

Randolph County Board of Education
Work Session Minutes
August 20, 2018

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a work session on Monday, August 20, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the Central Services Board Room, located at the 2222-C South Fayetteville Street Office in Asheboro. Board members Gary Cook (Chair), Tracy Boyles (Vice Chair), Fred Burgess, Emily Coltrane, and Sharon P. Farlow along with Superintendent Stephen Gainey and Leadership Team members were present at the work session.

The work session started at 4:30 p.m.

Curriculum & Instruction Division

1. 2018-2019 alternative education option for students who are long-term suspended

Catherine Berry, Assistant Superintendent, presented the information for the 2018-2019 school year. She shared that both Curriculum & Instruction staff along with Student Services staff work together to provide services based on the needs of the students. Ms. Berry shared that there were no changes to this document from the previous year.

2. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) update

Ms. Berry asked Beth Davis, Director of Testing & Accountability/PowerSchool, to present an update. Ms. Davis shared that the approval of North Carolina's ESSA plan was announced on June 5, 2018. The plan provides guidelines for all federal program areas with a focus on supporting individualized learning for students and staff while promoting initiatives for personalized learning. Information was presented regarding the School Performance Grade Model and the 10-year goals established to support efforts to close the achievement gap.

3. New math class requirement for level 5 math students in grades 3-12

Ms. Berry shared a piece of legislation that was passed during the Summer of 2018 Legislative Session as well as the actions that will be taken by the school system as a result of this legislation. On June 22, 2018, the North Carolina General Assembly approved House Bill 986 Part 2, Section 2 (a) and (b) regarding the new math requirement to be implemented beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Letters notifying parents also were provided.

4. Revised grant submission process

Catherine Berry presented "The Randolph County School System Grants Submission Process" revised document to align with the changes to Board Policy 8210 (Grants and Funding for Special Projects) that was updated at the school board meeting on January 16, 2018 as well as Board Policy 8220 (Gifts and Bequests) that was updated at the school board meeting on June 28, 2018.

5. College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) access

Catherine Berry shared that in May 2014, the United States Department of Education asked state education leaders to assist all school systems and high schools in their states by providing access to Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) information that assist high school counselors to more effectively utilize resources in their work to assist students. The Curriculum & Instruction staff members along with the Student Services staff members are working together and steps are being developed for participation in this initiative. In addition, an active parental consent form would be a part of the procedures.

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Superintendent's Office

1. Overview of upcoming Board of Education and staff events/issues
Dr. Gainey reviewed the list of events for the 2018-2019 school year.

The work session ended at 5:50 p.m.

Board Chair

Board Secretary