



Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

6:00 p.m. – via Zoom

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

The Rock Hill School District Three Board of Trustees met this date at 6:00 pm via Zoom with members present as follows: *Windy Cole, Mildred Douglas, Brent Faulkenberry, Terry Hutchinson, Helena Miller, Robin Owens, Ann Reid, and Superintendent Dr. Bill Cook.*

Chairman Helena Miller called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Miller stated that the local news media had been notified of the agenda for this meeting, in writing, on Thursday, May 21, 2020.

A motion was made by Windy Cole, seconded by Ann Reid, to approve the agenda as presented. The agenda was unanimously approved as presented, 7-0.

II. Recognitions

A. Recognition of Senior Class President – RHHS

To celebrate the graduating Class of 2020, senior class president of Rock Hill High School, Zaria Caldwell, shared what it means to be a Bearcat as well as highlights from the graduating class of Rock Hill High School.

B. Recognition of International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidates

Principals Ozzie Ahl, Marty Conner, and Hezekiah Massey recognized seniors who are current candidates for the IB Diploma at each of their respective high schools.

C. Recognition of Advanced Placement Scholars and Candidates

Principals Ozzie Ahl, Marty Conner, and Hezekiah Massey recognized seniors who have been designated as an AP Scholar or who are candidates for the award from either of their respective high schools.

D. Recognition of Dual Credit Students with 12 or more College Credits

Principals Ozzie Ahl, Marty Conner, and Hezekiah Massey recognized advanced studies senior who have or are finishing dual credit coursework for at least twelve college credits.

E. Recognition of Piedmont Region III Science Fair Winners

Science Instructional Specialist Ms. Kimberly Massey recognized students whose projects received recognition at the Piedmont Region III Science Fair.

F. Recognition of Seal of Biliteracy Recipients

World Language Specialist Delandris Jones recognized South Carolina Seal of Biliteracy Students and Global Seal of Biliteracy students.

G. Recognition of National History Day State Winners

English/Language Arts Specialist Queenie Little recognized students who placed at the National History Day State Contest.

III. Citizen Participation - None

IV. Consent Action Agenda

On a motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Windy Cole, the following topics on the consent action agenda were unanimously approved, 7-0: the minutes of the April 14, 2020 work session; the minutes of the April 27, 2020 business meeting; and, the personnel recommendations as submitted by the administration.

V. Action Agenda

A. Approval of Section “E” Policy – *Business Management* – 1st read

A motion was made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Windy Cole, to approve Policy **EBCB – *Safety Drills*** for 1st read. This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

B. Approval of Student Meal Price Recommendation

A motion was made by Mildred Douglas, seconded by Ann Reid, to approve the administration’s recommendation to maintain the current student meal prices for FY 2020-2021.

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

C. Approval of Suspension of Policy IHCA – *Summer School*

A motion was made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Robin Owens, to approve the the administration’s recommendation to suspend the student fee requirement in Policy **IHCA – *Summer School*** during Summer 2020 for both middle and high school summer school students.

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

VI. Communications - None

VII. Report of the Superintendent

A. Announcements

Superintendent Cook made the following announcements:

- As we prepare to return to school and work, a 53-member task force representing each school and division in the district has been formed to begin planning for various reopening scenarios for both summer operations and the start of the school year. We are evaluating elementary and secondary education, related arts, transportation, community response, athletics, and district policies. While guidance will be provided from the South Carolina Department of Education’s Accelerate ED task force, this work in our district is helping us to get ahead of the curve so we are better equipped to respond and act when we are able to resume normal operations. The district task force steering committee is being led by Dr. Luanne Kokolis, Dr. Tanya Campbell, Dr. Keith Wilks and Mr. Brian Vaughan. At a future date, the task force will begin Phase

2 and include additional community partners, parent representatives and other stakeholders.

- This year is one that will be remembered for many years, and district officials are actively working to celebrate and recognize the Class of 2020 in a variety of ways. Some of the ways you will see or hear how the district recognizes this special graduating class:
 - Two Billboards on I-77. Billboards will be located on the northbound lane near Exit 77.
 - High School Student Body President's Radio Advertisements
 - High School Class of 2020 Radio Show – a broadcast will be dedicated to each school and will air on WRHI, CN2 and Facebook.
 - Graduate Banners Around City of Rock Hill
 - Fountain Park Light Show – All lights at Fountain Park will be illuminated in each school's colors for one day each.
 - City of Rock Hill Knowledge Park Water Tower - will be illuminated in each school's colors for one day each.
 - Graduate Slideshow to be broadcast on Comporium channel 114.
 - Blow car horns, or for those at home, bang pots and pans together or simply clap on the front porch, following each ceremony to celebrate the Class of 2020. Times to be determined.
- Throughout the past two months our students and their parents, our staff, and our community have adjusted to a new way of teaching and learning. To better understand the experience of students and staff, two separate surveys were sent out last week to seek feedback on how eLearning has gone for students and their parents and our staff. The information we learn through the feedback survey will help the district's return to school/work task force to develop our plans for summer and fall re-entry. In the event parents did not receive the survey link via email, I invite you to visit our district and school websites or our social media pages to get the link and complete the survey. As of Thursday morning, more than 1,600 responses had been received from parents, and we appreciate everyone who has taken or will take the time to provide valuable feedback to help guide our planning efforts.
- We are looking forward to the new beginning that will come with the start of the 2020-2021 school year and invite families in our community to begin registering for four-year-old pre-kindergarten and kindergarten on our website today. New students to our community can also begin the registration process on our website. To get started, visit www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/enroll. Since our buildings remain closed, families have the option to upload or email residency verification documents and other application materials. On our website, you can learn more about our full day 4K programs, half-day programs, and tuition-based programs, as well as, general information about the many unique learning opportunities for students.
- As previously announced, Rock Hill Schools will host in-person open-air graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2020 at district stadiums on June 5 and June 6. In order to protect the health and safety of all attendees and observe guidance provided by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, and the South Carolina Department of Education, all graduates will be allowed a maximum of two guests.

In keeping with Governor McMaster's directives that allow school districts to hold events with more than 50 people all attendees will be subject to social distancing requirements. Additionally, all students, family members, and employees attending graduation are expected to wear a face covering until they are seated.

We are extremely pleased to provide our 2020 graduates with the graduation ceremony they have earned and so richly deserve. I am grateful for the input we received from this year's seniors and their parents, and for the ongoing dialogue with high school principals and student leaders that allowed us to identify and respond to the graduates' most pressing priorities. Finding a way to celebrate their accomplishments in-person and in the presence of their most honored guests has been a focus of our work over the past few weeks.

Recognizing graduates' desire to have friends and additional family celebrate this milestone, each ceremony will be streamed live and available on-demand on multiple outlets, including district and school websites and the Rock Hill Schools Facebook page. Following the ceremonies, each graduation will be rebroadcast on the Comporium Channel 114 as well as CN2 beginning June 15.

Additional details, including seating and parking plans, will be shared with graduates and their families this week by each high school principal. Tonight, Mr. James Brown will review for our community the plans that have been made. I would like to remind viewers and families that our district will continue to monitor and comply with all guidelines and safety precautions. While we have spent much time in planning for these special events and do not intend for any adjustments, we reserve the right to make any adjustments or requirements up until the day of the events.

- During this closure, our district's emergency operations has strived to maintain key district operations while being responsive to school, students, and community needs. Our 15 remote feeding locations have provided 137,968 total meals, and our Back the Pack program has increased its distribution to serve more than 1000 students each week. Two phone support hotlines continue to serve as an outlet for students and families to seek general and technical support. The technical support hotline has fielded 3,941 total requests and had 769 visitors. School and district administration remain in frequent communication with multiple scheduled Zoom meetings, and our EOC representatives continue to have daily interaction with York County Emergency Management and SC Department of Health and Environmental Control.
- During our closure, the Board of Trustees will continue to hold its regularly scheduled meetings. The School Board will next meet on Monday, June 8. As part of the June 8th meeting, the district will hold a public hearing on the FY21 budget at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be streamed on our website and available for viewing on-demand immediately following the broadcast. We invite our community to watch meetings and remain connected with our board processes during this time.

VIII. Review of School Board Work Session

Chairman Miller reviewed, for the viewing audience, the topics discussed at the May 11 work session.

IX. Other and Future Business

The Board discussed other and future business.

X. Executive Session

A motion was made by Windy Cole, seconded by Ann Reid, to adjourn open session and enter executive session for the following:

***Personnel Matter:** *Hiring*

***Contractual Matter:** *Tolling Agreement*

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

A motion was made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Windy Cole, to adjourn executive session and reconvene open session.

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

XI. Action as Required from Executive Session

A motion was made by Robin Owens, seconded by Terry Hutchinson, to accept the administration's recommendation for Interim High School Assistant Principal.

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

A motion was made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Ann Reid, to accept the administration's recommendation for Elementary Assistant Principal.

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

A motion was made by Brent Faulkenberry, seconded by Windy Cole, to accept the administration's recommendation for Elementary Principal.

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

A motion was made by Windy Cole, seconded by Ann Reid, to accept the administration's recommendation for Director of Human Services.

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

XII. Adjournment

On a motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Mildred Douglas the Board voted unanimously, 7-0, to adjourn the meeting.

Secretary

APPROVED: _____
Chairman

Submitted by:

Chris Gammons
Executive Administrative Assistant to Superintendent
and Board of Trustees