

RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session

Monday, May 19, 2014

Minutes

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a work session on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Central Services Board Room, 2222 South Fayetteville Street office in Asheboro. Board Members in attendance were as follows: Emily Coltrane-Board Chair, Todd Cutler-Vice Chair, Tracy Boyles, Gary Cook, Matthew Lambeth and Gary Mason. Board member Tommy McDonald was unable to attend the meeting. Superintendent Stephen Gainey and the leadership team were also present.

The work session began at 4:00 p.m.

The superintendent presented a brief overview of the work session agenda. He thanked Ms. Ashley Moody, Director for Adult Basic Education/Adult High School for Randolph Community College for her attendance.

Curriculum & Instruction Division

- Agreement of affiliation-adult high school diploma program-Randolph County School System and Randolph Community College

Catherine Berry shared this is a reoccurring agreement of affiliation between Randolph County School System and Randolph Community College. The Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Community Colleges have established a process in which agreements of affiliation between community colleges and public schools happen every three years or when changes occur, for policy and procedural compliance. The last affiliation agreement was written and signed on February 24, 2011. The new agreement reflects changes in curriculum, instructional resources and delivery. The superintendent stated this is a process in helping people to be able to move forward. He shared his appreciation to Ms. Moody from Randolph Community College for her work.

- Update on End-of-Grade/End-of-Course testing

Information was provided regarding Randolph County School System's end of year testing. Per G.S. 115C-174.12(a)(4), all annual assessments of student achievement adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to G.C. 1125C-174.11(c)(1) and (3) all final exams for courses shall be administered within the final 10 instructional days of the school year for year-long courses and within the final five instructional days of the semester for semester courses. Exceptions are permitted to accommodate a student's individualized education program and section 504 (U.S.C.794) plans and for the administration of final exams. Randolph County School System will be administering 23 NC Final Exams, three end-of-course tests, and three end-of-grade tests. The Read to Achieve test will be administered to students who do not pass the English Language Arts (ELA) Third grade Reading test. The ELA retest will be administered to students who do

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not pass the Read to Achieve test upon parent request. RCSS is currently waiting on a legislative decision regarding a six week summer camp or the flexibility of three weeks.

Ms. Berry stated that Dr. Graves has been working on developing scenario packets depending on the results. Letters will be prepared to go home to parents based on a three week or six week model. There was also discussion regarding class data. Students are tested in the beginning, middle and end of the year in areas of reading to determine comprehension. In between each of these there is a progress monitoring period. The superintendent stated the assessment data is needed along the way.

Operations Division

- Update on 2012-2013 dropout results

Marty Trotter, Assistant Superintendent for Operations presented the following 2012-2013 dropout information for the Randolph County School System. In comparison to RCSS and the state for a period of a five year history, RCSS comes under the state percentage. Table 2 shows the five year history of each high school. These are the numbers that go into the data. Mr. Trotter stated our based on last year, our current year is lower. It was stated that dropout prevention positions were effective in the 2008-2009 school year.

Table 1 Randolph County School System High School Dropout Rate

	2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009
North Carolina	2.45	3.01	3.43	3.75	4.27
Randolph County School System	2.41	1.85	1.98	3.13	5.0
Eastern Randolph High	2.95	2.26	4.09	2.87	5.28
Providence Grove High	3.52	2.39	2.32	5.63	7.96
Randleman High	3.71	2.42	2.44	2.38	5.14
Randolph Early College High	1.69	0	.94	3.07	1.98
Southwestern Randolph High	1.72	1.4	2.04	3.08	5.22
Trinity High	1.55	2.52	.84	2.21	4.01
Wheatmore High	1.28	1.1	.25	.84	N/A

Table 2 Randolph County School System High School Dropout Counts

	2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009
Randolph County School System	139	104	112	178	280
Eastern Randolph High	24	18	34	24	41
Providence Grove High	34	21	21	52	73
Randleman High	33	21	21	20	41
Randolph Early College High	5	0	3	10	6
Southwestern Randolph High	21	17	25	38	57
Trinity High	11	18	6	28	62
Wheatmore High	11	9	2	6	N/A

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Table 3 Randolph County School System Dropouts by LEA, Gender, Race/Ethnicity 2012-2013

Total	Male	Female	White	Black	Am. Ind	Hispanic	Asian	Pac. Isl	Multi
139	101	38	115	5	<5	16	<5	<5	<5

There was discussion regarding the dropout positions in the schools and some concerns of how these positions are utilized in the schools. It was stated that dropout positions are allocated for UMS and SWRMS for next year. After discussion, the consensus from the board was to look at the focus of these dropout positions at each individual school site.

Superintendent's Office

- Overview of upcoming Board of Education and staff events/issues

1) Board Work Session/Meeting Schedule for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year:

- a) June 2 (Board meeting only---no work session)
- b) June 16

Note: The start time for each Board Work Session is 4:00 p.m. Also, the start time for each Board Meeting is 6:30 p.m. Each meeting will be held at the school system's Fayetteville Street Office.

- 2) Teacher of the Year Banquet---May 21 at 6:30 p.m. (Pinewood Country Club)
- 3) Presentation of 2014-2015 budget proposal to County Commissioners---May 27 at 7:00 p.m. (Historic Courthouse Meeting Room)
- 4) RCSS Retirement Dinner---May 29 at 6:00 p.m. (AVS Banquet Center)
- 5) High school graduations:
 - a) Randolph Early College---May 20 (10:00 a.m.)
 - b) Eastern Randolph High---June 6 (6:00 p.m.)
 - c) Providence Grove High---June 6 (6:00 p.m.)
 - d) Randleman High---June 6 (6:00 p.m.)
 - e) Southwest Randolph High---June 6 (7:00 p.m.)
 - f) Trinity High---June 6 (6:00 p.m.)
 - g) Wheatmore High---June 6 (8:00 p.m.)
- 6) Public Hearing on County Budget---June 9 at 6:30 p.m. (Historic Courthouse Meeting Room)
- 7) Adoption of County Budget---June 16 at 6:00 p.m. (Historic Courthouse Meeting Room)

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8) Monthly Board of Education work session and meeting dates for the 2014-2015 school year

Due to a board member conflict, Matthew Lambeth will be attending the graduation at ERHS on June 6.

The work session ended at 4:55p.m.

Board Chair

Board Secretary