

# **RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **Work Session**

**Monday, November 24, 2014**

### **Minutes**

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a work session on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. in the Central Services Boardroom, at the 2222 South Fayetteville Street Office in Asheboro. The following board members were present: Emily Coltrane-Board Chair, Todd Cutler-Vice Chair, and Tracy Boyles, Gary Cook, and Matthew Lambeth. Also present were Superintendent Stephen Gainey and the Leadership Team.

The work session began at 2:30 p.m.

The superintendent welcomed the following legislators: Representative Pat Hurley, Representative Rick Gunn, and Representative Allen McNeill.

The following topics were reviewed with the legislators regarding Spring/Summer 2015 Legislative Session.

- 1) A reduction in “Transportation Funding” needs to be avoided.
- 2) An increase in “Technology Funding” is needed, as the state moves more toward online testing.
- 3) Continue to work on Employee’ salaries.
- 4) Regular Education Teacher Assistants reduction needs to be maintained at no higher than the \$24.3 million announced in August 2014 for the 2014-2015 school year. Overall, our school system would prefer no more reductions in this area.
- 4) Driver’s Education funding needs to be restored.
- 5) Workers Compensation
- 6) Tort claims for Yellow Buses

Superintendent Stephen Gainey reviewed the actions taken by the Randolph County School System as related to the budget for the 2014-2015 school year.

Todd Lowe, Finance Officer, presented an example of salary comparisons based on the 2014-2015 state salary schedule.

The superintendent also briefly discussed with the legislators a Career Technical Education pathway partnership with Randolph Community College, Asheboro City School System and the Randolph County School System.

The work session with the legislators ended at 4:15 pm. The board took a 15 minute break.

The work session continued at 4:15 pm with reports from the following divisions:

Curriculum & Instruction Division

- 1) Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) overview

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Catherine Berry, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction presented information on the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS). She shared this system of support is for all students. MTSS includes both academic and behavior supports across three tiers of instruction. It is a framework that incorporates the structures for RtI (Response to Instruction) and PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support). In Randolph County School System, a district MTSS team of approximately 15-20 has been developed and is now having conversations with schools to assist them as they create their MTSS teams.

#### Operations Division

1) Department of Transportation bridge/sewer line redirection on Old Liberty Road

Marty Trotter, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, presented the Randolph County School System has underground facilities that will be in conflict with proposed construction. This project is scheduled for May, 2015. The Randolph County School System requested the relocation work go into the NCDOT contract. This work will be done at the expense of the Randolph County School System because schools do not fall under General Statute 136-27.1. Mr. Trotter stated the superintendent reached out to legislators and the Department of Transportation; based on the general statute, school systems are not exempt.

Mr. Trotter also shared he did not have any new information regarding the water/sewer plan at New Market at this time.

2) GPS system with bus drivers

Marty Trotter, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, presented information regarding a GPS system with bus drivers. He shared that several school systems in North Carolina are using a GPS system. The GPS system provides safety, service, and savings with live tracking. There is no upfront cost and a guaranteed savings for the school system. Mr. Trotter reviewed potential cost savings for the Randolph County System.

#### Superintendent's Office

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

Dr. Gainey reviewed the Board Work Session/Meeting Schedule for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year. He also presented an overview of the December 15 Board of Education meeting, and the January 13 Work Session and Board meeting.

2) Peachjar

The superintendent presented an overview of Peachjar and then turned it over to Tim Moody, Public Information Officer. Tim Moody shared that currently we have flyers form school based groups that go home with students and flyers that can only be placed on a table at the school site. The Randolph County School System is continuing to look for ways to be a good community partner Peachjar

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eliminates the cost and burden of copying, sorting and delivering paper flyers to schools; flyers go directly to parents and parents can decide what they want their children to see. Parents can also visit our website to view the flyers. After review and discussion, the consensus among the board members was to continue to move forward and to bring back any additional information for the board's approval.

The work session ended at 5:34 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary