

Rowan County Board of Education Regular Meeting

November 17, 2015, 6 p.m.

Rowan County Board of Education

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson
Dr. Scott Davison
Mr. Danny Mabry
Mrs. Brenda Stamm
Mr. Rick Whelan

1. Open meeting

1.a. Call meeting to order

Chairman Rick Whelan called the meeting to order.

1.b. Pledge of Allegiance

Allesen Flanders, Rodburn Elementary student, and her brother, Tristan Flanders, preschool student, led the board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.c. Swear in Scott Davison as new board member

Willie Roberts, district judge, administered the constitutional and statutory oaths to Scott Davison, newly elected board member, and congratulated him.

1.d. Recognize visitors and guests

Superintendent Moore recognized Larry Coldiron and Bill Redwine, former board members, as being present.

1.d.- Recognize Larry Coldiron

Superintendent Moore asked Larry Coldiron to come forward and presented him with a picture frame which showed graduating students in the numbers 4610. Mr. Moore said the number represents the number of students that graduated during Larry Coldiron's time on the board.

Larry Coldiron congratulated Scott Davison as a new board member. He said the board has a big job, and they have one of the best superintendents in the state that will lead them in the right direction. He said Rowan County has a great school system, leaders, and staff; and he appreciates everyone.

Rick Whelan congratulated Larry Coldiron and noted that he took Larry's spot when he left the board. He said Superintendent Moore is going to receive an award on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, as KEDC Superintendent of the Year. He also noted that Superintendent Moore has been asked to serve on the commissioner's advisory council, and he will be one of sixteen superintendents on the advisory council out of 173 superintendents in the state. He said Rowan County has one of the best superintendents around, and he is finally being recognized for it.

Superintendent Moore said he's not trying to build a resume. He said there are a lot of good things going on, and it's not about him; but it's about the kids.

He said if everyone works together, things can happen; and there will be some tough decisions to make to get students' college and career ready.

1.d.- School presentation by Rodburn Elementary

Superintendent Moore said for the university students present, each of the schools are asked to do a school presentation for the board.

Superintendent Moore asked his secretary, Linda Bradley, to stand and noted that she was retiring for a grandbaby. He noted that Rhonda Read would be her replacement.

Andrea Murray, Rodburn Elementary principal, welcomed the newly elected board member, Scott Davison, and noted the sweet treats and a cookbook on how to cook a turkey that was given to each board member. She said the cookbook was decorated by the FMD students. Addison Buckner and Natalie Friedoff narrated the school presentation. Students from each grade level in Grades K-5 shared their sentiments on Thanksgiving, and students in fifth grade reported on the Mayflower.

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

2. Approve regular business items

2.a. Approve regular October 20, 2015, and special October 27, 2015, board meeting minutes

2.b. Approve payment of monthly claims

2.c. Approve leave of absence for Helen Puckett for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year

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

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Dr. Scott Davison	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Yes

3. Personnel report

Employment

Cox, Dallas	employ for the English teacher position at Rowan County Senior High School effective January 1, 2016, for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year
Crouch, Rhonda	employ as a seven-hour cook assigned to McBrayer Elementary for 125 days effective November 2, 2015
Grimm, Gary	employ for the custodian position at Rowan County Middle School effective November 30, 2015
Kelsch, Jerica	employ as a volunteer assistant coach for the girls' basketball team and as the scoreboard operator for the boys' basketball games effective November 17, 2015
Read, Rhonda	employ for the position of secretary to the superintendent with the Rowan County Schools effective January 1, 2016

Shire, Margaret employ as a six-hour cook assigned to Rowan County
Preschool Center for 98 days effective November 2, 2015
Thomas, Cindy employ as a 7.75 hour cook/baker with the Rowan County
Schools with assignment to be at Rodburn Elementary
effective November 9, 2015, for the remainder of the
2015 - 2016 school year

Resignations

Howard, Roger resign as a custodian at Rowan County Middle School
effective October 23, 2015
Thomas, Cindy resign as a bus monitor with the Rowan County Schools
effective November 6, 2015

Retirement

Ballard, Brenda retire as an English teacher at Rowan County Senior High
School effective January 1, 2016
Bradley, Linda retire as secretary for the superintendent with the
Rowan County Schools effective January 1, 2016
Mabry, Joyce retire as Title I clerk with the Rowan County Schools
effective January 1, 2016

4. Treasurer's report

Superintendent Moore gave the treasurer's report reflecting a balance in the
general fund of \$1,784,386.21.

5. Update on RCSHS renovation project

Peter Fisher from Ross-Tarrant Architects gave an update on the RCSHS renovation
project. He shared a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the following areas:
the phasing plan, progress to date on Phase 1, pictures of the locker rooms,
picture of the orange hallway common space, progress to date on Phase 4, picture
of common area in progress, picture of classroom work in progress, and Phase 7
(work started early).

Rick Whelan said "Meet the Vikings" is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2015;
and he would like to have the locker rooms open for the general public to see.
He said he wants everyone to come out and support the Vikings and to see the
locker rooms while they are clean and fresh.

6. Approve Pay Application No. 5 and direct purchase order summary and invoices for RCSHS renovation project

Peter Fisher said the invoices reflect work that has been installed. He noted
that there was one pay application in the amount of \$535.20 that has been paid.
Superintendent Moore noted that Glen Teager keeps him up to date on pay
applications to make sure the board doesn't double pay.

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Mr. Danny Mabry and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Dr. Scott Davison	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes

Mrs. Brenda Stamm Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan Yes

7. Report on Unbridled Learning

Allison Mathews reported on Unbridled Learning and addressed the newly added Program Review: World Language/Global Competency and shared a short video.

8. Approve non-resident contracts with Bath (one-for-one exchange with some exceptions made for sibling already attending Rowan County and "grandfather" clause), Carter, Clark, Elliott, Fayette, Fleming (one-for-one exchange), Lewis, Menifee, Montgomery, and Morgan counties. Students will be accepted based upon a screening of his/her academics, attendance, and discipline records from previous county

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Mrs. Jennifer Anderson Yes
Dr. Scott Davison Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan Yes

9. Discuss and give staff some direction for establishing the 2016-2017 school year calendar

Lucy Moore shared the university academic calendar for the fall semester 2016 with the board. She said if an election is taking place in the county, school cannot be in session.

Rick Whelan said the ACT test date schedule is more important than spring break.

Superintendent Moore said the board usually follows Morehead State University's fall break schedule for two days off in October. Rick Whelan suggested going to school when possible. Lucy Moore said professional development days are usually plugged in for the fall break days so no instruction time is lost.

Superintendent Moore said there will be a committee representing each school, and a proposed calendar will be brought back to the board in January or February for consideration.

10. Approve offer of assistance from the School Facilities Construction Commission in the amount of \$25,821 for technology to be matched equally by the board of education

John Maxey said the offer of assistance from the School Facilities Construction Commission is a standard offer received from the state. He said since all federal money has been cut, the only thing the district receives is the offer of assistance from the state. He said a committee will meet to distribute money equally to all the schools.

Superintendent Moore said there are computers in the schools that are eight to ten years old, and staff will be discussing how to best utilize dollars to upgrade technology.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve offer of assistance from the School Facilities Construction Commission in the amount of \$25,821 for technology to be matched equally by the board of education passed with a motion by Dr. Scott Davison and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson	Yes
Dr. Scott Davison	Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry	Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm	Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan	Yes

11. Superintendent's report

Superintendent Moore reported the following:

- The Veterans' Day programs at the schools were excellent last week.
- Thanksgiving meals will be served at all schools on November 18, 2015.
- Policy No. 09.422 on bullying/cyberbullying/hazing/menacing/harassment/harassing communications/stalking has been shared with the board for a first reading and will need board approval at the December board meeting.

Dr. Scott Davison expressed concern about the district's bullying policy in regard to students and parents possibly not understanding the potential implications of one section that reads students "shall" report all incidents of bullying. He said although the ideal situation would be for all students to report bullying, they may not understand what they've agreed to in the policy and could be held legally accountable if something beyond a student's control were to occur as a result of the harassment. He expressed concern about students committing themselves to report whether they want to or not and whether parents understand that their kids are committing to report everything that they witness. He said his concern is if a parent commits to a policy that requires his/her kid to report and something happens and it's not reported, the kid is liable.

Superintendent Moore said the board's attorney was asked to review the policy to help address issues not fully covered in the KSBA version. He said the board's attorney made some changes to strengthen the policy. He said he would check on Dr. Davison's concerns with the board's attorney.

Jennifer Anderson said the college and career fair at the high school was amazing. Brandy Carver noted that there were fifty-five vendors present, and there were a lot of students that asked good questions.

Danny Mabry asked if all the surplus property sold, and John Maxey said yes but noted that not all of the surplus property had been removed.

12. Other business

12.a. Approve shortened school day request for one student

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

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson Yes
Dr. Scott Davison Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan Yes

13. Closed session to discuss pending litigation per statute KRS 61.810 (1) (c) and real estate per statute KRS 61.810 (1) (b)

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

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson Yes
Dr. Scott Davison Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan Yes

The board went into closed session at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:15 p.m. with no action being taken.

14. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Motion that the meeting adjourn passed with a motion by Mr. Danny Mabry and a second by Mrs. Brenda Stamm.

Mrs. Jennifer Anderson Yes
Dr. Scott Davison Yes
Mr. Danny Mabry Yes
Mrs. Brenda Stamm Yes
Mr. Rick Whelan Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent