

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Central Administrative Offices
511 Harrington Highway
Eden, NC 27288
June 29, 2020
1:00 p.m.

Special Called Board Meeting – Via ZOOM and Conference Call in for Board Members
The public access via Facebook Live Stream

Present: Ms. Paula Rakestraw, Board Chair and Mr. Bob Wyatt, Vice Chair. Board Members: Ms. Kimberly McMichael, Mr. Brent Huss, Mr. Doug Isley, Ms. Vickie McKinney and Ms. Amanda Bell. Administrative Staff present; Dr. Rodney Shotwell, Superintendent; Ms. Annie Ellis, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Sonja Parks, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Logistics; Mr. Nick Herman, Board Attorney and Ms. Renee Everhart, Board Secretary were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Rakestraw called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The Board members stated their names. Seven members were present at roll call. The Board Attorney Mr. Nick Herman joined via zoom call.

Approval of the Agenda: Ms. McMichael moved to approve the agenda. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval – Grounds Maintenance Service Contracting:

Ms. Rakestraw recognized Dr. Sonja Parks for comments regarding the Grounds Maintenance Service Contracting. Dr. Parks presented the bid received by the school district for grounds maintenance service contracting to the amount of \$196,695. Dr. Parks presented survey results from the principals stating 66.7% were satisfied with their current grounds servicer. Dr. Parks requested board approval to accept the grounds maintenance service contract as presented.

Action: Ms. McKinney moved that the Board approve to accept the low bid of \$196,695 for the grounds maintenance service contract as presented, Ms. Bell seconded the motion. The vote was 4/3. The motion failed. The majority vote was opposed with Mr. Huss, Ms. McMichael, Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Isley voting opposed to the motion.

Approval – Workers’ Compensation Insurance Renewal:

Ms. Rakestraw recognized Ms. Annie Ellis for comments regarding the Workers’ Compensation agreement. Ms. Ellis presented the current provided for Workers’ Compensation Insurance be continued with the North Carolina School Boards Trust for the renewal for 2020-2021.

Action: Ms. Bell moved that the Board approve the Workers’ Compensation Insurance contract for 2020-2021 as presented. Ms. McMichael seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

Approval – Gifts, Grants and Donations:

Ms. Rakestraw recognized Ms. Annie Ellis for comments regarding the gifts, grants and donations. Ms. Ellis presented the gifts, grants and donations to finalize the fiscal year end for 2019-2020 (Attachment 1-A).

Action: Ms. McMichael moved that the Board approve the gifts, grants and donations as presented. Ms. Bell seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

Approval – Budget Amendments:

Ms. Rakestraw recognized Ms. Annie Ellis for comments regarding the year-end budget amendments. Ms. Ellis presented the year-end budget amendments for board approval. (Attachment 2-A).

- State Public School Fund – Budget Amendment #17
- Local Current Expense Fund – Budget Amendment #18
- Federal School Fund – Budget Amendment #19
- Capital Outlay Fund – Budget Amendment #20
- School Food Service Fund – Budget Amendment #21
- Other Restricted Fund – Budget Amendment #23
- Local Current Expense Fund – Budget Amendment #24
- Local Current Expense Fund – Budget Amendment #25

Action: Ms. McMichael moved that the Board approve the final 2019-2020 budget amendments. Ms. Bell seconded the motion. The vote was 6/1. Mr. Isley voted in opposition.

Approval – 2020-2021 School Calendars for Dillard Academy / Traditional Schools and Early College:

Ms. Rakestraw recognized Dr. Shotwell for comments regarding the school calendars. Dr. Shotwell presented the Dillard Academy Year Round School Calendar, the Traditional School Calendar and the Early College Calendar for board approval. (Attachment 3-A).

Action: Ms. McMichael moved that the Board approve the 2020-2021 Dillard Academy, Traditional Schools and Early College calendars as presented. Mr. Isley seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

REPORT / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Modular Units at South End Elementary School Update:

Ms. Rakestraw recognized Dr. Sonja Parks for comments regarding the modular units for South End Elementary School. Dr. Parks provided an update on the modular units for South End Elementary School. Dr. Parks reported on June 12, 2020 a meeting was conducted that included participants from the City of Reidsville and Rockingham County Schools. Dr. Parks stated the district will be purchasing three modular units from Yadkin County Schools. Dr. Parks stated the cost to tear down, transport, setting up and pouring the footings is \$8,000 per unit Dr. Parks stated the required site plan will be completed by Summey Engineering Associates, PLLC. The total cost of the structural engineering is \$2,500. Dr. Parks stated Board Member Mr. Brent Huss has donated his engineering services to the district and will be completing all other site plan requirements. It was determined after Board discussion that an additional modular unit is needed, making a total of 4 units to be placed in the site engineering plans. Dr. Parks stated a fourth unit has not been located to purchase at the present time. The Board requested Dr. Parks locate and purchase an additional modular unit for a total of four modular units at South End School. Mr. Huss stated he would add the 4th modular unit to his site plans.

Action: Mr. Isley moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. McMichael. The vote was 7/0.

Minutes read and approved:

Ms. Paula Rakestraw, Board Chair
Rockingham County Board of Education

Dr. Rodney Shotwell
Superintendent of Schools

July 13, 2020