

# **RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **Work Session**

**Monday, February 20, 2017**

### **Minutes**

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a work session on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the Central Services Board Room, located at the 2222-C South Fayetteville Street Office in Asheboro. The following board members were present at the work session: Emily T. Coltrane (Vice Chair), Brian Biggs, Fred Burgess, Sharon Farlow, and Matthew Lambeth. Dr. Stephen Gainey, Superintendent, and Leadership Team members also were present.

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

#### Curriculum & Instruction

##### 1. Update on Summer Enrichment Camp at Southeastern Randolph Middle School

Ms. Catherine Berry, Assistant Superintendent, presented an overview and turned it over to Nancy Cross, Director of Career & Technical Education and Innovative School Design. Ms. Cross shared that rising sixth and seventh grade students will be invited to participate in a summer experience offering academic and community engagement with team-building events, transition activities, student choice, and project-based learning. The program will be offered for four separate four-day weeks. The camp experience will run 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Ms. Cross thanked Derek Clark, Director of Transportation, and his staff for their work on the transportation piece. There will be transportation to all activities during the day. Additionally, morning and afternoon door-to-door transportation will be provided for specific geographic zones throughout the four-week experience. Funding for the camp will be provided through a combination of community sponsors, Career and Technical Education (CTE) funds, and local funds. Ms. Cross shared how the marketing and recruitment efforts will include parent information sessions. A list was presented that included dates and times for the parent sessions. Applications for the camp will be available beginning Monday, February 27.

##### 2. Update on Uwharrie School Project

Catherine Berry, Assistant Superintendent, shared that the parent and student information sessions were currently being held at various locations throughout the month of February. The sessions are going very well and the principal at Uwharrie Middle, Anthony Grosch, has done an incredible job with the parent sessions. Ms. Berry shared that the first parent session was held at Uwharrie Middle and opened with a packed gymnasium. Parents are invited to give feedback and ask questions through a variety of methods. Information regarding the project is posted on the website. The application process will open in March. Student selections will be based on a tiered system. Nancy Cross, Director of Career & Technical Education and Innovative School Design, shared there have been additional sessions for staff members to be involved. There are committees currently working on the scheduling.

Board member Matthew Lambeth arrived to the work session at 5:15 p.m.

##### 3. Discussion of names for the Uwharrie School Project

Catherine Berry, Assistant Superintendent, shared how Board Policy describes the naming process. Nancy Cross shared that based on Board Policy 9300 (Naming Facilities), a school-based committee

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will prepare no more than three suggestions for consideration in renaming Uwharrie Middle School. The committee is focused on a name that encompasses the grade level span, utilizes the same color scheme and mascot currently used for Uwharrie Middle School, and promotes the redesign project. One to three names should be presented to the Board of Education at its meeting on 3/20/17.

4. Social Studies and Health textbook adoption update

Catherine Berry, Assistant Superintendent, shared that RCSS would be following the same process as last year with the Science adoption process. Staff is currently working hard to communicate with vendors and look for a blended approach to get the best pricing. A Social Studies and Health textbook adoption timeline, protocol, and vendors/resources for elementary, middle, and high were presented. Ms. Berry shared that anything not on a state list will be presented to the board as an action item and all others will be information items.

5. Preparation for 2017 Read to Achieve Summer Reading Camps

Catherine Berry and Dr. Graves shared this would be the fourth summer for the Summer Reading Camps for first, second, and third grade students. Summer Reading Camps will be held the first three full weeks following the end of the school year from June 19-July 7. The host sites will be Ramseur Elementary, Randleman Elementary, Southmont Elementary, and Trinity Elementary. The camp is for students from all 17 schools. Free breakfast and lunch, as well as free transportation, will be available to all students who attend one of the Summer Reading Camps. A timeline was presented for determining eligibility for students to be invited to attend one of the Summer Reading Camps. A total of 814 students from first, second, and third grade attended the camps last Summer.

Superintendent's Office

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

The superintendent shared the budget dates recently added to the list due to the release from the County Commissioners. There was discussion of starting the regular monthly meeting on June 19 at 4:30 p.m. with no work session in order to be at the County Commissioners meeting at 6:00 p.m. for their adoption of the final budget. This would be following the same schedule the Board of Education did in 2016 at their June Board meeting.

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

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary