

The Randolph Southern School Corporation Board of School Trustees met for the regular meeting on Monday, December 14, 2020 in the Superintendent's Office Board Room. The following members were present:

Michael Miller, President  
Eric Retter, Vice President  
Tom McFarland, Secretary  
Janet Caudle, Member  
Patricia Tillson, Member

I. DEC 2020

Michael Miller called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

II. DEC 2020

Tom McFarland made a motion to approve the November 16, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Pat Tillson seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

III. DEC 2020

Mr. Bowsman and the Randolph Southern Board of School Trustees presented Pat Tillson with a plaque to show appreciation of 10 years of dedication and service to the students and community.

V. DEC 2020

Jan Caudle moved to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers 932 to 1039 in the amount of \$812,700.34 as presented.

\*There was a glitch in the software when processing APV 1039 (check#7220). It created ½ of the APV to First Financial and ½ to GRIC. The Treasurer updated the docket, APV and reprinted the check (check#7221). The APV number remained the same.

November 30, 2020 cash balance Education Fund was \$534,695.28. Eric Retter seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

VI.A.70 DEC 2020

Pat Tillson made a motion to approve payment to Ellis Mechanical Inc., in the amount of \$6,494.30 to be paid on 11/30/2020. Payment to Trane in the amount of \$2,197.67 to be paid on 12/15/2020.

VI.A.71 DEC 2020

Tom McFarland made a motion to approve the Treasurer to make year-end transfers within each fund so that no line item has a negative balance. Jan Caudle seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

VI.A.72 DEC 2020

Jan Caudle made a motion to approve payment of account payable vouchers prior to December 31, 2020. (A separate docket will be presented for board approval on January 11, 2020). Pat Tillson seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

VI.A.73 DEC 2020

Pat Tillson made a motion to approve the transfer of funds from the Operations fund, up to but not to exceed \$100,000.00\*, into the Rainy Day fund. Jan Caudle seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

\*Central Office will not know the exact amount until the books are closed on December 31, 2020.

VI.A.74 DEC 2020

Tom McFarland made a motion to approve the contract agreement between Ice Miller and the school corporation for the Continuing Disclosure Review of 2009 Bond and 2019 Bond. The fee is \$575.00 per bond or \$1150.00 for the 2021 calendar year.

VI.A.75 DEC 2020

Pat Tillson made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 calendar. The calendar aligns with other county schools. Eric Retter seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

VI.A.76 DEC 2020

Eric Retter made a motion to approve the contract between the school corporation and T-Mobile USA for 100 student devices at \$15.00 per month. These devices provide unlimited data for students to attend virtual classes. The contract is on a month to month basis. The contract was reviewed by attorney Amy Matthews with Church Church Hittle and Antrim. Jan Caudle seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Mangus reported that this is a good plan if the school has to go to virtual learning. Mr. Bowsman added that there should be funds left from the CPF fund to help pay for these devices and connectivity. Jan Caudle said that this will be a great opportunity for the students. Mr. Mangus and Mr. Allen reported that the devices will save a lot of

work for Teachers and Staff. Mr. Mangus said that he plans on having these devices in the hands of the students by the end of the week.

#### VI.B.11 DEC 2020

Pat Tillson made a motion to approve the following Personnel items:

1. Cory Adams as Elementary Boys Basketball Volunteer Assistant coach for 2020-2021.

Eric Retter seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

#### VI.H.3 DEC 2020

Eric Retter made a motion to approve supporting the legislation in forming an electric consortium between other K-12 school corporations. Superintendent Bowsman has been working with State Representative J. D. Prescott, East Central Natural Gas Consortium, Indiana Small Rural Schools Association, Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, and the East Central Education Service Center to open electricity markets, purchase electricity in future markets, and lower costs. Maverick Energy Consultants estimate a potential 30%-50% cost savings by forming a co-op and the ability for choice in the marketplace. Jan Caudle seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

#### VI.I.1 DEC 2020

Eric Retter made a motion to approve adding the following job descriptions to the following positions:

Section 5.05 Addition of Band Director, High School, added to Job Description Handbook.

Section 5.06 Addition of Summer Band Director, High School, added to Job Description Handbook.

Section 5.07 Addition of Choral Director, High School, added to Job Description Handbook.

Section 5.08 Addition of Select Choir Director, Elementary, added to Job Description Handbook.

Section 5.09 FFA Advisor, High School, added to Job Description Handbook.

Pat Tillson seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Bowsman mentioned that Mr. Hallatt is working on his internship and had him working on this project.

Jan Caudle asked Superintendent Bowsman if there will be a minimum student enrollment stipulation on the Summer Band Director position. Superintendent Bowsman added that this step is laying the ground work for these positions and will make needed adjustments as they arise.

#### VI.J.4 DEC 2020

Eric Retter made a motion to approve the donations that were presented.

Silver Towne Farms donated \$500.00 to the Boys Basketball program, \$500.00 to the Girls Basketball program and \$500.00 to the Junior High Boys Basketball program.

Chris Flatter donated \$500.00 to the National Honor Society to help with Secret Santa families.

Jan Caudle seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

Tom McFarland asked if the corporation sends out a gratitude letter. Mr. Bowsman said that he will make sure there are Thank you letters/cards sent.

#### VII.A.12 DEC 2020

Superintendent Bowsman reported the corporation expended \$3,847.34 for Summer School. The corporation received the Summer School Reimbursement from the IDOE in the amount of \$2,999.09.

Superintendent Bowsman reported the IDOE transfer report was issued by the IDOE. RSSC had 101 transfers in and 59 transfers out.

Superintendent Bowsman reported the 1782 Budget was released and approved. RSSC received the 1782 budget order on 11/30/20. The Assessed Value went down by -\$18,220,255 from \$195,198,985 to \$176,978,730. Superintendent Bowsman spoke with the assessor. Farm ground dropped from \$1,560.00 per acre to \$1,280.00 per acre. RSSC has 56,000 acres in Washington and Greensfork Township. Some ground is assessed based upon production. One local business reported \$3,765,120.00 less in personal property tax. According to the assessor this is an error in reporting and should be adjusted. The tax rate increased from \$0.7783 to \$0.8871. The increase is due to the assessed value of farm ground going down and the personal property tax of one business not being reported correctly. The 2019 Bond accounts for 3.5 to 4.0 cents of

the increase. The Max Levy is \$1,144,357. The school corporation submitted and was approved for \$1,054,793.

Education Fund:	\$2,966,935
Operation Fund:	\$1,835,228
Debt Service Fund:	\$598,064
Rainy Day:	\$300,000

Superintendent Bowsman discussed the CDC's changes to the Close Contact Quarantine Guidance.

1. 10 day quarantine for close contact with no test.
2. 7 day quarantine with test administered on day 5,6, or 7.
3. Close contact must continue to wear mask, social distance, and sanitize for 14 days.
4. Randolph County moved to "Red" status code on December 9. Per Randolph County Health Department recommends only two spectators (parents) per participant will be allowed to attend athletic events.

Tom McFarland asked who makes the decision to change the quarantine guidelines. Mr. Bowsman reported that any changes are made by the CDC and the Randolph County Health Department.

Superintendent Bowsman thanked U.S. Bank for their generous donation of office equipment and furniture. The items include: 2 coffee tables, 2 cherry tables, 4 grey standard chairs, 5 black office chairs, 8 black plastic chairs, 1 coat rack, 10 cloth black chairs, refrigerator, 2 plexiglass stands, and 6 wood grain chairs. The furniture will be used in the Corporation Office, High School and Elementary. Superintendent Bowsman sent a letter to U.S. Bank to show the corporation's appreciation of their generosity.

Superintendent Bowsman reported the school corporation will pay the following Bond payments on December 31, 2020:

- 2019 Bond payment of \$109,000.00.
- 2009 Bond payment of \$186,625.00.
- 2020 Tax Anticipation warrant payment of \$112,948.21.
- Encumber \$33,410.89 for bus rental lease payment.

Superintendent Bowsman reported that the Bond projects (Elementary Roof, Chiller, and PE/Locker room) are completed and he is very pleased with all of the projects. The new lockers have been installed. There was a slight color difference in the inserts and the existing JV lockers that we kept to have installed. The contractors are working on resolving this issue.

Superintendent Bowsman reported the Teacher Appreciation Grant funds (\$17,506.66) were distributed by the IDOE, the final amount was \$35.87 per student. 13 highly effective teachers received \$620.80 and 19 effective teachers received \$496.64. FICA, MED, TRF and 401A was subtracted from these amounts. Administrators received an equal proportion based upon their evaluation rating. These distributions are separate from TAG funds. Distribution occurred on December 7, 2020.

Superintendent Bowsman reported the School Corporation received the December Tax Settlement from the county.

Debt Service Fund=\$195,885.28  
Operations Fund=\$501,553.86

Superintendent Bowsman reported the cafeteria was inspected by the Randolph County Health Department on December 9, 2020. The inspector found no violations.

#### VIII. A.12 DEC 2020

Elementary Principal, Mr. Allen, reported the NWEA testing window will close after the Christmas break. He has a few kids who need to finish due to being quarantined.

Mr. Allen, stated that his goal of finishing his long evaluations by the end of the first semester has been met. He plans on working on his professional indicators, short evaluations and lesson plan rubric during the second semester.

Mr. Allen reported the attendance has been fantastic.

Mr. Allen reported the Santa shop made approximately \$600.00.

Mr. Allen reported the girls basketball program is going well. He is looking for someone to step up and coach the boys.

#### VIII. B.12 DEC 2020

High School Principal, Mr. Mangus, reported the High School started their NWEA testing this week.

Mr. Mangus reported the High School National Honor Society helped 34 families this year. They had more sponsors to help buy gifts than families to help. He attributed this to the local community.

Mr. Mangus reported the FFA helped with the Food Drive in the elementary and collected 100 cans in ten days.

Mr. Mangus reported there are three students competing in crops judging and one student in forestry.

Mr. Mangus told the board of trustees he is very excited about the T-Mobile devices to help those students who have challenges with internet service.

Mr. Mangus discussed with the Board of Trustees that it was nice to have teachers and paraprofessionals in the building for the last virtual learning day. He spoke with a teacher who thought the kids were more in tune with the teachers teaching from their classrooms.

#### IX. DEC 2020

Superintendent Bowsman welcomed Mr. Don Pruitt to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Pruitt has already taken his oath of office at the Randolph County courthouse.

#### X. DEC 2020

There were no patron comments.

#### XI. DEC 2020

Pat Tillson addressed the Board of Trustees and said how she appreciates all of them, and how they all have become her friends. All of the members have been very professional and have been a joy to work with. Pat Tillson told Mr. Bowsman he is the reason the school is still here because of his hard work. She closed with saying it has been a good run.

Superintendent Bowsman thanked Pat for her hard work and dedication to the school corporation. He will miss her greatly.

Eric Retter thanked Pat.

Jan Caudle stated that she will miss Pat and thanked her for her service.

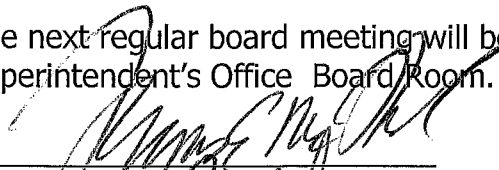

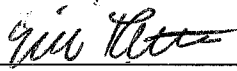
Tom McFarland stated that all of the administrators have done a great job.

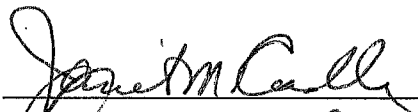

Mike Miller stated he's ready to put 2020 behind us, it's been stressful and has tried us all. We've grown through all of this and became stronger.

#### XII. DEC 2020

Jan Caudle made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Eric Retter seconded the motion and motion carried 5-0.

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, January 11, 2020 at 7:30 PM, in the Superintendent's Office Board Room.

  
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Persons Attending: Daniel Allen, Donnie Bowsman, Cindee Cowen, and Robert Mangus  
Don Pruitt.