

Rhea County Department of Education



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TO: Members of the Rhea County School Board of Education and Local News Media

FROM: Jane Graham, School Board Chair

DATE: August 27, 2026

RE: Agenda for Rhea County Board of Education Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: Tuesday, September 1, 2026

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Levensgood Educational Center, 1385 Broadway Street, Dayton, TN 37321

OPENING PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Owen Sutton - RCHS - 12th

I. MEETING COMMENCEMENT

- A. **Call the meeting to order:** Board Chairman
- B. **Roll Call:** Conducted by Melanie Myers, Board Secretary

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. **Recognitions** - Dr. Amie Lonas, Director of Schools
Character Ed Trait - Courage
- B. **Public Input** – Board Chairman

III. DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT – Dr. Amie Lonas

IV. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes dated August 13 - Board Meeting
- B. Minutes dated August 20 - Special Called Board Meeting
- C. RCHS - Golf - Sevierville, TN - October 7-9, 2026

(CONSENT AGENDA - Con't)

- D. Club/Organization - RCHS Beta Club
- E. Club/Organization - RCHS Debate Club
- F. Club/Organization - RCHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- G. Club/Organization - RCHS Rhea County FFA Chapter
- H. Club/Organization - RCHS Interact Club
- I. Club/Organization - RCHS Skills USA Chapter
- J. Club/Organization - RCHS Theater Club
- K. Club/Organization - RCHS Winter Guard

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. September Policy Updates - 2nd Reading
 - 1. 5.6001 Staff Dress Code

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2027 - 2028 Academic Year Calendar
- B. September Policy Updates - 1st Reading
 - 1. 5.106 Application and Employment
 - 2. 5.302 Sick Leave
 - 3. 5.303 Personal and Professional Leave
- C. Board approval for additional positions:
 - 1. SPED educational assistant for MOD CDC (SCES)
 - 2. SPED teacher (RCES)
- D. 2026 - 2027 Supplements:
 - 1. High School
 - 2. Elementary and Middle School

VIII. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

- A. 141.3 Innovative School Models
- B. 141.4 TN Tutoring Grant
- C. 177.1 Spring City Land Purchase

IX. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS - None

X. FEDERAL UPDATES

- A. CTE Perkins Basic - Rev 1
- B. Literacy Materials Implementation Support Grant
- C. Title IX - McKinney-Vento

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. **TSBA Fall Southeast District** - Dayton City School - September 10, 2026 -
4:30PM - 5:00PM Registration & Refreshments; 5:00PM - 7:00PM Meeting
- B. **October Board Workshop** (5:00PM) and **Meeting** (6:00PM) Thursday, October 01, 2026
- C. **TSBA Convention** - Nashville - November 6 - 8, 2026
 - 1. Leadership Conference November 5 - 6, 2026
 - 2. Pre-Convention Workshop November 6, 2026

XII. ADJOURNMENT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Dennis Akin

Mr. Steven Brown

Mr. Wayne Cox

Mrs. Jane Graham

Mr. Bimbo McCawley

Mr. B. J. McCoy

Mr. John Mincy

Mr. Chip Pendergrass

Dr. Henry Reid