

RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session

Monday, March 20, 2017

Minutes

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a work session on Monday, March 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: Gary Cook (Chairman), Emily T. Coltrane (Vice Chair), Brian Biggs, Tracy Boyles, Sharon Farlow, and Matthew Lambeth. Also present, Dr. Stephen Gainey, Superintendent, and Leadership Team members.

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

Curriculum & Instruction Division

1. Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) grant updates

Catherine Berry, Assistant Superintendent, shared that in 2016-2017 the school system committed to a three-year partnership with the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) for mathematics and literacy support for all middle schools and high schools in the district. The grant provides intensive training. It also allows the Randolph County School System the opportunity to network with other districts already engaged in the SREB professional development. In the Spring of 2017, schools will begin preparing for year two implementation by developing an implementation plan for the 2017-2018 school year.

2. Update on Summer Enrichment Camp at Southeastern Randolph Middle School

Ms. Berry shared how the staff is continuing to raise awareness by holding parent meetings along with student group meetings. Applications are being accepted through March 24. The curriculum team is continuing their work to finalize the daily schedules. An example of the schedule of daily activities for "Ag Monday" was presented.

3. Update on Uwharrie School Project

Catherine Berry and Nancy Cross presented an update on the Uwharrie School Project. The enrollment process started on March 1 and the project is currently in the process of receiving the letters of intent. A lottery system will be used at the tier that causes enrollment to exceed 75 students. It was reported that the current number was 63 students with 60 from Uwharrie Middle School. Staff members are continuing to work on the class schedules. A sample student schedule was presented for the board's review. The Uwharrie Design Team is currently working through subcommittees to focus on items such as Power Lunch activities to provide opportunities for remediation, spending time with counselors, online classes, all in a structured supervised environment.

Finance & Budget Division

1. Superintendent's 2017-2018 Proposed Budget

Todd Lowe, Finance Officer, presented the Superintendent's 2017-2018 Proposed Budget for the Board's review and any questions. Mr. Lowe shared there would be a public hearing on the proposed budget as well as a recommendation for the board's approval at the April 17, 2017 Board of Education meeting.

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Operations Division

1. Drug abuse and prevention education in RCSS

Marty Trotter, Assistant Superintendent, shared some information and statistics for our county and throughout the state. The following are additional steps for the 2017-2018 school year to supplement the programs and education already in place.

- Increase emphasis on Red Ribbon Week (October) in all RCSS schools
- Professional development for school administration and student services staff focused on drug abuse awareness and prevention
- Utilize community resources such as law enforcement for support and training
- Research opportunities/materials to help educate parents
- Continue to develop and update resource materials to support student services staff
- Increased emphasis on National Prevention Week (May) in all RCSS schools

Superintendent's Office

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

The Superintendent discussed the schedule of events. He shared that the June 19 Board of Education meeting will start at 4:30 p.m. to allow the Board members and Leadership Team to attend the County Commissioners meeting at 6:00 p.m. for the approval of the budget. Dr. Gainey shared that he would be presenting a formal presentation to the County Commissioners on May 30.

Dates and times were reviewed for the June 9 high school graduations.

The work session ended at 5:45 p.m.

Board Chair

Board Secretary