

Randolph County Board of Education
Work Session Minutes
December 17, 2018

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a work session on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the Central Services Board Room, located at the 2222-C South Fayetteville Street Office in Asheboro. The following were present: Gary Cook (Chairman), Brian Biggs, Fred Burgess, Sharon P. Farlow, Matthew Lambeth, Dr. Gainey, and Leadership Team members.

The work session started at 4:30 p.m. Dr. Gainey presented an overview of the meeting.

Curriculum & Instruction Division

1) iLearn Randolph

Nancy Cross, Director of Career and Technical Education and Innovative School Design, shared that the Randolph County School System is developing a catalogue of locally-created online courses as another option for students. This virtual program, “iLearn Randolph,” was piloted during the Summer of 2018 with 17 students taking the “Career Management” course online. Ms. Cross shared that some of the advantages of “iLearn Randolph” include cost savings and personalization. During the Fall 2018 semester, 92 students from our six traditional high schools accessed the “Career Management” course and the “Personal Finance” course through “iLearn Randolph.” Starting in the Spring 2019 semester, the school system will expand our online offerings through the “iLearn Randolph” program to include the “English III” course and the “English IV” course. The school system is building instructional capacity for this program through existing staff, part time staff, and extra duty employment. The Superintendent stated this is an exciting opportunity for a student to catch up and for other students who want to take extra courses. Ms. Berry shared that once we finalize the course catalog, the school system can promote.

2) Schools That Lead

Catherine Berry, Assistant Superintendent, shared that the Randolph County School System completed the application process and is committed to a professional development opportunity provided by the “Schools That Lead” program, in partnership with the North Carolina General Assembly and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, which was launched during the Fall 2018 semester by the North Carolina Networked Improvement Committee. The principals of Providence Grove High School, North Eastern Randolph Middle School, Grays Chapel Elementary School, and Liberty Elementary School submitted applications as a collaborative within our school system. All four of these schools were selected to participate in the “Inaugural Cohort for Schools That Lead Networked Improvement Communities.” The goal for this high quality professional development opportunity is to assist schools that are seeking to improve learning outcomes for their students.

3) Future Teachers of North Carolina iTEACH Expansion Application

Catherine Berry, Assistant Superintendent, and Nancy Cross, Director of Career and Technical Education and Innovative School Design, shared the enactment of Senate Bill 598 [Future Teachers of North Carolina (FTNC)] is one strategy developed to address the teacher shortage across North Carolina. During the Fall of 2017, school systems were invited to apply to participate in iTEACH, Ms. Cross shared that the Randolph County School System’s first site for FTNC is Trinity High School. Students are currently taking the “Teaching as a Profession I” course. The Randolph County School System received a second opportunity in November 2018 to apply for an expansion of FTNC

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through the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI). Southwestern Randolph High School was selected as the location for expansion of FTNC. Notification of acceptance has been received with plans to start at Southwestern Randolph High School in Fall of 2019. Ms. Cross shared that there are fewer than 10 programs state-wide with our school system being the largest.

4) Targeted Support and Improvement-Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) Schools

Catherine Berry, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, and Beth Davis, Director of Testing and Accountability/PowerSchool, shared that on October 3, 2018, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) released a list of schools classified as Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) under the federal accountability model of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) for the 2017-2018 school year data. Parent/guardian notification is required under the federal accountability model of ESSA for schools who have been classified as CSI or TSI. The Randolph County School System did not have any schools identified as CSI-LP or CSI-LG. However, twenty-six schools in the Randolph County School System were identified as TSI-AT schools. Notifications will be sent home with students regarding this identification no later than the release date of the North Carolina School Report Cards which will occur in February 2019. The notification to parents will be provided in the form of a letter to parents at the same time that the North Carolina School Report Cards are released.

Superintendent's Office

1) National School Boards Association (NSBA) Conference

Dr. Gainey presented the dates for the NSBA Conference being held on March 30 – April 1 in Philadelphia, PA. Registration cost is \$935.00 if registered by January 8.

2) Overview of upcoming Board of Education and staff events/issues

Dr. Gainey reviewed the list of events and referenced that all dates were set for the end of the school year. The next Board of Education Work Session and Board Meeting will be on January 14 due to a holiday on the third Monday in January. The work session will be a time of discussion with our County Commissioners to review budget ideas.

The work session ended at 5:40 p.m.

Board Chair

Board Secretary