

**Rowan County Board of Education Regular Meeting**

April 21, 2015, 6 p.m.

Rowan County Board of Education

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson  
Mr. Danny Mabry  
Mrs. Brenda Stamm  
Mr. Rick Whelan

Absent Board Members:

Mr. William Redwine

**1. Open meeting**

**1.a. Call meeting to order**

Danny Mabry called the meeting to order and noted that he would be chairing the meeting due to Bill Redwine being absent because of his mom being in the hospital.

**1.b. Pledge of Allegiance**

Danny Mabry led the board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.c. Recognize visitors and guests**

Superintendent Moore noted that the order for recognition of visitors and guests was going to be changed some. He then recognized the preschool center staff and students.

**1.c. - School presentation by Rowan County Preschool Center**

Shirley Anderson, preschool center director, played two songs titled "Who Let the Letters Out?" and "Let's Get Fit" while preschool students shared letters and exercise moves to the music. Superintendent Moore and the board thanked the preschool staff and students for their excellent presentation.

**1.c. - Recognize B. D. A. art displayed in board room**

Mike Kash, Bluegrass Discovery Academy teacher, noted the B. D. A. art displayed in the board room and recognized A. J. and Grant, M. S. U. students, as being present. A. J. and Grant noted their involvement in working with the students in art. Anthony Frei, B. D. A. student, addressed his art work displayed which included drawings of Marilyn Monroe and John F. Kennedy. He spoke of the inspiration behind his drawings and why he liked the B. D. A. Superintendent Moore and the board commended the B. D. A. students for their art work.

**1.c. - Presentation by Sandy Gullett, Morehead Art Guild**

Sandy Gullett, Karen Glancy, and some other members from the Morehead Art Guild presented \$500 checks to school principals or their representative to be used for art. Superintendent Moore noted that Jason Ratcliff, high school art teacher, and his students painted two murals located on the outside of the Rowan

County Board of Education. Superintendent Moore and the board thanked the Morehead Art Guild for the gift to the schools.

**1.c.- Report on New York trip taken March 29, 2015, through April 2, 2015**

Ray Ginter, Brandy Carver, Kellyn Gussler, and Ryan Anderson (RCSHS student) spoke about their experiences on the New York trip taken March 29, 2015, through April 2, 2015. Kellyn Gussler said the students, staff, and parents enjoyed the trip; and it gave some an experience they would normally not get to have. Ryan Anderson said taking on New York in four days was pretty tough to do. He noted sites seen on the trip and said it was pretty cool to go with the senior class and to be able to bond with them. He said he couldn't have asked for a better experience and thanked the board for the opportunity to hang out with staff and students.

Jennifer Anderson said as a parent, the trip was well organized. She said whatever they were doing, there was no waiting or fussing; and the students were great. She said they saw stuff they had never seen before and may never see again. She said it was an amazing trip.

Kellyn Gussler said there was no down time due to a packed schedule so everyone could see as much as possible.

Brandy Carver said there was a softball pink game tonight to raise money for Hunter Mitchell (Clearfield Elementary student with cancer), and high school staff members dressed in pink to support Hunter Mitchell.

**2. Approve regular business items**

**2.a. Approve regular March 17, 2015, and special March 23, 2015, board meeting minutes**

**2.b. Approve payment of monthly claims**

**2.c. Continue with KEDC membership**

**2.d. Approve leave of absence for Joanne Ernst for the 2015 - 2016 school year**

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

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

**3. Personnel report**

**Employment**

Black, Crystal	employ as assistant cheerleading coach at Rowan County Senior High School effective April 13, 2015
Fannin, Melissa	employ as cheerleader coach at Rowan County Senior High School effective April 7, 2015

**Resignations**

Ballard, Brenda	resign as cheerleading coach at Rowan County Senior High School effective April 1, 2015
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Halliday, Shelby resign as assistant cheerleading coach at Rowan County Senior High School effective April 6, 2015  
Hignite, Greg resign as head bowling coach at Rowan County Senior High School effective at the end of the 2014 - 2015 school year  
Prater, Keith resign as an assistant football coach at Rowan County Senior High School effective March 20, 2015

### **Retirement**

Black, Diane Fouch retire as an aide at McBrayer Elementary effective at the end of the 2014 - 2015 school year  
Dehart, Beverly retire as a cook/baker at Rodburn Elementary effective July 1, 2015  
Greenhill, Mary retire as a teacher at Clearfield Elementary and Rodburn Elementary effective June 1, 2015  
Planck, Brenda retire as a teacher at Rodburn Elementary effective at the end of the 2014 - 2015 school year  
Ramey, Wanda retire as a teacher at Rodburn Elementary effective at the end of the 2014 - 2015 school year

### **M. O. A. with Morehead State University**

Hitch, Belinda continuing with memorandum of agreement with Morehead State University for the 2015 - 2016 school year  
Keadle, Amy continuing with memorandum of agreement with Morehead State University for the 2015 - 2016 school year

### **4. Treasurer's report**

Superintendent Moore gave the treasurer's report reflecting a balance in the general fund of \$3,597,111.64.

### **5. Trane update**

Ernie Tacogue from Harshaw Trane gave an intelligent services update for Rowan County Senior High School, McBrayer Elementary, and Tilden Hogge Elementary. He reported the cumulative energy savings since December 2010 as being \$364,954. Superintendent Moore said the savings can be put back into the classrooms.

### **6. Report on Unbridled Learning**

Mike and Allison Mathews reported on Unbridled Learning and addressed assessment for learning - a key to motivation and achievement. The new mission is to ensure all students are expected to meet increasingly rigorous academic standards. Mike and Allison Mathews noted that all of this work supports the teacher efforts in Professional Growth and Effectiveness System.

### **7. Approve virtual school for Grades 6-12**

Ray Ginter and Brandy Carver reported on RAVE (Rowan Academy of Virtual Education). The purpose of RAVE is to establish a program to encourage students who are on home school to complete their high school education and to attain a diploma with RCSHS through virtual education using resources provided by the high school through the Internet using Odysseyware. To begin the RAVE program, only a few (10-15) Rowan County students that have elected to go to home school will be allowed to enroll. An application and interview process will be

developed to select students based on their desire to complete the program as average daily attendance will be paid based on the successful completion of coursework by students. A parent/student contract will be developed that includes a refundable deposit based upon successful completion of coursework, and parents must have access to a computer and Internet at home. The teacher responsible will develop a syllabi based on course requirements, monitor weekly progress, make weekly contact, do monthly progress reports, and provide student password for exams when the student is ready to take the exam. Program expansions may include adding Grades 6-12, ages beyond age 21, allowing part-time students to pay tuition per course, enrolling students from other counties with reciprocal agreements, and enrolling students from other counties without reciprocal agreements paying full-time tuition. Students will be required to meet the state minimum of 22 credits to graduate, and they will begin with a twenty-eight day trial basis. If students are failing after twenty-eight days, they will be given a full refund and removed from the program. Students that are behind their graduation class may take summer classes to catch up and pay full-time tuition per class. Ray Ginter noted that the program would start out with Grades 9-12 and eventually grow to Grades 6-12.

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve virtual school for Grades 6-12 passed with a motion by Mr. Rick Whelan and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

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

**8. Approve payment for hotel rooms for the RCSHS speech team to attend the national speech tournament in Dallas, Texas, on June 13-21, 2015**

Superintendent Moore noted that several students qualified for the national speech tournament, and the speech team has asked for help with the cost for hotel rooms. He said the cost will probably be around \$2,200 to pay for hotel rooms and noted that the board has helped with this cost in the past. He said the speech team will take care of the rest of the cost to attend the tournament.

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve payment for hotel rooms for the RCSHS speech team to attend the national speech tournament in Dallas, Texas, on June 13-21, 2015, passed with a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson and a second by Mr. Rick Whelan.

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

**9. Authorize superintendent to negotiate purchase and subsequent lease of KCTCS Rowan campus site on Viking Drive**

Superintendent Moore noted that he has met with technical college staff members several times regarding the technical college property. He said board members will make the final decision regarding any negotiations made to purchase the KCTCS (Kentucky Community and Technical College System) property on the Rowan campus site on Viking Drive.

**Motion Passed:** Motion to authorize superintendent to negotiate purchase and subsequent lease of KCTCS Rowan campus site on Viking Drive passed with a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson and a second by Mr. Rick Whelan.

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

**10. Approve Kentucky Community and Technical College System lease modification agreement for lineman's class**

Superintendent Moore noted that the Kentucky Community and Technical College System is requesting use of the parking lot on 415 West Sun Street for a lineman training program. A portable building and utility poles will be placed on the lot for training; and if the lease agreement is cancelled, the lessee will leave the lot in the same condition as it was at the beginning of the lease. Superintendent Moore said the lineman's class will create about four jobs for the community and give people an opportunity to learn how to climb electric poles. He said lineman jobs pay anywhere from \$20 to \$30 per hour. Glen Teager noted that the hiring rate is 100 percent for anyone completing the lineman's class. He said the class was full as soon as word got out and noted that there was a waiting list for the class.

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve Kentucky Community and Technical College System lease modification agreement for lineman's class passed with a motion by Mr. Rick Whelan and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

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

**11. Approve lease renewal with head start**

Superintendent Moore noted that head start pays the board \$125,000 per year for space at the preschool center, and the head start students then become students in the Rowan County Schools.

Shirley Anderson said head start has sixty three-year old students, and those students transition to preschool at the age of four. She said head start is a feeder program for the preschool program and then those students go on to kindergarten.

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve lease renewal with head start passed with a motion by Mrs. Brenda Stamm and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

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

**12. Approve public hearing report from the April 7, 2015, district facility plan public hearing**

Glen Teager said he has already sent an audio of the April 7, 2015, district facility plan public hearing to the Kentucky Department of Education and noted that there was no public comment during the hearing. He said the last step is to get board approval so the Kentucky Department of Education can put the district facility plan on their board agenda for approval.

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve public hearing report from the April 7, 2015, district facility plan public hearing passed with a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson and a second by Mr. Rick Whelan.

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

**13. Approve insurance coverage with Liberty Mutual and Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance for property insurance, fleet insurance, educator's legal liability, and general liability as well as the umbrella coverage at a rate of \$193,182 for the 2015 - 2016 school year**

Superintendent Moore said the rates for insurance coverage for property insurance, fleet insurance, educator's legal liability, general liability, worker's compensation, and student insurance went up in some areas and down in other areas. He said the overall rate for all insurance coverage this year is about the same as what the board paid last year.

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve insurance coverage with Liberty Mutual and Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance for property insurance, fleet insurance, educator's legal liability, and general liability as well as the umbrella coverage at a rate of \$193,182 for the 2015 - 2016 school year passed with a motion by Mr. Rick Whelan and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

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

**14. Approve workers' compensation insurance coverage with Jack Roe Insurance Agency and Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve workers' compensation insurance coverage with Jack Roe Insurance Agency and Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance passed with a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson and a second by Mr. Rick Whelan.

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

**15. Renew student insurance coverage with Bob Roberts' Insurance**

Superintendent Moore noted the quote for student insurance was \$30,000 less than the amount paid last year.

**Motion Passed:** Motion to renew student insurance coverage with Bob Roberts' Insurance passed with a motion by Mr. Rick Whelan and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

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

**16. Authorize the superintendent to advertise for bids for bus repair parts and fuel**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to authorize the superintendent to advertise for bids for bus repair parts and fuel passed with a motion by Mr. Rick Whelan and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

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

**17. Approve a shortened school day request for one student**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve a shortened school day request for one student passed with a motion by Mr. Rick Whelan and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

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

**18. Amend the 2014 - 2015 school calendar**

Lucy Moore noted that most teachers probably have the professional development they need for this school year, but professional development days need to be included in the 2014 - 2015 school calendar so professional development can begin for the 2015 - 2016 school year after closing day this year.

**Motion Passed:** Motion to amend the 2014 - 2015 school calendar passed with a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson and a second by Mr. Rick Whelan.

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

**19. Set a special called board meeting for May 7, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. for a budget work session**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to set a special called board meeting for May 7, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. for a budget work session passed with a motion by Mr. Rick Whelan and a second by Mrs. Brenda Stamm.

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

**20. Superintendent's report**

Superintendent Moore reported the following:

- The KPREP windows are:

Elementary.....May 6, 7, 8, 11, and 12  
 Middle/High School...May 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11

- The Rowan County Middle School promotion ceremony will be on Thursday, May 21, 2015, at 7 p.m. at the M. S. U. Academic-Athletic Center.
- The Rowan County Senior High School graduation will be on Friday, May 22, 2015, at 8 p.m. at the M. S. U. Academic-Athletic Center.
- The end-of-course/quality core testing will take place at Rowan County Senior High School on May 12-19, 2015.
- Awards day for seniors will be on May 18, 2015, at 6 p.m. at the Rowan County Senior High School Performing Arts Center.
- The RCSHS summer school program will be held on June 1-19, 2015, from 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. daily at Rowan County Middle School due to renovations at the high school.
- The accepted high school students for the 2015 Governor's Scholars Program are as follows: Rachel Kazee, Kristen Ammons, Henry Colburn, Clarissa Gearner, Makda Mehari, Emily Moore, Samson Yang, and Sarah Purdy.
- Free sports physicals will be given on Saturday, June 6, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the old Rowan County Middle School cafeteria.

**21. Other business**

**21.a. Approve leave of absence for Larry Tapp for the 2015 - 2016 school year**

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve leave of absence for Larry Tapp for the 2015 - 2016 school year passed with a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson and a second by Mrs. Brenda Stamm.

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

**22. 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. Rick Whelan and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

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

The board went into closed session at 7:41 p.m. and reconvened at 9 p.m. with no action being taken.

### 23. 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	Absent
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Yes

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Superintendent