

**RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Work Session**

**Monday, November 23, 2015**  
**Minutes**

The Randolph County Board of Education met in a work session on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Central Services Boardroom, located at the 2222 South Fayetteville Street Office in Asheboro. The following were present: Todd Cutler, Board Chair, Gary Cook, Vice Chair, Tracy Boyles, Brian Biggs, Fred Burgess, Emily T. Coltrane, Dr. Gainey, Superintendent, Leadership Team members, and Legislators, Rick Gunn, Pat Hurley, and Jerry Tillman.

The work session started at 4:30 pm.

The superintendent thanked the legislators and board members for their attendance and expressed appreciation to the legislators. More specially, teacher assistants and driver's education would not be here today if not for the hard work from our legislators.

The superintendent distributed a document including the following items for discussion among the board and the legislators regarding the Randolph County School System (RCSS) budget concerns for the Spring/Summer 2016 Legislative Session for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.

1. An increase in textbook money is needed.  
RCSS will adopt Science textbooks in the Spring 2016. This will be the first time in 11 years since the school system will be able to adopt new Science textbooks. A textbook adoption will cost the school system approximately \$800,000. The last adoption for Social Studies textbooks was in 2007-2008 and the last adoption for Math textbooks was in 2009-2010. Continued funding in the upcoming years is critical to align our textbooks with the curriculum. The legislators shared there are processes for submitting information regarding the textbook dollars needed.
2. Reduction in transportation funding needs to be avoided.  
State-wide cut = \$25 million and RCSS part is approx \$298,000. Continued funding is needed for replacement buses. Due to higher mileage on existing buses, any fuel savings is being used to purchase parts to maintain older buses.
3. Increase in technology funding is needed. There was discussion regarding online testing and the continual push toward online testing.
4. State Retirement System/State Health Insurance  
What is the future with the state health insurance and retirement? The state health insurance and retirement is a huge recruiting tool for the school system. The legislators spoke of continuing to be proactive to continue to fulfill obligations to employees and to be competitive.
5. Driver's Education funding for the 2016-2017 school year. The legislators' spoke of late fees being charge if an individual is late in renewing their license. Some of these late fees are placed in this line item.

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6. Employees' salaries

There was discussion of the importance of continuing to work on all employees' salaries and the vital role of our veteran employees in our school system. The superintendent reviewed the number of retirees for the last five years.

The legislators shared their appreciation in receiving and reviewing this information ahead of time. The superintendent and board members thanked the legislators for their attendance and continued hard work.

Superintendent's Office

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

The superintendent presented an overview of upcoming events.

The work session ended at 5:55 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary