RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION Work Session

Monday, September 16, 2013 Minutes

The Randolph County Board of Education met in a work session on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Eastern Randolph High School. Board Members in attendance were as follows: T. McDonald, Board Chair, Emily Coltrane, Vice Chair, Tracy Boyles, Gary Cook, Todd Cutler, Matthew Lambeth, and Gary Mason. Also present were Superintendent, Stephen Gainey, and the leadership team.

The Board Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Curriculum and Instruction Division

Ms. Catherine Berry, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, introduced Dr. Sharon Johnson, Director of Testing and Accountability, to present the READY accountability model. In review of the new READY accountability model, Dr. Johnson stated the READY initiative helps in support of school performance, testing, and student growth. The goal is to prepare our students for college, careers, and adulthood. Dr. Johnson highlighted the importance of the school performance indicators for elementary, middle and high schools, school achievement score, and the list of components included in the READY accountability model for 2013-2014. Upon conclusion, Ms. Berry mentioned the early testing of reading for 3rd graders allowed for interventions to be put into place.

Ms. Berry introduced Ms. Brook Moser, Director of the Exceptional Children's Program. Dr. Gainey, Superintendent, thanked Ms. Moser for her interest in learning, and appreciation of all she has done for the school system since March, 2013. Ms. Moser presented the Continuous Improvement Performance Plan (CIPP). The CIPP aligns with the federal requirements of the State Performance Plan and the Annual Performance Report. The Randolph County School System continues to monitor improvement activities that promote positive outcomes for students with disabilities for the indicators not met each year. Each indicator was reviewed including the state target and comparison of Randolph County School System's data for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.

Operations Division

Stephen Gainey, Superintendent, gave an overview of the attendance lines update to be presented to the board. He mentioned the overcrowding at Randleman Elementary School with 15 mobile units. The update is a review from previous information given to the board with a snapshot of the current demographics. The information will be presented with the current numbers for Randleman Elementary, New Market Elementary, Level Cross Elementary, and Grays Chapel Elementary. Mr. Derek Clark, Director of Transportation, reviewed the current numbers for K-5 for each of the schools previously mentioned, along with the school's capacity. Also reviewed were the current maps of the district lines for each of these elementary schools along with a proposed plan to assist with the overcrowding. The board had discussion of the information and the options as presented. Based on the proposed plans, there would not be a specific plan that would keep these schools free of mobile units. The superintendent then recommended to the board to research Board Policy for clarification of guidelines, and consideration of the appropriate timing before making any changes. After discussion, the consensus of the board was to proceed with reviewing Board Policy for more concrete information before proceeding, and to move forward with the information as presented for the seventeen (17) students from Randleman Elementary to Grays Chapel Elementary. The board also discussed and expressed concerns of the southwest area populations.

Mr. Marty Trotter, Assistance Superintendent of Operations, presented facility updates to include the number of mobile units and the location of these units by individual schools for the 2013-2014 school year. The total number of mobile units is 108. An updated list was reviewed of facility projects by school, along with each school's capacity, and each school's percentage of capacity using 10-day attendance numbers. There was discussion regarding RCSS school facilities with future options to identify the needs and the cost associated with the needs, improvements to itemize some costs, new construction cost of a middle school with the cost patterned after SERMS or NERMS, and the cost of an elementary plan based from school sites like Hopewell Elementary and Southmont Elementary. These options would be reviewed and brought back to the November work session.

Superintendent, Stephen Gainey, thanked the Board of Education for this time of open conversation.

With no further discussion, the board adjourned the work session at 5:50 p.m.

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