

Rowan County Board of Education Regular Meeting

January 20, 2015, 6 p.m.

Rowan County Board of Education

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson

Mr. Danny Mabry

Mr. William Redwine

Mrs. Brenda Stamm

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Rick Whelan

1. Open meeting

1.a. Call meeting to order

Chairman Bill Redwine called the meeting to order.

1.b. Pledge of Allegiance

Alivia Litton, RCMS student, led the board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.c. Recognize visitors and guests

1.c.- Recognize board members as the month of January is school board member recognition month

Superintendent Moore noted that the month of January is school board member recognition month and asked board members to come to the front of the stage. He then presented each board member with two framed certificates. He noted that the schools have been asked to contact board members also for lunch.

Superintendent Moore noted that Rick Whelan was absent due to a family emergency.

1.c.- School presentation by RCMS

Jay Padula noted that the choir and speech team would be performing as part of the school presentation for the middle school.

Under the direction of Amanda Wells, choral teacher, sixth and seventh grade choral students sang "My Old Kentucky Home." Superintendent Moore noted that an anonymous donor gave over \$10,000 to the choir to help with their needs.

Carmen Alderman, Dylan Simmons, and Jayden Stone, members of the School to Watch student steering committee, shared a narrative about the middle school.

Paula Stafford shared a news clip shown on WLEX news where middle school students collected donated cans of food and then formed a human food chain to deliver the canned food items to the community soup kitchen.

The following RCMS speech team students performed "The RCMS Whiz:" Emily Baldrige, Katie Bonney, Madison Donovan, Kinsey Eisenhour, Boston Enderle, Kennealy Roberts, Alyssa Thomas, Gaige Webb, and Jordan Whittaker.

Paula Stafford noted that board members were given a gift bag which included a Viking shirt.

Superintendent Moore and the board thanked the students and staff for their excellent presentation.

2. Approve regular business items

2.a. Approve regular December 16, 2014; special January 12, 2015; and special January 14, 2015, board meeting minutes

2.b. Approve payment of monthly claims

Motion Passed: Motion to approve regular business items passed with a motion by Mr. Danny Mabry and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mr. William Redwine	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Absent

3. Personnel report

Superintendent Moore gave the following personnel report:

Employment

Ashley, Jessica	employ as a custodian at Rowan County Senior High School effective January 12, 2015
Ginter, Lyndsey	employ as a part-time Title I aide at Tilden Hogge Elementary for the remainder of the 2014 - 2015 school year effective January 5, 2015
Issac, Celia Brook	employ as a second grade teacher at McBrayer Elementary for the remainder of the 2014 - 2015 school year effective January 5, 2015
Napier, Lyndsey	employ as an instructional aide at Clearfield Elementary effective January 12, 2015
Rigsby, Roxan	employ as a custodian at Rowan County Middle School effective January 12, 2015

Resignations

Crum, Mary	resign as a nurse with the Rowan County Schools effective January 27, 2015
Hayslip, Krista	resign as an agriculture teacher at Rowan County Senior High School effective February 28, 2015
Hildebrandt, Michelle	resign as second assistant girls' soccer coach at Rowan County Senior High School effective January 9, 2015

4. Treasurer's report

Superintendent Moore gave the treasurer's report reflecting a balance in the general fund of \$2,745,000.08.

5. Trane update

Jon Lehr from Trane gave an intelligent services update on the energy savings for Rowan County Senior High School, McBrayer Elementary, and Tilden Hogge Elementary. He noted the total electric and gas savings for 2014 as being \$67,205.

6. Report on Unbridled Learning

Mike Mathews reported on Unbridled Learning and gave a few updates on testing. He noted that Rowan County Schools are in the middle of ACCESS testing for the English Language Learners, and staff members hope to receive the ACCESS scores back in late April or the beginning of May. The next rounds of end-of-course (EOC) testing will occur on February 4, 5, 6, 9, and 10, 2015. Mike Mathews said the ACT test will be given on March 3, 2015, at the Carl Perkins Center. He noted that the location had to be changed from the Morehead Conference Center (polling place) to the Carl Perkins Center due to a special election being held on March 3, 2015, to replace Walter Blevins as senator. The new AMO (Annual Measurable Objective) has just been released from KDE in which the primary program review will be calculated into this year's AMO along with removing the science accountability. The AMO will be released to the public once it has gone through the Quality Control Process. Mike Mathews noted that the school report card will be updated once the AMO is released to the public.

Bill Redwine noted that school will be in session on March 3, 2015, during the special election.

Superintendent Moore noted that March 15, 2015, is the make-up date for the ACT test.

Bill Redwine noted that he had an opportunity on Saturday, January 17, 2015, to meet one of the candidates for senator. He suggested that he, Superintendent Moore, and Danny Mabry have a sit down, face-to-face meeting with the senator candidates before March 3, 2015, to discuss public education needs. Superintendent Moore noted that he met with one of the candidates also and asked that there be no more mandates without revenue as it's killing school districts.

7. Approve school calendar for 2015 - 2016

Superintendent Moore noted that two more school calendars for 2015 - 2016 were put together for the board to consider. He said the only difference between the two calendars is one has two full weeks off for Christmas break while the other has school in session on the first Monday and Tuesday during the two-week Christmas break. He said the calendars have a start date of Thursday, August 13, 2015, with the last day scheduled for May 12, 2016. He said the board can amend the calendar anytime and noted that the calendar is not due in Frankfort until March.

Jennifer Anderson and Danny Mabry said they like having two weeks off for Christmas break.

Denine Sergent noted that the ACT test is scheduled for March 1, 2016, with a make-up date of March 15, 2016.

Superintendent Moore noted that the testing window is the last fourteen days of school.

2015 - 2016 School Calendar (Option 1. a.)

August 7, 2015.....professional development
August 10, 2015.....professional development
August 11, 2015.....opening day
August 13, 2015.....first day for students
September 7, 2015.....**Labor Day holiday**
October 1, 2015.....professional development
October 2, 2015.....work day
November 3, 2015.....professional development
November 25, 2015.....work day
November 26, 2015.....**Thanksgiving holiday**
November 27, 2015.....day not in calendar
December 21-24, 2015.....days not in calendar
December 25, 2015.....**Christmas day holiday**
December 28, 2015 - January 1, 2016.....days not in calendar
January 18, 2016.....**Martin Luther King holiday**
February 15, 2016.....work day
March 23-25, 2016.....spring break
April 18, 2016.....work day
May 12, 2016.....last day for students
May 13, 2016.....closing day
May 16, 2016.....make-up day
May 17, 2016.....Election Day
May 18-27, 2016.....make-up days
May 30, 2016.....Memorial Day
May 31, 2016 - June 15, 2016.....make-up days

Motion Passed: Motion to approve Option 1 a. for the school calendar for 2015 - 2016 passed with a motion by Mr. Danny Mabry and a second by Mrs. Brenda Stamm.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mr. William Redwine	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Absent

8. Approve nutrition and physical activity report card for 2014

Glen Teager reported on the nutrition and physical activity report card for 2014. He noted that participation numbers were down. Bill Redwine questioned if participation was down due to what is being served in the kitchen because of federal mandates. Glen Teager said participation is down due to drastic changes required to meet guidelines. He noted that the school system is on lower blood pressure sodium than what patients are on at the hospital.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve nutrition and physical activity report card for 2014 passed with a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson and a second by Mr. Danny Mabry.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mr. William Redwine	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Absent

9. Review the 2015 - 2016 draft budget

Superintendent Moore noted that this is just a draft budget. Glen Teager noted that the school district will be taking a minimum cut of \$47,500 in this year's budget but will probably lose \$75,000 overall based on growth. Superintendent Moore noted that the mandated 2 percent raise next year will cost the board \$200,000. He said last year the board did everything they could to keep hands in the classroom, and he challenges the principals and central office staff to do the same this year.

Bill Redwine said when there are cuts out of an already tight budget, it comes back to putting it on the local tax base and local taxpayers. He said there needs to be a meeting with senator candidates to let them know this is the kind of thing they need to review.

Motion Passed: Motion that the board reviewed the 2015 - 2016 draft budget passed with a motion by Mr. Danny Mabry and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mr. William Redwine	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Absent

10. Review audit proposal from Kelley, Galloway & Company, PSC

Superintendent Moore noted that Kelley, Galloway & Company has been doing the audit for the last several years. Glen Teager noted that this is their annual audit proposal which has a slight price increase due to the new GASB regulation. He said the last time audit bids were solicited, only one bid was received as there are not many in the school audit business anymore. He said he has requested a new person be sent each year so that there are new eyes to review records. He said Kelley, Galloway & Company is a topnotch firm. Superintendent Moore said they do a thorough job.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve audit proposal from Kelley, Galloway & Company, PSC passed with a motion by Mr. Danny Mabry and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mr. William Redwine	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Absent

11. Approve resolution employing attorneys

Superintendent Moore noted that the board has been using Bob Chenoweth as the school board's attorney for years, and his fee is \$125 per hour. He said some attorneys charge \$250 to \$275 per hour. Bill Redwine noted that the mileage

reimbursement rate listed in the resolution is the same as the state reimbursement rate.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve resolution employing Bob Chenoweth as school board attorney passed with a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson and a second by Mr. Danny Mabry.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mr. William Redwine	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Absent

12. Approve technology plan

John Maxey gave an overview of the technology plan. He said it is a standard plan in order to participate in the federal program for discounts. He said overall the district is in really good shape network wise, and the high school will be brought up to speed when the upgrade is done. He said the biggest need across the district is funding for computer workstations. He said he thinks there is a good technology base across the district.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve technology plan passed with a motion by Mr. Danny Mabry and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mr. William Redwine	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Absent

13. Authorize superintendent to advertise for fiber contract

John Maxey said the fiber contract is being provided by Windstream, and the district gets an 80 percent discount through the E-Rate program. He noted that Windstream has been a good provider but noted that Time Warner has expressed interest in bidding on the fiber contract also.

Motion Passed: Motion to authorize superintendent to advertise for fiber contract passed with a motion by Mr. Danny Mabry and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mr. William Redwine	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Absent

14. Superintendent's report

Superintendent Moore noted that school councils from Rodburn Elementary, Tilden Hogge Elementary, and Rowan County Middle School met with the board last week; and school councils from Clearfield Elementary, McBrayer Elementary, and Rowan County Senior High School will be meeting with the board on January 21, 2015. He said he appreciates the schools sharing things they are doing to improve assessment and the quality of education for students and commended the schools that presented last week for a job well done.

Shayla Menville from the Morehead News said if the schools would compile data and send to her, she will publish the information in the Morehead News. She said Marvin and Lucy Moore submit a Rowan Review each week that is published. She said she is starting a series on school board members and administrators, and maybe the schools could share information also.

15. Other business

There was no other business.

16. Closed session to discuss pending litigation per statute KRS 61.810 (1) (c)

Motion Passed: Motion to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation per statute KRS 61.810 (1) (c) passed with a motion by Mr. Danny Mabry and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mr. William Redwine	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Absent

The board went into closed session at 7:23 p.m. and reconvened at 8:14 p.m. with no action being taken.

17. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Motion that the meeting adjourn passed with a motion by Ms. Brenda Stamm and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mr. William Redwine	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Absent

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent