Randolph County Board of Education Work Session Minutes October 15, 2018

On Monday, October 15, 2018, at 4:30 p.m., the Randolph County Board of Education met for a work session. The work session was held at Randolph Community College in the R. Alton Cox Learning Resource Center Auditorium. Board Members in attendance: Gary Cook (Chairman), Tracy Boyles (Vice Chair), Brian Biggs, Fred Burgess, Emily T. Coltrane, and Sharon Farlow. Superintendent Stephen Gainey as well as the Leadership Team also were present.

Finance & Budget

1) Quarterly budget update

Todd Lowe, Finance Officer, presented the quarterly budget update on the following:

- State Allotments
- Personnel Benefits
- RCSS Enrollment
- Charter School Enrollment
- Fund Balances
- Cash Balances
- Areas to Watch

Operations

1) Quarterly student assignment update

Marty Trotter, Assistant Superintendent, presented an update on the following first quarter student assignments.

- Reassignments = 921
- Releases = 330
- Admissions = 315
- Net transfer = -15

2) Alternative calendar study plan

Mr. Trotter presented information regarding an alternative calendar study plan including the following:

- Goals for alternative calendar
- Process/Timeline
- Surveys sent to parents, middle and high school students, and certified staff
- Public Forums held in each quadrant

Curriculum & Instruction

1) 2017-2018 School Performance Data with Subgroup School Performance Grades

Catherine Berry, Assistant Superintendent, and Beth Davis, Director of Testing & Accountability/PowerSchool, shared that on 10/3/18, the Department of Public Instruction released additional data in relation to School Performance Grades for Subgroups and the classification of schools as Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) for the 2017-2018 school year data. Ms. Davis presented documents that summarized the Randolph County School System's performance and classification of schools for the 2017-2018 school year.

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Superintendent's Office

1) Randolph County School System Social Media update

Tim Moody, Public Information Officer, presented a social media update in regards to the school system including a timeline of when the research started in January 2014 as well as the process until the launch of Facebook and Twitter in August 2014. Information was shared on how it has grown from August 2014 to present. Mr. Moody shared that our next social media strategy is to launch a district Instagram account by October 31, 2018. This action will allow us to reach students, a target demographic that is under-represented in our school system's social media audience.

2) Overview of upcoming Board of Education and staff events/issues Dr. Gainey presented an overview of upcoming events.

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

Board Chair

Board Secretary