

RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session

Monday, February 19, 2018

Minutes

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a work session on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the Central Services Boardroom, located at the 2222-C South Fayetteville Street Office in Asheboro. The following board members were present at the work session: Chairman Gary Cook, Vice-Chair Tracy Boyles, Brian Biggs, Fred Burgess, and Sharon Farlow. Also present: Superintendent Stephen Gainey and Leadership Team members.

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

Curriculum & Instruction

1. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) update

Catherine Berry, Assistant Superintendent, shared that the ESSA is a state and federal accountability system. The ESSA was signed into law in December 2015 and replaces the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The 2016-2017 school year was considered a transition year with 2017-2018 being the first year of implementation. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) submitted a State Plan to the U.S. Department of Education (USED) for the ESSA on September 18, 2017. A revised plan was submitted on February 9, 2018. Ms. Berry stated that North Carolina is currently waiting on the final stamp of approval to move forward.

2. 2017-2018 Program Compliance Review results for the school system's Exceptional Children Department

Ms. Berry shared the results of the Program Compliance Review (PCR) that was conducted during the week of November 27-November 30, 2017 by Monitoring Consultants from the Division of Exceptional Children of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. She shared how it was amazing to see the success rates. During this visit, twenty-five folders were pulled from six schools (Grays Chapel Elementary School, Hopewell Elementary School, Tabernacle Elementary School, Archdale-Trinity Middle School, Northeastern Randolph Middle School and Trinity High School) for a complete folder audit. An additional thirty folders were pulled for an audit on Secondary Transition from seven schools (Eastern Randolph High School, Providence Grove High School, Randleman High School, Southwestern Randolph High School Trinity High School, Uwharrie Ridge Six-Twelve, and Wheatmore High School). The PCR is a monitoring activity used to ensure that students with disabilities are provided a free appropriate public education. Criteria for corrective action is any item less than 80% compliant requires Local Education Authority (LEA) level action/correction and any item less than 100% for individual student level correction. This monitoring activity occurs every five years. A chart was presented to show comparison results from 2012-2013 to 2017-2018. The monitoring team will return in July 2018 to determine if 100 % of each area has been met.

3. Update on new English Language Arts and Mathematics standards

Ms. Berry shared how the process started during the 2016-2017 school year with focus groups across the state of North Carolina. We are looking at some shifts in the standards that will be implemented during next school year. Ms. Berry shared how proud she is of our staff members who have followed the timeline of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI)

for the preparation and rollout of the new standards. This group has work to put together some of the best resources.

4. 2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration Plan

Ms. Berry presented a timeline in preparation for the kick-off event for kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year. She specifically shared the ways this is communicated to parents. The earlier the students are registered, allows our school system to do a better job in preparing for the next school year. Ms. Berry shared a special thanks to Dr. Lynette Graves for the great job that she does in planning for the registration each year. The Board had discussion regarding the Pre-K locations as well as the number of Pre-K students.

Operations

1. Update on new middle school in the Archdale-Trinity zone

Marty Trotter, Assistant Superintendent, presented an update as well as a plan of a middle school recently built in Onslow County. Mr. Trotter shared that a kick-off meeting was held on February 2 with Smith Sinnett Architecture. There also has been a meeting held with civil engineers at CLH Design. A site visit has been planned for later on in February to Dixon Middle in Onslow County.

Superintendent's Office

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

Dr. Gainey shared there were no changes to the list of Board of Education and staff events. He shared that the next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 19. As a reminder, the April meeting is on Tuesday, April 17. The June 18 Board meeting will start at 4:30 p.m. in order to attend the county commissioners meeting at 6:00 p.m. for the approval of the budget.

The work session ended at 6:00 p.m.

Board Chair

Board Secretary