Vice-Chairman Lewis, motion by Trustee Lovell, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and passed by a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the new grant appropriation to Fund 50, GAE 2017, in the amount of \$8,256.00.

Upon recommendation by Vice-Chairman Lewis, motion by Trustee Lovell, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and passed by a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the new grant appropriation to Fund 50, AFELA 2017, in the amount of \$76,721.00.

- Vic-Chairman Lewis clarified that the items approved were not part of the aspirational funding and represent another source of revenue.
 - Mr. Crossman verified that these are specialized programs of which we would not be able to provide services out of the regular operating budget stating that funding is sought by writing grants which requires a lot of reporting.
 - Trustee Brooks requested that with MUNIS software capabilities, line items that are grant expenditures be noted as such.
 - Mr. Crossman stated that it will be noted in future presentations.

BUDGET PLANNING: No discussion

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Brooks stated that he will be meeting with the VSBA staff on July 12, 2017 in regards to the Legislative Review Plan for the year which will include discussion of upcoming mandates.

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Dr. Thompson presented information on the VSBA Media Honor Roll. If there are nominations, action will need to take place at the August 2017 meeting of the Rockbridge County School Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION ITEMS:

Upon recommendation by Vice-Chairman Lewis, and passed by a 4-0 roll call vote, the Board approved Phillip J. Thompson, Agent; Haywood M. Hand, and David S. Daniels, Deputy Agents, to examine and approve the payment of claims, warrants, vouchers, or payrolls on behalf of the Rockbridge County School Board in accordance with Article 6, Section 22.1-122 of the Code of Virginia; warrants shall be signed by such Agent or Deputy Agent and countersigned by the Clerk of the School Board, payable to person or persons firm or corporation entitled to receive such payments.

Upon recommendation by Vice-Chairman Lewis, motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Lovell, and passed by a 4-0 vote, the Board appointed Haywood Hand as Deputy Clerk for the calendar year 2017.

Upon recommendation by Vice-Chairman Lewis, motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Lovell, and passed by a 4-0 vote, the Board appointed Haywood Hand as Superintendent Designee for the calendar year 2017.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Brooks asked for clarification of timeline for the Energy Performance Contracting as he interpreted that a decision needs to be made in August and he wants to ensure that the Board of Supervisors make their decision in time to allow the contract to be signed in time.

- Vice-Chairman Lewis stated that the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors are aware of the deadline and that the Rockbridge County School Board has done all they can at this point. He also stated that the Ad Hoc Committee has met to share information on the Performance Contracting.
- Superintendent Thompson stated that the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors are meeting with the Lexington City Council on July 13, 2017 and will receive a presentation from TRANE at that time. If the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors approve the funding, the Performance Contracting project can move forward. He did note that the Central Elementary School and Fairfield Elementary School figures are not included in the data to be presented to the Lexington City Council.

Trustee Brooks requested that the Comprehensive Plan be placed on the agenda for the Rockbridge County School Board meeting of August 8, 2017.

Trustee Brooks stated that in reviewing Consent Agenda Items, he feels that fund raising requests need to be reviewed closer with set limits put in place.

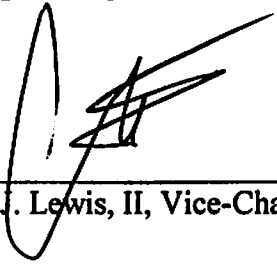
- Superintendent Thompson stated that this was discussed at the recently held Administrative Retreat relative to being reasonable and to give consideration to families. He stated his perspective that fund raising is a necessary evil to degree noting that it is better when the funds are going to a specific project or trip with the funds going in and out to serve the students of Rockbridge County, as opposed to a fund raiser with funds put into an account for future use in a year or two.
- Trustee Brooks stated that he feels there is a significant amount of families with low income who cannot afford to buy into fund raisers.
 - Trustee Strong stated that she feels the elementary level is the hardest and is in favor of the sponsored meals at restaurants as opposed to buying items that will not be used.
 - Superintendent Thompson stated that with some fund raisers at the elementary school level, there are incentive programs for the students to sell item, even if they do not benefit directly from the raised funds, there are is a personal reward. He stated that he will continue to monitor fund raising requests and to ensure that administration remains cognizant in their understanding of what needs to be done.
- Trustee Lovell stated her congratulations to the Mountain View Elementary School Parent Teacher Association and their yearly plan reflecting that they have great parents and teachers involved in support of the students.
- Vice-Chairman Lewis stated that he feels there are two issues in regards to field trips:
 - 1) He feels there is equity in all the schools doing the same field trips, in the same grade;
 - 2) He stated that his hope that students are enabled to have as many as they can siting that they are educational as well.
- Trustee Brooks stated that he feels there may be a need to review policy on field trips and to possibly increase the funding limit on field trips.
- Superintendent Thompson reiterated that this issue has been discussed at the recently held administrative retreat.

SCHOOL BOARD

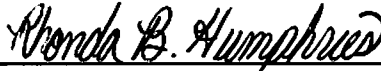
The next regular meeting of the Rockbridge County School Board will be on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 / 5:00 PM / Location: County of Rockbridge Administration Building, 150 South Main Street, Lexington, VA.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Lovell, and passed by 4-0 vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



Albert J. Lewis, II, Vice-Chairman



Rhonda B. Humphries, Clerk of the Board