



Combined Work Session/Business Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Monday, July 13, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

WORK SESSION

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

The Rock Hill School District Three Board of Trustees met this date at 6:00 p.m., 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 Miller called the meeting to order and led in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Miller stated that the local news media had been notified of the agenda for this meeting, in writing, on Saturday, July 11, 2020.

A motion was made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Ann Reid, to approve the work session agenda. The motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

2. Work Session

A. Return-to-School Task Force

Dr. Luanne Kokolis, Chief of Strategic Planning, Engagement & Program Support, along with Mrs. Sadie Kirell, Lead Clinical Nurse and Dr. John Jones, Chief of Academics & Accountability, presented to the Board the Return-to-School Task Force's recommendation for students returning to schools in the fall of 2020.

The Return-to-School Task Force recommends opening schools with an A/B day schedule in August, where approximately 50% of students would come to school on an A or B day, receiving face-to-face instruction two days per week, with a C day for remediation, as well as a virtual platform option for parents.

Calendar Recommendation

Mr. Mychal Frost, Director of Marketing and Communications, stated that due to recently approved legislation in the South Carolina General Assembly, the 2020-2021 school calendar needs to be amended. By law, the district is now required to add five additional school days to the beginning of the school calendar. Referred to as "LEAP" instructional days, these extra days will be used to evaluate students ahead of the upcoming school year.

B. Policies for Suspension

Dr. Keith Wilks, Executive Director of Student Services, stated that with pending adjustments to our school calendar and schedule for the 2020-2021 school year due to the

COVID-19 Pandemic, there are several policies and administrative rules that will need to be suspended for the upcoming school year. These suspensions are recommended due to specific restrictions and requirements set forth in the policies that may be prohibitive in some alternative calendar and scheduling scenarios.

3. Adjournment

A motion was made by Windy Cole, seconded by Ann Reid, to adjourn the work session. This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

BUSINESS MEETING

I. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chairman Miller called the business meeting portion of the combined meeting to order.

Ms. Miller stated that the local news media had been notified of the agenda for this meeting, in writing, on Saturday, July 11, 2020.

A motion was made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Windy Cole, to approve the agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved, 7-0.

II. Recognitions - None

III. Citizen Participation

Mrs. Emily Bell, parent, spoke regarding returning to school in the fall.

IV. Consent Action Agenda

On a motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Ann Reid, the following topics on the consent action agenda were unanimously approved, 7-0: *the minutes of the June 8 work session and public budget hearing; the amended minutes of the June 22 business meeting; and, the minutes of the June 26 called executive session.*

On a motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Windy Cole, the following topic on the consent action agenda was unanimously approved, 7-0: *the personnel recommendations as submitted by the administration.*

On a motion by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Windy Cole, the following topic on the consent action agenda was unanimously approved, 7-0: *The Procurement Agreed Upon Procedures Report.*

V. Action Agenda

A. Approval of Return-to-School Task Force Recommendation

A motion was made by Brent Faulkenberry to adopt the administration's recommendation for middle and high school, *but* to implement a full day, five-day option for elementary school. Robin Owens seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion.

After discussion, the motion failed 2-5, with *Mr. Faulkenberry* and *Mrs. Douglas* voting in favor of the motion and *Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Hutchinson* and *Mrs. Owens* voting against the motion.

A motion was then made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Ann Reid, to approve the administration's recommendation for an A/B day schedule, with a virtual platform option.

This motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

B. Approval of Calendar Amendment Recommendation

A motion was made by Terry Hutchinson, seconded by Mildred Douglas, to approve the adjustment to the 2020-2021 school year calendar, due to COVID-19.

Mr. Frost noted that during the break between the work session and the business meeting, an additional minor edit was made to the calendar being presented. Mr. Frost reviewed this edit for the board and the viewing audience. Mr. Hutchinson then amended his motion to cover this final edit as described by Mr. Frost. Mrs. Douglas again seconded the motion.

This motion passed, 5-2, with *Mr. Faulkenberry, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Hutchinson* and *Mrs. Douglas* voting in favor of the motion, and *Mrs. Cole* and *Mrs. Owens* voting against the motion.

C. Approval of Policies for Suspension

A motion was made by Windy Cole, seconded by Terry Hutchinson, to approve the following policies/administrative rules for suspension only while under the State of Emergency due to COVID-19.

**IC – School Year*

**ID – School Day*

**IHCF – Child Care Programs*

**IIA – Grouping for Instruction*

**IHBIB, IHBIB-R – Pre-Primary Education*

**IJNDAA – Distance Online and Virtual Learning*

**IJOB/IJOC, IJOB/IJOC-R – Resource Persons/School Volunteers*

**IKAB, IKAB-R – Report Cards/Progress Reports*

**IDE – Extracurricular Activities (Eligibility Requirements)*

**IHAE – Physical Education*

**IHBA – Special Education*

**IHBB – Gifted and Talented Education*

**IHBC – Programs for At-Risk/Disadvantaged Students*

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

VI. Communications - None

VII. Report of the Superintendent

A. Announcements

Superintendent Cook made the following announcements:

- Students and families in Rock Hill Schools will have an additional choice option beginning this fall with the expansion of the district's virtual program. Previously available only to high school students, the RHS' Virtual Program will now offer full-time online instruction for students in 5K through 12th grade using devices and software provided by the school district. Teachers in the Virtual Program will provide face-to-face instruction via live-streaming and digital coursework through computers-based platforms. Unlike remote learning, which was implemented during the emergency shutdown last spring, students in the virtual program will follow a schedule just as they would in a traditional brick and mortar school. Thanks to technology, they will be able to see and hear dedicated teachers deliver standards-based content, ask questions, participate in classroom discussions and independent work, and turn in classwork and tests, all from the safety and comfort of their homes. Students will be taught by certified teachers who are focused on 100% virtual instruction throughout the day. At the secondary level, instructors will be verified subject area specialists. This week, our instruction team is hosting six online information sessions for parents interested in learning more about this opportunity. As of July 6, more than 1,500 families representing 2,525 students had registered for the information sessions which are offered virtually on Tuesday and Thursday at 10am, 5:30pm, and 7:15pm. To register for an information session, please visit bit.ly/RHSvirtual.
- Due to COVID-19 school closures, our school staff and other support staff have not had the opportunity to communicate and connect with each other since March 12. Since we lost our time to reflect, laugh together, share and plan, *Snack & Chat* is providing an opportunity for our team members to connect with peers and colleagues while offering RHSD staff opportunities to discuss and plan together, during a guided chat on a variety of relevant topics. Since beginning this effort, 166 employees have attended 73 one-hour sessions. The two most popular so far have been "Trauma & Anxiety: What will it look like for our students?" and "Loss of Normalcy." The facilitators of each session have been school psychologists and mental health providers, as well as NAMI staff, Winthrop University social work professors and Catawba mental health staff. We appreciate the investment each has made to guide the discussions for all participants.
- This month, a collaborative effort between our Instruction department and communications team has launched on our TV channel and social media pages. Summertime Super Stars features district teachers leading short and engaging lessons for elementary aged students in the areas of math, science, and English language arts. Each day (Monday – Thursday) we will release four new episodes on Facebook, YouTube, and channel 114 for Comporium cable subscribers in York County. On Fridays and during the weekend, episodes released during the week will be replayed. We invite parents to tune in and share this content with your children to keep them engaged in learning this summer.
- Each summer, school and district administrators join together for a multi-day professional development and planning workshop. Our team members will continue the tradition July 21-23. However, as we consider the health and safety of our team, this month we will conduct our Summer Leadership completely virtual.
- On June 8, the district began its four-day summer schedule. District and school offices will operate Monday through Thursday with hours of 7:30am to 5:30pm. All offices and schools will be closed on Fridays in July.

- 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 register for four-year-old kindergarten and kindergarten on our website. Beginning this week, all currently enrolled students in Pre-Kindergarten through 11th grade can begin to register for the new school year. To get started, visit www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/enroll. Families have the option to upload or email residence 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.
- The Board of Trustees will continue to hold its regularly scheduled meetings as the pandemic looms. The School Board will next meet on Monday, August 10th. 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 - None

IX. Other and Future Business

The board discussed other and future business.

X. Executive Session

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

- **Personnel Matters:** *Hirings*
- **Contractual Matters:** *Intergovernmental Agreement*

This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

A motion was made by Brent Faulkenberry, seconded Ann Reid, 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 Mildred Douglas, seconded by Ann Reid, to accept the administration's recommendation for Assistant Principal at Old Pointe Elementary School. This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

A motion was made by Windy Cole, seconded by Brent Faulkenberry, to accept the administration's recommendation for Elementary Virtual School/Academy Coordinator. This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

A motion was made by Robin Owens, seconded by Windy Cole, to accept the administration's recommendation for Executive Director of Technology. This motion was unanimously approved, 7-0.

XII. Adjournment

On a motion by Windy Cole, seconded by Terry Hutchinson 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