



Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Monday, September 24, 2018

6:00 p.m. - Central Office

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

The Board of Trustees met on this date at 6:00 p.m. with members present as follows: Windy Cole, Mildred Douglas, Terry Hutchinson, Helena Miller, Ann Reid, Jane Sharp and Jim Vining. Chairman Jim Vining opened the meeting. Breyden Cousar, a fifth grader at Lesslie Elementary School led in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Vining stated that the local news media had been notified of the agenda for this meeting, in writing, on Friday, September 21, 2018.

A motion was made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Helena Miller, to approve the agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved as presented, 7-0.

Chairman Vining stated that a group had asked to speak to the Board on a topic not on the agenda, which is not in line with policy. However, it was his recommendation that the group be allowed to speak at the end of the business meeting (under Communications). There were no objections.

II. Recognitions

A. Recognition of Karen Roof, 2018 SCAPES Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Ms. Karen Roof, Physical Education Teacher at India Hook Elementary School, in receiving the prestigious award of 2018 SC Association for Physical Education and Sports Teacher of the Year – Elementary PE Level. She is recognized for excellence in promoting physical literacy within the programming at India Hook. Ms. Roof will be formally presented with the award at the state convention in November in Myrtle Beach. Tonight, we recognize Ms. Roof for this honor and for her outstanding contributions to the students, school, and teaching profession.

B. Recognition of S.C. School Resource Officer of the Year, Sgt. Mike Johnson

Last spring, Rock Hill Police Department Sgt. Mike Johnson was named the South Carolina School Resource Officer of the Year. Sgt. Johnson has served the RHPD for 12 years and is the supervisor over SRO's in the district who work with RHPD. The award brings together SROs from the state who have exemplified excellence in their field. In Rock Hill, Sgt. Johnson has taken the entire SRO program to the next level by putting students first in all decisions. He pushes his officers to always make the right choice for the kids as well. He works closely with students at ATC, Dutchman Creek, Northwestern, Rawlinson Road, Saluda Trail, Sullivan and South Pointe. In an effort to continually improve the SRO program, Sgt. Johnson has worked with Winthrop University Professor Brad Tripp to research the program and explore ways to make Rock Hill schools safer for everyone. Sgt. Johnson was recognized on June 14 at the South Carolina Association of School Resource

Officers conference in Myrtle Beach. Sgt. Johnson could not be with us tonight, but we proudly recognize him in the community in which he serves.

C. Recognition of Grace Ministries

In honor of the 20th anniversary of Grade Ministries, Rev. Tim Boan and his congregation made a gift to benefit students in each of our 17 elementary schools. As an act of service to our community, the church donated \$850 to help elementary students who need financial assistance to pay for lunch balances. Each school received a \$50 check to make a difference for students in need. This gift illustrates that it takes the entire community, including the faith community, to make our school system function. We thank you, Rev. Boan, for demonstrating One Team, One Mission, One Rock Hill.

D. Recognition of New Administrator(s)

Superintendent Dr. Bill Cook introduced Mr. Gary Black, the district's new Food Service Contract Administrator.

E. Recognition of SC READY maximum Raw Scorers for 2017-2018

Eighteen students were recognized for achieving a maximum raw score on the SC READY assessment, a statewide assessment to measure college- and career-readiness. The standardized test is aligned to the South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards for grades 3 through 8.

III. Citizen Participation - None

IV. Consent Action Agenda

On a motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Helena Miller, the following topics on the consent action agenda were unanimously approved, 7-0: the minutes of the August 13 work session (incl. data session); the minutes of the August 15 called executive session; the minutes of the August 27 business meeting; personnel recommendations as submitted by the administration; process for securing legal services.

V. Action Agenda

A. Approval to Eliminate Policy EEAC – *Bus Scheduling and Routing*

A motion was made by Mildred Douglas, seconded by Ann Reid, to approve Policy EEAC – *Bus Scheduling and Routing* for elimination. This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

B, D-F. Approval of Section “E” Policies – 1st read

Policy EBCE, EBCE-R – *School Closings and Cancellations* was pulled from the group to be voted on separately.

A motion was made by Jane Sharp, seconded by Helena Miller, to approve the following policies for 1st read:

EA – *Support Services Goals/Priority Objectives*

ECAC – *Vandalism and Theft*

EEA/EEAC – *Student Transportation and Bus Scheduling & Routing*

EHB – *Data/Records Retention*

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

C. Approval of Policy EBCE, EBCE-R – *School Closings and Cancellations* – 1st read

A motion was made by Helena Miller, seconded by Jane Sharp, to approve Policy **EBCE, EBCE-R – *School Closings and Cancellations*** for 1st read. After discussion, the motion to approve this policy/administrative rule *with recommended changes*, was unanimously approved, 7-0.

G. Approval of Policy IKADD, IKADD-R, E – *Content and Credit Recovery* – 1st read

A motion was made by Mildred Douglas, seconded by Jane Sharp, to approve Policy **IKADD, IKADD-R and IKADD-E – *Content and Credit Recovery*** for 1st read. After discussion and a Board request for further input from teachers before the September work session, the motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

VI. Communications – Mr. Bakari Rawlinson and Mr. Derrick Crawford addressed the Board regarding the Ramah Football organization

VII. Report of the Superintendent

A. Announcements

Superintendent Dr. Bill Cook made the following announcements:

- Earlier this week, Money magazine released its annual Top 50 list of Best Places to Live, and Rock Hill was named the 49th and is one of only two cities in South Carolina to make the list. The magazine says the following about our city: “Combining decorous Southern charm with a vibrant arts scene, Rock Hill is one of South Carolina’s largest cities, as well as a thriving suburb of Charlotte, which lies 25 miles away across the state border. The Gettys Art Center, a longtime downtown jewel, houses a pottery center and a community art studio as well as the offices of the Hill City Church. A former courtroom on the second floor alternately hosts musical performances and church services. Residents look forward to the Come-See-Me Festival, a 10-day community celebration held every spring, featuring such diverse events like “Everything Trucks!” and “Moonlight Jazz & Blues.” We are proud of our city for this recognition and are excited to be a part of the growth in the Knowledge Park area.
- On Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m., all seven candidates for the Rock Hill Schools Board of Trustees will participate in a student-organized forum at the Central office. Student leaders from each of our high schools have joined together to plan this event in partnership with Mrs. Jennifer Morrison and Mr. Mychal Frost. While in-person attendance is encouraged, we want our viewers to know the two-hour long forum will be streamed live on the Rock Hill Schools Facebook page and on the district website.
- On Wednesday, September 12, our Instruction Department conducted a modern learner training with all district and school level instructional coaches using the LEAP, or “Learning Environment, Equitable Resources, Achievement, and Prepare for Success,” Instructional Framework. Principals and other district leaders have been participating in this training since the summer.
- On Thursday, September 27, district leaders will be hosting the first Lunch and Learn in a series of informational sessions for area Realtors. We believe this series of meetings will provide a rich opportunity to engage in dialogue with real estate agents about our school district and our unique programs that set our district apart from others in our area.

- On Friday, September 28, district leaders will be hosting the first Listen and Learn in a series of informational sessions for teachers from across the district. We believe this series of meetings will provide a rich opportunity to engage in dialogue with teachers about our school district.
- Thankfully, the Rock Hill area received little damage from Hurricane Florence. As you are aware, student safety & security is our first priority and we closed school on Friday, September 14 and Monday, September 17 in light of forecasts and consultation with local emergency management officials and school district officials, and our meteorologist. Our board-approved school calendar for 2018-2019 includes make-up days for situations such as this. As a reminder, we will make up Friday and Monday on February 15 and February 18, 2019. As information to our community, please know that state law requires districts to make up the first three days missed for inclement weather or emergency situations. In the event a district misses additional days, there is a process to seek forgiveness of the missed days. For example, missed days 4-6 can be waived by the local school board, days 7-9 can be waived by the state school board of education, and days 10-plus can be waived by the state legislature.
- On Tuesday, September 25, Dr. Cook and Director of Exceptional Student Education Dr. Nancy Turner, will be conducting an introductory training for ACES, or Adverse Childhood Experiences, with all principals and leadership within the district. We will also conduct this training on Wednesday, September 26 with all Central Office employees. This training is an ongoing, year-long effort that is part of the Board's vision for our district.
- After an action-packed summer, the Build on the Rock website has been updated with photos. You are encouraged to visit the district's capital building program, "Build on the Rock," website – www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/BuildOnTheRock - for more information. This website provides status updates on active and planned construction projects in the district. On the page, viewers can see project descriptions, before and after photographs, and construction timelines.
- The School Board will next meet on Monday, October 8 for a work session. This meeting will begin at 4pm with a data review session, and work session at 5:30 pm. The next business meeting will be Monday, October 22 at 6pm. Meetings are streamed on our website and available for viewing on-demand immediately following each broadcast. We invite our community to watch meetings on our live Facebook broadcasts.

VIII. Review of School Board Work Session

Chairman Vining reviewed, for the viewing audience, the topics discussed at the September 10 work session.

IX. Other and Future Business

The board discussed other and future business.

X. Executive Session

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

***Property Matters – Real Estate Contract, Real Estate Update**

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

A motion was made by Jane Sharp, 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

There was no action taken from executive session.

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Jane Sharp, to adjourn the meeting. This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

Secretary

APPROVED: _____
Chairman

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PERSONNEL MATTERS – September 2018

The board affirmed contracts for the following administrative employee(s):

Ashley R. Christian..... Central Office / Instruction

The board affirmed contracts for the following certified employee(s):

Valeria Vansrien CHMS/RRMS/STMS

Sofija Sadzakov Mt. Holly

Srimathi Kaveer Saluda Trail

Luisana Hostos..... South Pointe

Yuandi Wei Sullivan

AS INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

Resignations – Administrative

Jill Pappas..... Central Office / Instruction

Resignations – Certified

Lillian Valez CHMS/RRMS/STMS

Transfers – Certified

Jennifer Fant Cherry Park

Michelle S. Began Northside

Jennifer D. Bunn..... Northwestern

Megan E. Gillespie Sullivan

New Employees – Non-Certified

Lisa Beard..... Ebinport

Rhonda Devinney Flex Center/IT

Nathaniel Rambo Flex Center/IT

Cecelia Bucy..... Finley Road

Kaevon Pompey-Gutierrez India Hook

Donna Williamson..... India Hook

Lauren Heaton Lesslie

Sharon Sistar..... Mt. Holly

Atarsha Stinson..... Northwestern

Melanie McAteer..... RHHS

Edwand Antonelli..... South Pointe

Kristina Raab South Pointe

Barbie Burnette..... York Road

Transfers – Non-Certified

Rachel “Kelly” Schifferle..... Flex Center/IT

Job Abandonment – Non-Certified

Chris McFadden Independence

Resignations – Non-Certified

Jamalia Brevard..... Ebenezer Ave Montessori

Danny Chapman Flex Center/IT

Michelle Elrod-Gaston India Hook

Sabrena Hope Saluda Trail

Teresa Jackson..... Saluda Trail

Mattie Hope..... Sullivan

Tony Oliver Sullivan

Scott Mann Sunset Park

Melissa McGady..... The Children's School/T3