

RCSD “Regular” BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

RUSSELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 26, 2021, at 6:00 pm via Zoom (*Teleconference*)

1. *The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Eugenia D. Upshaw at 6:06 pm due to technical issues. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining the call. She stated that RCSD’s board meeting will be conducted via teleconference in accordance with the First Supplement Order issued by Gov. Kay Ivey on March 18, 2020, in the State of Alabama Proclamation. This order allows for virtual meetings due to COVID-19. A summary of the meeting will be provided within 12 hours of the meeting and posted to our website. The meeting is available to the public at the District’s Website.*

a. Superintendent Brenda Coley conducted the roll call. The following board members were present via telephone and/or Zoom.

Roll Call	Present	Absent
<i>Mrs. Dillie Elliott (DE)</i>	___	<u>X</u>
<i>Mr. Keith Mitchell (KM)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Tommy Pugh (TP)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Tim Simpson (TS)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Joseph Williams (JW)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Kenneth Barnes, Vice -President (KB)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mrs. Eugenia D. Upshaw, President (EU)</i>	<u>X</u>	___

With six board members in attendance, a quorum was met. Others attending the meeting include Superintendent Brenda Coley, Executive Assistant, Tamara Bowser-Brock, Technology Director, Fabian Bauerschmidt, Director of Administration, Tammy Barnes, and CSFO, Cody Patterson.

b. *Greeting/Remarks by:* **President, Mrs. Eugenia Upshaw**

c. *Opening Prayer:* **Mr. Tim Simpson**

d. *Pledge of Allegiance:* **Unison**

2. Adoption of Agenda:

The Superintendent recommended that the regular board agenda be adopted as submitted. (reference 2) action.

Motion by **TS** Seconded by **JW** Voting Yea **All** Voting Nay **None**

<i>Mrs. Dillie Elliott (DE)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Keith Mitchell (KM)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Tommy Pugh (TP)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Tim Simpson (TS)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Joseph Williams (JW)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Kenneth Barnes, Vice-President (KB)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mrs. Eugenia D. Upshaw, President (EU)</i>	<u>X</u>	___

Motion Carries **Yes** Motion dies for lack of votes **N/A**

3. Presentations: None

4. Approval of Minutes:

The Superintendent recommended approval of the board minutes of the regular board meeting held *December 15, 2021* with the **Russell County Commission donation amount corrected** as submitted, (reference 4) action

Motion by KB Seconded by JW Voting Yea 5 Voting Nay 0

<i>Mr. Keith Mitchell (KM)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Tommy Pugh (TP)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Tim Simpson (TS)</i>	<i>abstained</i>	___
<i>Mr. Joseph Williams (JW)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Kenneth Barnes, Vice-President (KB)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mrs. Eugenia D. Upshaw, President (EU)</i>	<u>X</u>	___

Abstention 1 Motion Carries Yes Motion dies for lack of votes N/A

5. Financial Support/Resources:

- The Superintendent recommended approval of the payment of bills and accounts, subject to audit as submitted, (reference 5a)
- The Superintendent recommended approval of the Revised Overnight Field Trip for Russell County High School as submitted, (reference 5b)
- The Superintendent recommended approval of the New Travel and Mileage Rates for 2021 as submitted, (reference 5c)
- The Superintendent recommended approval to Declare Items Surplus and Sale as submitted, (reference 5d)
- The Superintendent recommended approval of the Spring School/Credit Recovery Program for RCMS as submitted (reference 5e)
- The Superintendent recommended approval of the Afterschool Academic Tutors for Dixie Elem., MOPS, and MOIS as submitted (reference 5f) action 5a, b, c, d, e, and f.

Motion by TP Seconded by TS Voting Yea All Voting Nay None

<i>Mr. Keith Mitchell (KM)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Tommy Pugh (TP)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Tim Simpson (TS)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Joseph Williams (JW)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Kenneth Barnes, Vice-President (KB)</i>	<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mrs. Eugenia D. Upshaw, President (EU)</i>	<u>X</u>	___

Motion Carries Yes Motion dies for lack of votes N/A

6. Contract/Agreement:

- a. The Superintendent recommended approval of the Homebound Services Contract as submitted, (reference 6a)
- b. The Superintendent recommended approval of the Installment Sales Contract between RCSD and T&O Leasing as submitted, (reference 6b)
- c. The Superintendent recommended approval of the ACCELERATE Partnership Agreement between Troy University and RCSD as submitted, (reference 6c)
- d. The Superintendent recommended approval of the Fire System Maintenance and Inspection Agreement with Columbus Fire & Safety Co., Inc. as submitted, (reference 6d)
- e. The Superintendent recommended approval of the Proposal for Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation put forth by Building & Earth Sciences, Inc. as submitted, (reference 6e)
- f. The Superintendent recommended approval of Annual Letter of Agency for FY21 E-rate Application as submitted, (reference 6f)
- g. The Superintendent recommended approval of the Blackboard Website Contract for web hosting and mass communication notification services as submitted, (reference 6g)
- h. The Superintendent recommends approval of the Legacy Leaders, LLC Consulting Contract as submitted (reference 6g) action 6a, b, c, d, e, f, g, and h.

Motion by <u>TP</u>	Seconded by <u>JW</u>	Voting Yea <u>All</u>	Voting Nay <u>None</u>
<i>Mr. Keith Mitchell (KM)</i>		<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Tommy Pugh (TP)</i>		<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Tim Simpson (TS)</i>		<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Joseph Williams (JW)</i>		<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mr. Kenneth Barnes, Vice-President (KB)</i>		<u>X</u>	___
<i>Mrs. Eugenia D. Upshaw, President (EU)</i>		<u>X</u>	___
Motion Carries <u>Yes</u>		Motion dies for lack of votes <u>N/A</u>	

7. RCSD Support/Miscellaneous: None

8. Human Resource Recommendation:

- a. The Superintendent recommends approval of certified personnel resignations as submitted, (reference 8a)
- b. The Superintendent recommends approval of classified and certified personnel employment as submitted, (reference 8b)
- c. The Superintendent recommends approval of classified and certified personnel retirements as submitted, (reference 8c)
- d. The Superintendent recommends approval of certified personnel Education Leave of Absence as submitted, (reference 8d) action a, b, c and d.

Motion by TP Seconded by KB Voting Yea All Voting Nay None

Mr. Keith Mitchell (KM)	<u>X</u>	___
Mr. Tommy Pugh (TP)	<u>X</u>	___
Mr. Tim Simpson (TS)	<u>X</u>	___
Mr. Joseph Williams (JW)	<u>X</u>	___
Mr. Kenneth Barnes, Vice-President (KB)	<u>X</u>	___
Mrs. Eugenia D. Upshaw, President (EU)	<u>X</u>	___

Motion Carries Yes Motion dies for lack of votes N/A

9. Superintendent's Report:

- a. Retirement: 2
- b. Leave of Absence for the Month: 1
- c. Purchase Order Contract(s) for Homebound Services for the month: 1
- d. Financial Report, December 2020 and Reconciled Bank Statement:

CSFO, **Cody Patterson** presented information concerning the Bond Refunding. He reported that Stifel notified him that there has been an increase in savings. The Board would need to approve the Resolution to refund those bonds in order for the vendor to take it to the market. The Board discussed whether or not they would like to approve the resolution.

There a motion made by **Keith Mitchell** to suspend the the rule and seconded **Tommy Pugh** with the board voting unanimously to approve.

A motion was made by **Keith Mitchell** and second by **Tommy Pugh** to add the Bond Refunding Resolution as an item to the Board Agenda for approval.

Motion by KM Seconded by TP Voting Yea All Voting Nay None

Mr. Keith Mitchell (KM)	<u>X</u>	___
Mr. Tommy Pugh (TP)	<u>X</u>	___
Mr. Tim Simpson (TS)	<u>X</u>	___
Mr. Joseph Williams (JW)	<u>X</u>	___
Mr. Kenneth Barnes, Vice-President (KB)	<u>X</u>	___
Mrs. Eugenia D. Upshaw, President (EU)	<u>X</u>	___

Motion Carries Yes Motion dies for lack of votes N/A

- e. District News You Can Use:
 - ❖ The Board Work Session is scheduled for February 9th, 2021 at 6:00 pm..
 - ❖ Baseball/Softball Complex should be ready in time for the first baseball game pending the final inspection of the complex.
 - ❖ Congratulations to Dr. **Mesha Patrick** and Dr. **Lorenza Pharrams** on their upcoming retirement.

- ❖ Congratulations to RCHS for female diversity Award
- ❖ Congratulations to RCHS Boys basketball team on their win against Opelika and the girl basketball team for their continuous winning season.
- ❖ Interviews for the Head Coach position will be conducted Jan. 28 - 29, 2021.
- ❖ After surveying RCSD faculty and staff, Sixty-five percent of District Employees are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by TP Seconded by JW Vote ALL
Time 7:00 PM