

April 19, 2016, 6 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting

Rowan County Board of Education Regular Meeting

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Rowan County Preschool Center

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

Allee Flanders led the board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.c. Recognize visitors and guests

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

Shirley Anderson's preschool students presented gifts to each board member, John Maxey (preschool liaison), and Mr. Moore. The students came up with the gift ideas and were very creative and thoughtful on what to get each person.

Shirley Anderson had a large turnout of students that presented two songs to the board members and audience.

Superintendent Moore and the board thanked the Rowan County Preschool Center students and staff for their excellent school presentation.

1.c.-. Report on New York trip taken March 20 - 24, 2016

Kellyn Gussler reported on the RCSHS senior trip to New York City. 49 students and 12 parents attended this trip. Kellyn noted it was a great trip and everything went smoothly. Kellyn Gussler introduced senior student representative, Emily Moore. Emily noted that it was a great experience with all of her friends. The culture aspect of the trip was the one thing that really stood out to Emily and a lot of students. Stepping off the bus in Times Square is a lot different than eastern Kentucky. Lisa Litton was the parent representative attending the NYC trip. Lisa noted every day the love for our kids was shown by the staff of Rowan County Schools. The staff guided the students, but still gave them freedom to do what they wanted. This was an experience many of these students will never enjoy again. Lisa said it was an eye opener for her to see just how much the staff does for the students. Lisa appreciates very much everything the staff provides to the students in Rowan County.

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1.c.-. Duo Interpretation by RCSHS Speech Team (Chas Jenkins and Daniel Meritt)

Ryan Brown, RCSHS speech coach, introduced two members of the speech team, Chas Jenkins and Daniel Meritt. They performed a duo interpretation. These two students will be attending the national speech tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah in June.

1.c.-. Presentation from RCSHS students (Nicole Plank, Sarah Purdy, and Sarah Elam) regarding early college experience which will allow them to graduate with associate degrees from MCTC

Ray Ginter introduced the following students who, when they receive their high school graduation diploma this year, will also be receiving an associate degree from MCTC: Sarah Elam, Sarah Purdy, and Nicole Plank. These students will already have 60 college hours. They will be starting college as juniors. Sarah Elam noted that she will be starting the nursing program in the fall. Sarah hopes to become a nurse midwife and maybe get her doctorate. Sarah thanked everyone for their support and the financial support she has received. Nicole Plank noted that she has been able to participate in multiple sports while obtaining this degree. Nicole feels this program has prepared her for college. Sarah Purdy thanked the board for giving her this opportunity. Sarah said it has been a struggle attending college classes and keeping a 4.0 GPA at the high school. Sarah also tutors 20 hours per week at MCTC. Sarah said her advice for upcoming students is "hard work and perseverance" is what it takes. Sarah will be attending U of L in the fall. Parents of the girls receiving associate degrees, Kim Elam, Becky Purdy, and Teresa Plank also thanked the board for their support and the opportunity for allowing their daughters to earn these degrees. The parents noted it has not been easy. There have been many struggles the girls have overcome with juggling classes and extra-curricular activities. However, they all agree, it has been a great experience for their daughters.

2. Approve regular business items

2.a. Approve regular March 15, 2016, board meeting minutes

2.b. Approve payment of monthly claims

2.c. Continue with KEDC membership

2.d. Approve a family medical leave for Jen Williams to tentatively begin on August 1, 2016, for maternity leave

Motion Passed: Motion to approve regular business items passed with a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson 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

Superintendent Moore shared the following personnel report:

Employment

Barnes, Stuart	volunteer as assistant coach for the Rowan County Vikings track and field teams effective March 15, 2016
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Howell, Chasity	employ as a 7 hour cook/baker with the Rowan County Schools effective March 21, 2016
Mers, Amanda	employ as a 7 hour cook/baker with the Rowan County Schools effective March 21, 2016
Noland, Bobbee	employ for the nurse position at Rowan County Senior High School effective April 13, 2016
Stevens, Mark	employ as an instructional aide at Rowan County Senior High School effective April 4, 2016
Terstappen, Lauren	volunteer as assistant coach for the Rowan County Vikings track and field teams effective April 15, 2016
Thornsberry, Donna	employ as a custodian at Rowan County Senior High School effective April 4, 2016

Contract Change

Ashley, Jessica	contract days decreased from 205 days to 185 days per year as a custodian at Rowan County Senior High School effective with the beginning of the 2016 – 2017
Pruitt, Tyler	contract days have been increased from 185 days to 205 days for the 2015 – 2016 school year as an athletic trainer for the Rowan County Schools

Employment Change

Plank, Cosba	employment extended by five additional days during the month of June 2016
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Resignations

Menix, Melinda	resign as a nurse at Rowan County Senior High School effective April 15, 2016
Shire, Margaret	resign as a cook/baker at Rowan County Preschool Center effective March 24, 2016

Retirements

Carter, Brenda	retire as a teacher at McBrayer Elementary effective at the end of the 2015 – 2016 school year
Marin, Joyce	retire as a teacher at McBrayer Elementary effective at the end of the 2015 – 2016 school year
Quillen, Christine	retire as an instructional aide at Rowan County Senior High School effective April 1, 2016

4. Treasurer's report

Superintendent Moore gave the treasurer's report reflecting a balance in the general fund of \$4,631,723.70.

5. Update on RCSHS renovation project

Peter Fisher was present from Ross-Tarrant Architects. Mr. Fisher gave an update on the RCSHS renovation project. Mr. Fisher noted that we are hitting the home stretch run. He shared a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the following areas: Phase 7 Football Locker Room - all finishes are complete and finalizing plumbing; Phase 9 Progress - additional demolition in administration suite complete, classrooms completed, commons area completed; Phase 8 - Main Entry Lobby: ready for drywall (new secure entry vestibule, new concession

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stand, new ceilings and ceiling soffits); and Phase 10 - finish up technology upgrades and corridor ceiling installations. Mr. Fisher included some before and after photos for everyone to see. Substantial completion is July, 2016.

Superintendent Moore commented that the renovation has changed the whole look inside of the building. Mr. Moore recommended that everyone go out and get a tour from the high school administration to see the changes that have been made. Superintendent Moore noted that he has been impressed with the architects and contractors for this project. Chairman Rick Whelan noted that the project is ahead of schedule and everything should be completed before students return to school in the fall. Chairman Whelan questioned about the cost for repaving the parking lot. Superintendent Moore noted the quote was for approximately \$78,000. Superintendent Moore noted that this is the original pavement on the parking lot and it is breaking up. Chairman Whelan noted that there have minimal change orders to the project which has saved money also.

6. Approve Pay Application No. 10 and direct purchase order summary and invoices for RCSHS renovation project

Peter Fisher noted that the design team has reviewed the direct purchase orders and the Pay Application No. 10 that was presented and it reflects the work that has been performed and materials that have been installed.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve Pay Application No. 10 and direct purchase order summary and invoices for RCSHS renovation project 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

7. Update from Harshaw Trane

John Lehr from Harshaw Trane gave an intelligent services update on Rowan County Senior High School, McBrayer Elementary, and Tilden Hogge Elementary. He reported the cumulative energy savings from December 1, 2010, through February 29, 2016, was \$440,677. The savings for 2015 was \$10,833 and savings through February 2016 are \$1,396.

8. Report on Unbridled Learning

Allison Mathews reported on Unbridled Learning. The Unbridled Learning Report included current status of Next Generation Learners, Next Generation Instructional Programs and Supports, and Next Generation Professionals. The elementary and middle school are finishing the MAP benchmark testing, KPREP Testing windows are: Elementary - May 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, and 10th, Middle School - May 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 9th and High school - May 9th and 10th. End of Course testing at Rowan County Senior High School will begin in May. External Program Reviews for all schools will be completed late April with final submission to the Kentucky Department of Education in May. Next Generation Professionals will include end of year evaluations on teachers, principals, and other professions.

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9. Approve payment for hotel rooms for the RCSHS speech team to attend the national speech tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah, on June 11-18, 2016

Ryan Brown, RCSHS speech team coach, addressed the board members and audience. Mr. Brown noted that speech team's success over the past three decades is due to the incredible curriculum in place in the classrooms at the middle school which carries over to the high school and the support received from the parents/booster members, administrators and board of education. The speech team won the Kentucky National Speech and Debate Association State Tournament and advanced five individuals to the national speech tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah in June 2016. Mr. Brown noted there are hundreds of students that compete across the state throughout the year. On average 25 students from the state will be invited to attend nationals and Rowan County has 5 of these students. Mr. Brown noted that the cost to attend the national tournament for a week is very expensive. The speech team and boosters are helping to fund this trip but they are asking for financial support from the board in order to be able to pay all of the expenses associated with this trip.

Jennifer Anderson noted that she does not think people understand how expensive it is for the speech team to participate in tournaments throughout the year. There are entry fees for students at every tournament. The parents give money and the boosters fundraise all year long. Speech, unlike some of the other school activities is very expensive and by the time students are attending nationals, the boosters are about tapped out.

Scott Davison thanked Ryan Brown for working with these students and his dedication to the speech program. Mr. Davison noted that it is remarkable to have 5 students out of 25 students in the state to qualify for the national tournament.

Motion Passed: Motion to approve payment for hotel rooms, rental vehicles, and coach's travel expenses for the RCSHS speech team to attend the national speech tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah, on June 11-18, 2016 passed with a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson and a second by Dr. Scott Davison.

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

10. Approve changing location of May regular scheduled board meeting to Clearfield Elementary School at 460 McBrayer Road, Clearfield, Kentucky and to change the June, July and August regular scheduled board meetings to the new Central Office at 415 Sun Street, Morehead, Kentucky

Motion Passed: Motion to approve changing location of May regular scheduled board meeting to Clearfield Elementary School at 460 McBrayer Road, Clearfield, Kentucky and to change the June, July and August regular scheduled board meetings to the new Central Office at 415 Sun Street, Morehead, Kentucky 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

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11. 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 \$185,540.00 for the 2016 - 2017 school year

Superintendent Moore noted that this cost is approximately \$1,000 less than it was 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 \$185,540.00 for the 2016 - 2017 school year passed with a motion by Dr. Scott Davison 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

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

Superintendent Moore noted that this cost is approximately \$8,000 less than it was last year. This is based on the number of claims submitted.

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. Brenda Stamm 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. Renew student insurance coverage with Bob Roberts' Insurance

Superintendent Moore noted that he talked to Bob Roberts last week and Mr. Roberts had stated that our student claims are up 160% over the past couple of years. The cost for student insurance coverage is approximately \$20,000 more this year.

Motion Passed: Motion to renew student insurance coverage with Bob Roberts' Insurance 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

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14. 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 Dr. Scott Davison 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

15. Amend the 2015 - 2016 school calendar

Superintendent Moore noted that the legislative calendar bill allows school districts that do not use their schools as polling places, to allow their students to attend school on Election Day. If approved, the last day of school will be May 20, 2016, with student dismissal at 12:30 p.m.

Superintendent Moore noted that the 2016 - 2017 school calendar may need to be amended. Lucy Moore noted that there is a strong possibility that the 2017 ACT test date will be scheduled on the Tuesday before our spring break. This year, when looking at the attendance rate for the day before spring break, we had over 100 high school students absent. Studies show students do not score as well on make-up tests. Schools have been surveyed on different calendar options for the next school year. The amended 2016 - 2017 school calendar will be on the next board meeting agenda to be approved.

Motion Passed: Motion to amend the 2015 - 2016 school calendar passed with a motion by Mrs. Jennifer Anderson and a second by Dr. Scott Davison.

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

16. Set a special called board meeting for May 4, 2016, at new central office at 5:30 p.m. for a budget work session

Motion Passed: Motion to set a special called board meeting for May 4, 2016, at new central office at 5:30 p.m. for a budget work session 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

17. Superintendent's report

Superintendent Moore reported the following:

- The KPREP windows are:

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Elementary May 4, 5, 6, 9, and 10
Middle May 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9
High School May 9 (10th Grade) and May 10 (11th
Grade) Testing will take place at the Morehead Conference Center

- The Rowan County Middle School promotion ceremony will be on Thursday, May 19, 2016, at 7 p.m. at the M.S.U. Academic-Athletic Center.
- The Rowan County Senior High School graduation will be on Friday, May 20, 2016, at 8 p.m. at the M.S.U. Academic-Athletic Center.
- Last day of school - Friday, May 20, 2016 - dismiss at 12:30 p.m.
- Rowan County Senior High School graduation - Friday, May 20, 2016 at 8 p.m.
- Awards day for seniors will be May 15, 2016, at 7 p.m. at the Rowan County Senior High School Performing Arts Center.
- The accepted high school students for the 2016 Governor’s Scholars Program are as follows: Harper Anderson, Jasarae McKinney, Grace Rogers, Molly Simpson, and Nicholas Anderson.

18. Other business

There was no other business.

19. Closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (b) (c) (f)

Motion Passed: Motion to go to into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (b) (c) (f) 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

The board went into closed session at 7:44 p.m. and reconvened at 9 p.m. with no action being taken.

20. Adjourn

Motion Passed: Motion that the meeting adjourn passed with a motion by Mr. Danny Mabry and a second by Dr. Scott Davison.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent