

RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Minutes

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a work session on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in the Central Services Boardroom, located at the 2222-C South Fayetteville Street Office in Asheboro. The following board members were present at the work session: Gary Cook, Tracy Boyles, Brian Biggs, Fred Burgess, Emily T. Coltrane, and Sharon Farlow. Also present, Superintendent Stephen Gainey, Leadership Team members, County Commissioners, County Manager Hal Johnson, and County Finance Officer Will Massie along with staff from the county manager's office.

The work session started at 4:30 p.m.

Superintendent Stephen Gainey welcomed the County Commissioners and County Manager as well as all who were in attendance. The Superintendent introduced the Board of Education members as well as school system staff.

Trust and Transparency

Finance & Budget Division

1. Discussion with County Commissioners regarding budget ideas for the 7/1/18-6/30/19 fiscal year

Dr. Gainey distributed a list of local budget requests for the 2018-2019 school year. The following items were presented and discussed:

Current expense Requests

1. Continuation costs = \$638,000
 - Matching insurance increase
 - Matching retirement increase
 - Potential salary increase
 - Charter school growth
 - Liability/workers compensation/unemployment/property insurance increase
 - Energy/water/garbage/fuel increase
2. Supplement Increase (.5%) = \$615,000
 - Increase for all employee classifications
 - Build upon two (2) consecutive .25% increases
 - Attempt to stay competitive with surrounding systems

The Superintendent expressed his thanks and appreciation to the county commissioners for moving the supplements for the first time in 2016-2017, which was the first supplement increase since 2007.

3. Technology Replacements and Upgrades = \$100,000
 - Recurring funding necessary to replace older computers
 - To be used in conjunction with state and federal funding when available

- Continue to meet needs of students and DPI testing requirements

Total Current Expense Request = \$1,353,000

There were no additional Capital Outlay requests for the 2018-2019 school year.

Marty Trotter, Assistant Superintendent, thanked the County Commissioners and the Board for their support. Mr. Trotter presented an update on the 9-Year Facility Upgrade and Repair Plan.

Dr. Gainey presented information regarding K-3 class size reduction and what it would look like for the Randolph County School System if it had been in place during this school year. He shared the cost to set up additional mobile units and elementary classrooms as well as an additional 36 more teachers than we have currently.

The Superintendent shared some of the highlights over the last five-year process.

- Opened 5th grade Academy by utilizing space at Randleman Middle School
- Uwharrie School Project
- Golden Leaf Project – Our system has 2 of the 12 metals manufacturing programs in the state of North Carolina (Eastern Randolph High School and Randleman High School). Appreciation to the County Commissioners who gave matching funds.
- Middle school in the Archdale-Trinity zone
- Moved supplement forward 2 years in a row
- Since beginning of the 2014-2015 school year, current expense has increased by \$1,649,000
- Capital Outlay has increased \$1,450,000

Dr. Gainey shared how the county commissioners has played a role in helping the school system. These efforts do not need to go unnoticed. The school system uses what we are given and uses it wisely.

Mr. Allen, Chairman of the County Commissioners, shared his appreciation for this meeting with the Board of Education. He spoke of a meeting in Raleigh on January 31 at 10:00 a.m. and extended an invitation to School Board members.

Superintendent's Office

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

Dr. Gainey shared there were no changes to the staff events.

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

Board Chair

Board Secretary