

RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session

Monday, August 18, 2014

Minutes

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a work session on Monday, August 18, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in the Central Services Boardroom, at the 2222 South Fayetteville Street Office in Asheboro. Board Members in attendance at the start of the meeting were as follows: Emily Coltrane, Chair, Todd Cutler-Vice Chair, Tracy Boyles, Gary Mason and Tommy McDonald. Also present were Superintendent Stephen Gainey and the Leadership Team.

The work session began at 4:32 p.m.

Finance & Budget Division

- Budget update

The following information was presented based on projected 2014-2015 state allotments. RCSS should receive the initial allotment report by August 21. The following information is the result of using the planning allotments in conjunction with the legislative changes that occurred.

Classroom Teachers & Teacher Assistants:

- TA allotment reduced by \$1,165,000
- Teacher allotment increased by 17.5 positions
- Need to transfer \$515,000 back to TA allotment to cover expense
- Use average teacher salary or beginning teacher salary for conversion (convert 9 or 12 positions)
- Potential \$130,000 shortfall due to transfer
- Additional \$315,000 reduction in 2015-2016 due to nonrecurring appropriation

Central Office Administration:

- \$35,000 reduction
- Already absorbed through personnel changes

Low Wealth:

- \$237,000 reduction

Transportation:

- \$59,000 legislative reduction + \$124,000 planning reduction
- Improved from \$350,000 legislative reduction

At-Risk Services:

- \$181,000 reduction approved in final budget with no earlier indication

Textbooks:

- \$11,000 increase will be used for replacements and consumables as needed

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Additional Negative Factors Impacting State and Local Budgets:

- Enrollment less than 17,900
- Fines & Forfeitures revenue shortfall – throughout the state the revenue has been less
- Wide area network expense compared to e-rate & connectivity revenue
- Impact of salary increases on local costs and average salary calculations in state budget
- Potential \$300,000 - \$500,000 impact

Curriculum & Instruction Division

- Update on supplemental curriculum resources over and above core instruction

Catherine Berry, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction provided an update on supplemental curriculum resources being used in K-12. A chart was also provided listing all the resources being used by each individual school in K-12. These digital (web-based) resources are over and above core instruction. The RCSS technology team continues to work with the educational consultants to expand opportunities for students, teachers, and families to access the information before, during, and after the school day. The principals reviewed the data in the Spring of 2014 with their School Improvement Teams. Principals were also given projected budget planning allotments for curriculum resources including: Disadvantaged School Funding (DSSF), professional development, remediation and intervention. Although individual principals and teams developed school plans based on multiple data sources, the purchases were combined at the district level for schools to lower the overall cost per school. Digital resources also may be accessed from home. In conclusion, Ms. Berry shared it is important as a district to have perimeters and to look at intervention plans, while allowing the individual schools to select.

Superintendent's Office

- Goal 2019

The Superintendent welcomed any feedback. He plans to bring Goal 2019 to the Board at the September meeting.

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

- 1) Board Work Session/Meeting Schedule for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year:
 - a) September 15
 - b) October 20
 - c) November 17
 - d) December 15
 - e) January 13
 - f) February 16
 - g) March 16

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- h) April 20
- i) May 18
- j) June 1 (Board meeting only---no work session)
- k) June 15

Note: The start time for each Board Work Session is 4:30 p.m. Also, the start time for each Board Meeting is 6:30 p.m. Each meeting will be held at the school system's Fayetteville Street Office.

- 2) 1st day of students for 2014-2015 school year---August 25
 - 3) "NCSBA District 5" meeting---September 17 (4:00-8:00; Margaret B. Pollard Middle School-Chatham County Schools)
 - 4) 45th Annual NCSBA Conference---November 17-19 (Koury Convention Center in Greensboro)
- Twitter/Facebook

Tim Moody, Public Information Officer, presented information regarding the use of social networking in the Randolph County School System. He shared with the Board how social media can increase the size of our audience at no cost to our system. Our local media does a great job, but we can't depend on them to tell everything about our school system. Social media is a way to grow our audience and enhance our website, not replace it. Mr. Moody discussed several areas including the following: why should a school district use social networking, social networking goals for RCSS, strategies, resources, board policies, and area school systems with official Facebook pages and twitter accounts. He also presented an RCSS Facebook page highlighting areas about our school system.

The work session ended at 6:00 p.m.

Board Chair

Board Secretary