

Randolph County Board of Education
Work Session Minutes
July 16, 2018

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a work session on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the Central Services Board Room, located at the 2222-C South Fayetteville Street Office in Asheboro. Board members Gary Cook (Chair), Tracy Boyles (Vice Chair), Fred Burgess and Sharon P. Farlow along with Superintendent Stephen Gainey and Leadership Team were present at the work session.

The work session started at 4:40 p.m.

Curriculum & Instruction Division

1. Revised K-2 report card

Catherine Berry, Assistant Superintendent, presented the K-2 report cards for the Randolph County School System that have been revised for the 2018-2019 school year. The report cards reflect the changes in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study in English Language Arts and Mathematics that will be effective beginning in August 2018.

2. Pearson pilot for curriculum-based assessments

Ms. Berry shared that the Curriculum and Instruction Division was in the process of reviewing an opportunity to participate in a research pilot for middle schools. She shared that our school system is currently in the negotiation phase and there would be no cost to us. This is a resource that would be valuable to our teachers and will line up with the new English Language Arts and Math standards. The Curriculum and Instruction Division continue to follow the timeline of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

3. Update on new English Language Arts and Mathematics standards

Ms. Berry presented as a follow up to the information presented to Board members at the 2/18/18 Board of Education meeting in regards to the new English Language Arts and Mathematics standards for grades K-12 that will be implemented for the first time during the 2018-2019 school year. The school system has a number of staff members participating in conversations and editing in the review process. This high level of participation by our staff members in resource development and professional development for the new standards will help our school system with this transition. A number of Randolph County School System employees at the school level and the district level have participated in the development of teacher resources for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI). Printed parent guides will be provided during the opening of the 2018-2019 school year for all parents in the Randolph County School System. Ms. Berry and the Curriculum Directors assisted the Board members in reviewing the links provided on the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's website.

Operations Division

1. Update on new middle school project

Marty Trotter, Assistant Superintendent, presented an update on the new middle school including a timeline explaining what has taken place to date and a schedule of upcoming phases in the overall project. SmithSinnott Architecture will begin providing updates to the Board later this fall.

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2. Transportation pilot plan

Mr. Trotter welcomed Wendy Anderson, Director of Transportation, to the work session. He shared that over the last five years the need for contract transportation has increased tremendously. In order to reduce the amount of contract transportation expense, the Transportation Department would like to pilot a plan involving the use of vans during the 2018-2019 school year. This pilot plan will add two 8-passenger vans to our transportation fleet as well as hiring two drivers which would help reduce costs associated with transporting students.

Superintendent's Office

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

Dr. Gainey reviewed the list of events for the 2018-2019 school year.

The work session ended at 5:50 p.m.

Board Chair

Board Secretary