

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

### Raleigh County Schools

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

**ROLL CALL** – The Raleigh County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5:30 PM in Munson Hall at the Raleigh County Schools Central Office with the following members present: President Larry D. Ford, Vice President Jack G. Roop, Dr. Charlotte Hutchens, Ms. Marie Hamrick, Mr. Richard V. Snuffer II, and Mr. C. David Price.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Ford called the meeting to order.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADJUSTMENTS**

President Ford requested approval of the agenda. Mr. Snuffer made the motion to approve. Mr. Roop seconded it. Motion passed 5-0.

### **RECOGNITIONS**

- Superintendent David Price recognized Alicia Lett, Principal of Cranberry-Prosperity Elementary, as the National Distinguished Principal of the Year.

### **DELEGATIONS**

- Agenda Items - No one registered to address agenda items.
- Non-Agenda Items
  - Brooke Robinson, parent, expressed her concerns of the school closures and requested a clear, measurable goal to return.
  - Abby Honaker, parent, is concerned for her children's mental health by not returning to school and questioned why we're not returning to in-face learning as so many other counties and states are.
  - Vanessa Johnson, a nurse and parent, questioned why we have such a vast quarantine and explained the CDC guidelines which are observed in her job situation.
  - Amanda Wills, parent, is concerned with the anxiety which school closures are causing to not only students, but teachers, parents, and grandparents.
  - Dina Hershberger, parent, also expressed her displeasure of closings and explained the difficulties it causes her family.
  - Whitney Salango, Raleigh County Substitute Secretary, stated how her children who were once happy and made good grades have changed in personality and struggling with grades. She also questioned why sports teams can meet 4 days a week, yet classroom students cannot.
  - David Gallaher, parent, feels that more harm than good is being caused to children. He also feels that Schoology has a lot of problems that needs worked out.

### **COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

- Board Reports - Board members reported their activities since the last meeting.
- Other Reports
  - Re-entry Update – Special Programs Director Allen Sexton, explained services being offered .
  - Attendance Report – Attendance Director Kim Lacy stated the current student enrollment is 10,376 without PreK with an attendance rate of 97.7. Homeschool totals 866 students at the end of the second month.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – There was no unfinished business to be considered.

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES** – There were no policies or procedures to be considered.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. Snuffer made the motion to approve Consent Items. Mr. Roop seconded it. Motion passed 5-0. Consent items are as follows:

- Approve Payment of Bills – September 2020
- Approve Budget Supplements and Transfers – September 2020
- Approve minutes of Regular Meeting, September 22, 2020
- Approve renewal of agreement with New River Community and Technical College
- Future meetings/events: Special Regional Meeting – Thursday, October 15, 2020 – 8:30 AM – Munson Hall  
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, October 27, 2020 – 5:30 PM – Munson Hall

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Consider approval of requests for Exception to the Four Year Attendance Requirement  
Mr. Snuffer made the motion to approve. Dr. Hutchens seconded it. Motion passed 5-0.
- Consider approval of non-participation in the payroll tax deferral program  
After a brief explanation from Darrin Butcher, Treasurer/CSBO, Mr. Snuffer made the motion not to participate. Mr. Roop seconded it. Motion passed 5-0.
- Consider approval of Covid-19 Addendum to Bluefield State College Agreement  
Ms. Hamrick made the motion to approve. Dr. Hutchens seconded it. Motion passed 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL**

- Approve Superintendent’s recommendations for personnel 2020-21  
With several corrections noted by Human Resources Director Anthony Jones and approval of Superintendent Price, Mr. Snuffer made the motion to approve. Mr. Roop seconded it. Motion passed 5-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- At 6:56 PM, Mr. Snuffer made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session under the authority of WV Code §6-9A-4 to review the Superintendent’s goals for 2020-21. Mr. Roop seconded it. Motion passed 5-0.

Upon return to open session at 7:23 all members were present.

**CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL**

- Review and Approve Superintendent’s goals for 2020-2021  
President Ford recommended approval of Superintendent Price’s goals. Mr. Snuffer made the motion to approve. Ms. Hamrick seconded it. Motion passed 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT** – At 7:25 PM the meeting adjourned by consensus.

**RALEIGH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Larry D. Ford, President

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C. David Price, Secretary