

**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Central Administrative Offices**  
**511 Harrington Highway**  
**Eden, NC 27288**  
**March 25, 2019**  
**WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Present: Mr. Brent Huss, Board Chair and Ms. Paula Rakestraw, Vice Chair. Board Members: Ms. Amanda Bell, Mr. Bob Wyatt, Ms. Kimberly McMichael and Mr. Doug Isley. Administrative staff: Dr. Rodney Shotwell, Superintendent; Dr. Sonja Parks, Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Logistics; Dr. Charles Perkins, Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Annie Ellis, Financial Officer; Mr. Jonathan Craig, Executive Director of Human Resources and Athletics; Dr. Cindy Corcoran, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services; and Ms. Renee Everhart, Board Clerk were present. Board Member Mr. Wayne Kirkman was absent.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Huss called the meeting to order. Six members were present.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Huss announced the next regular board meeting of the Rockingham County Board of Education will be at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, April 8, 2019 at Central Administrative Offices, 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC.

Mr. Huss announced the Board will hold a Public Hearing on the request budget for the 2019-2020 school year on Monday, April 8, 2019 during the regular board meeting. Ms. Ellis will present the request budget and the public is welcome to comment. A sign-up sheet will be provided for those wanting to speak during the public hearing.

Mr. Huss announced there is no work session scheduled in April. The school district spring break is scheduled for April 22-26, 2019.

Mr. Huss announced the next regular board meeting of the Rockingham County Board of Education will be at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, May 6, 2019 at Central Administrative Offices, 511 Harrington Highway, Eden, NC. Mr. Huss added the meeting may be held at Reidsville High School but the board will make a decision soon.

### **REVIEW ITEMS / REPORTS**

#### **Discussion of Proposed 2019-2020 Budget:**

Mr. Huss recognized Ms. Annie Ellis for comments regarding the 2019-2020 request budget. Ms. Ellis reviewed the request budget and answered questions. Ms. Ellis will present the budget for public hearing and additional discussion at the April 8, 2019 board meeting.

#### **Review of the Kid's Companion Before and After School Program – Suggested Fee Increase:**

Mr. Huss recognized Dr. Stephanie Ellis for a report on the after school child care program rate increase proposal. Dr. Ellis provided a report as well on the program (Attachment 1-A) and answered questions. Dr. Ellis will present to the board at the April 8, 2019 board meeting for board approval.

#### **Board Retreat:**

Mr. Huss recognized Dr. Shotwell. Dr. Shotwell turned the floor over to Board Member Ms. Paula Rakestraw for comments regarding the board retreat. Ms. Rakestraw recommended the board have a retreat or form of training to establish goals for the board and recognize the strengths of each board member. After board discussion, Dr. Shotwell was directed to gather information on Master Board training provided through NCSBA. Dr. Shotwell will present for the April 8 meeting.

**Rockingham Transformed:**

Mr. Huss recognized Ms. Brandy Smith for comments regarding Rockingham Transformed. Ms. Smith presented a report on Rockingham Transformed (Attachment 2-A), a program to revamp the appearance of schools, homes and buildings, with community involvement and community funding. The highlights of the program which involve the following project:

1. Transform Rockingham County High School
2. Transform Houses in Rockingham County
3. Transform Old Wentworth School

**Legal Services RFP:**

Mr. Huss recognized Dr. Shotwell for comments regarding the legal services RFP. Dr. Shotwell presented the following dates for board interviews of the attorney firms and approve the attorney firm. The board will be meeting on the following dates to interview and make the board attorney selection as listed below. The Board determined to prepare a set of questions for the interviews. Dr. Shotwell stated the RCS Technology Department will provide web-ex services for remote meeting if a firm is not available to be present for the in-person interview.

- March 29, 2019 at 1:00 – 4:00 pm. – Interview of Attorney(s) at Central Office
- April 1, 2019 at 1:00 – Board Approval of Attorney(s) at Central Office

**Discuss Public Comments:**

Mr. Huss recognized Board Vice Chair, Ms. Rakestraw for comments on the board’s public comment statement. Ms. Rakestraw stated she had consulted with Board Attorney, Elizabeth Troutman regarding a revision to the board’s public comment statement. Ms. Rakestraw presented for the revised statement for board discussion (Attachment 3-A). The revised board public comments statement will be presented for board approval at the April 8, 2019 regular meeting.

**Discuss of Johnson Street Property:**

Mr. Huss recognized Dr. Sonja Parks for comments on the Johnson Street property. Dr. Parks presented a report regarding the North End School (Johnson Street) located at 920 Johnson Street in Reidsville. Dr. Parks presented the building and land as possible surplus property and outlined that process (Attachment 4-). Dr. Parks stated she will prepare for disposition of the surplus property for board approval at the April 8, 2019 regular board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Action: Mr. Wyatt moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Isley. The vote was 6/0.

Minutes read and approved:

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Brent Huss, Chairperson  
Rockingham County Board of Education

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Dr. Rodney Shotwell  
Superintendent of School

April 8, 2019