

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Central Administrative Offices

511 Harrington Highway

Eden, NC 27288

February 22, 2021

6:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

(Live Streaming for Public View)

Open Minutes

Present: Ms. Kimberly McMichael, Board Chair and Ms. Vicky Alston, Vice Chair. Board Members: Ms. Paula Rakestraw, Mr. Brent Huss (via zoom), Mr. Doug Isley (via zoom), Ms. Vickie McKinney and Mr. Bob Wyatt. Administrative staff: Dr. Rodney Shotwell, Superintendent; Dr. Terry Worrell, Interim Superintendent; Dr. Charles Perkins, Assistant Superintendent Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Sonja Parks, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Logistics; Dr. Cindy Corcoran, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services; Dr. Ken Scott, Executive Director of Human Resources; Ms. Annie Ellis, Chief Financial Officer; Board Attorney, Mr. Nick Herman and Ms. Renée Everhart, Board Assistant were present.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. McMichael called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The Board members stated their names. All seven members were present at roll call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. McMichael announced the next regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2021 at the Central Administrative Offices, 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC via live stream.

Ms. McMichael announced the Public Hearing on the 2021-2022 Proposed Draft Budget will be held during the regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2021 at the Central Administrative Offices. Ms. McMichael stated the sign-up sheet will be provided for Public Comments for the Public Hearing prior to the 6:00 p.m. start of the meeting.

Ms. McMichael announced the next Work Session of the Board of Education is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 2021 at the Central Administrative Offices, 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC via live stream.

Ms. McMichael read the press release regarding three McMichael High School students that received the Air Force Junior ROTC Flight Academy scholarship. Ms. McMichael congratulated the students on behalf of the Board noting they are 3 of 230 cadets around the world receiving the scholarship. Students are as listed below:

1. Jacob Swisher – 11th Grade Air Force Junior ROTC
2. Erica Atkins – 10th Grade Air Force Junior ROTC
3. Emma Wray – 11th grade – Air Force Junior ROTC

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board Chair Ms. McMichael requested a motion to amend the agenda as stated. Ms. Alston moved that the Board approve to amend the agenda to take action on an Interim Superintendent and to take this action as the first item of our Reports/Discussion items. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0 in favor.

Board Chair Ms. McMichael requested a motion to approve the Interim Superintendent's contract as stated. Ms. Alston moved that the Board approve an Interim Superintendent's Employment Contract with Dr. Terry Worrell for an initial term of March 1 to June 30, 2021, and that this contract be made part of the minutes of the board meeting. Mr. Wyatt seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0 in favor (Attachment 1-A).

Board Chair Ms. McMichael requested a motion to approve a Resolution regarding Dr. Terry Worrell's qualifications as stated. Ms. Alston made a motion the board approve the Resolution stating Dr. Terry Worrell's qualifications. Mr. Isley seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0 in favor. (Attachment 2-A)

Board Chair Ms. McMichael requested a motion to approve the amended agenda as stated. Ms. Alston made a motion the board approve the amended agenda. Ms. McKinney seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0 in favor.

SWEARING-IN Of DR. TERRY WORRELL:

Following board action for the approval of Dr. Terry Worrell as Interim Superintendent, Board Chair Ms. McMichael did swear in Dr. Terry Worrell by Oath of Office. The oath was read and sworn as listed below.

Oath: "I, Terry Worrell, swear or affirm that I will well and truly execute the duties of the Office of Interim Superintendent according to the best of my skills and ability, according to law; so help me God."

REPORTS / DISCUSSION ITEMS

RCS Cares About Your Safety Update:

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Stephanie Ellis for an update regarding COVID-19 data and guidelines. Dr. Ellis provided an update on COVID-19 data and vaccinations for the county. Dr. Shotwell stated he is proud of the teachers for their efforts and care of our students through the COVID pandemic. Dr. Stephanie Ellis presented an update regarding the COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Dr. Ellis stated, in working with the Rockingham County Health Department, the vaccination clinics for RCS employees are scheduled for employees March 7 (first vaccination) and March 28 (second vaccination). Dr. Ellis reported Rockingham County is reporting positive COVID-19 test results at 4.9% as of today, February 22, 2021.

Kindergarten Registration Information:

Ms. McMichael recognized Ms. June Nealy for information regarding the 2021 kindergarten registration. Ms. Nealy shared the kindergarten registration flyer for 2021 with the registration starting April 12 through May 7, 2021. Ms. Nealy stated Kindergarten 101 webinars (parent information sessions) will be provided via zoom for parents on the following dates. The links will be provided on the RSC website for the webinars.

- March 2 – 6:00 p.m.
- March 9 – 6:00 p.m.
- March 16 – 10:00 a.m.

Early College Draft 2021-2022 Calendar on First Reading:

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Charles Perkins for comment on the Early College School Calendar. Dr. Perkins presented the 2021-2022 Early College School calendar for 2021-2022 on first reading (Attachment 3-A). Dr. Perkins will present at the March 8, 2021 board meeting for consent approval on second reading. Dr. Perkins stated parents and community could comment via the website for feedback regarding the calendar.

Strategic Plan Discussion:

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Charles Perkins for a discussion regarding the Strategic Plan. Dr. Perkins suggested a Strategic Plan for the transition period of twelve to eighteen months. Board Members, Ms. Rakestraw and Ms. McKinney stated they would work with the Strategic Planning Team. Dr. Perkins stated the team will develop and present a timeline at the March 22, 2021 Board Work Session.

Transfer of Capital Funds for Purchase of Maintenance Vehicles:

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Sonja Parks for a request regarding a transfer of funds. Dr. Parks reported there are nine maintenance vehicles, one main van and a dump truck, which needs replacing due to high mileage, age and liability for safety. Dr. Parks stated a transfer of local funds (fund balance) to capital funds for \$461,875.68 needed to make the purchases. Dr. Parks provided a list of the 9 trucks and quotes (Attachment 4-A).

Energy Savings Performance Contract:

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Sonja Parks for comments. Dr. Parks reported work has continued well with Johnson Controls in regards to the Energy Performance Contract work. Mr. Daniel Boles with Johnson Controls presented a powerpoint presentation for the project update.

Planned Service Agreement 2-Year Contract Renewal with Johnson Controls:

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Sonja Parks for comments regarding the Planned Service Agreement. Dr. Parks stated the Planned Services Agreement with Johnson Controls allows the district to address the proper maintenance and repair service for the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment in the school district. Dr. Parks stated the two-year contract renewal is proposed to start 04/01/2021 lasting through 03/31/2023 for the annual amount of \$481,532. Dr. Parks will present for board action at the March 8, 2021 board meeting.

Student Assignment Timeline:

Ms. McMichael recognized Dr. Sonja Parks for information regarding the student assignment timeline. Dr. Parks stated Tuesday, March 23, 2021 begins the application process for reassignment with applications due by May 1. Dr. Parks stated the applications are available at all RCs Schools, RCS Central Office or online at www.rock.k12.nc.us/parents-and-students.

CLOSED SESSION

Action: Mr. Isley moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (1)(6) to discuss confidential employee considerations and matters and to preserve attorney client privilege. Ms. Rakestraw seconded the motion. The vote was 7/0.

The Board took a 10-minute break at 7:00 p.m.

Action: Mr. Isley moved to return to open session, seconded by Ms. Alston. The vote was 7/0.

OPEN SESSION

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Employments:

—Administration

—Licensed

—Classified

Jesse Joyce

Effective 3/1/21

Mykel Searcy

Effective 2/15/21

Lakeisha Watkins

Effective 2/22/21

Janet Yeager

Effective 3/1/21

TERMINATIONS:

—Licensed

—Classified

Nakyza Burton

Effective 2/1/21
TRANSFERS:
—Administration
—Licensed
—Classified
Vickie Scales
Effective 1/21/21
Resignations:
—Administration
—Licensed
Mark Stanzione
Effective 2/8/21
—Classified
Crystal Hughes
Effective 2/26/21
Retirements:
—Administrative
—Licensed
—Classified
Leave Requests:
None

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved to accept the personnel report as presented, seconded by Ms. McKinney.
The vote was 7/0.

The Board thanked Dr. Ellis for her endless work.

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

Minutes read and approved:

Ms. Kimberly McMichael, Board Chair
Rockingham County Board of Education

Dr. Rodney Shotwell
Superintendent of Schools

March 8, 2021