

**RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2015
Minutes**

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a work session on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. in the Central Services Boardroom, at the 2222 South Fayetteville Street Office in Asheboro. The following are the board members who were in attendance: Board Chair Todd Cutler, Vice Chair Gary Cook, Emily T. Coltrane, Tracy Boyles, Matthew Lambeth, Brian Biggs and Fred Burgess. Also present were Superintendent Stephen Gainey and the Leadership Team.

The work session started at 2:30 pm.

Curriculum & Instruction Division

- 1) Updated interactive review of our digital resources that support learning beyond core instruction: Discovery Plus, Follett eBooks, and Schoolnet

Alice Smith and Sheena Creech, Media/Technology specialist presented the information regarding our digital resources. Discovery Streaming Plus is a digital media with approximately 155,000 resources through Discovery Education. The items connect students to STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math concepts) curriculum and career development. Follett eBooks are teaching tools that enhance learning, both in the library and the classroom. All 31 schools have a *FollettShelf* where the eBooks are located within the circulation system, *Destiny*. Schoolnet is the Home Base Instructional Improvement System. Homebase cost \$4 per student and is a resource that is taking place of pencil/paper. The board members also had discussion regarding the future possibility of online courses.

- 2) Phase I of kindergarten entry assessment statewide implementation

Catherine Berry, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, shared that the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction is preparing to begin statewide implementation of the first component of the K-3 formative assessment process, the Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA). This assessment will take place during the first 60 days of school. Phase 1 of the statewide implementation will begin in the fall of 2015. The board also had discussion and questions regarding the current kindergarten assessments that are administered in early spring. The current assessments will continue and will be placed with the formal assessment.

Finance & Budget Division

- 1) Quarterly budget update

Todd Lowe, Finance Officer, presented a quarterly budget update for October, November, and December, 2014. He reviewed state allotments, student enrollment, charter schools, current expense budget, capital outlay budget, and areas to watch.

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The superintendent thanked Representative Tillman and the Department of Transportation personnel for their time and input regarding the bridge projects. Dr. Gainey shared he has been in discussion with these individuals for several months with regard to these projects.

Operations Division

- 1) Quarterly net student transfer report

Marty Trotter, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, reviewed the quarterly student transfer report. There were 26 additional assignments, 8 releases, and 6 admissions for the second quarter. The report also listed the capacity percentage by school and the number of mobile units.

Human Resources Division

- 1) New substitute orientation plan/new application process

Due to time, the superintendent tabled this item until the February work session.

Superintendent's Office

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

The superintendent shared a new date of March 2, 2015 at 6:00 pm to present the capital outlay plan to the County Commissioners.

At 4:00 pm, the superintendent welcomed the County Commissioners, County Manager, and County Finance Officer, who joined the Randolph County Board of Education and the Leadership Team for review and discussion of budget ideas for the 7/1/15-6/30/16 fiscal year, an update on the "9-Year Facility Upgrade/Repair" plan, and the "Randleman Middle 5th Grade Academy."

Finance & Budget Division

- 1) Budget ideas for the 7/1/15-6/30/16 fiscal year

The superintendent reviewed the following 2015-2016 budget requests:

Current Expense

- 1) Continuation costs = \$525,000
- 2) Technology replacements and upgrades = \$250,000
- 3) Supplement increase (.5%) = \$500,000

Total current expense = \$1,275,000

Capital Outlay

- 1) Facility upgrades and repairs = \$486,000

Total capital outlay = \$486,000

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Operations Division

1) Update on “9-Year Facility Upgrade/Repair” Plan

Marty Trotter, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, presented an update. There was discussion specifically regarding the cost savings for the New Market sewer project if the project was moved to year two and year three.

2) Update on “Randleman Middle 5th Grade Academy”

An update was presented on the “Randleman Middle 5th Grade Academy.” The superintendent shared with the county commissioners the dollar savings at the academy by not installing the awning that was originally discussed, due to the recommendation that the awning was not needed for the facility.

The Board of Education and the County Commissioners had dialogue and discussion regarding facility needs.

Upon conclusion of the discussion, Superintendent Stephen Gainey presented closing remarks and shared his appreciation to the County Commissioners, County Manager and County Finance Officer. Mr. Darrell Frye, Chairman of the County Commissioners, presented closing comments and thanked the superintendent and board members.

The work session for the Randolph County Board of Education ended at 5:30 pm.

Board Chair

Board Secretary