



Richard Hardy Memorial School

Board Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

Opening Prayer: Chairman Bill Stuart

Meeting called to order: Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Stuart

I. Reading of the February 2021 minutes. (Approval/Disapproval):
Barbie Blansett made the motion to approve the February 2021 board meeting minutes; Missi Cox 2nd the motion; motion carried.

II. Standard Business:

Principals Report: Lauria Merritt

- Picture day was successful!
- Prom will be held on April 23rd.
- Testing window is in May.
- I will be attending CASE winter leadership convention.
- Library project-fund raiser coming soon.

Financial Report: Jennifer Olton

We received our audit from June 30, 2020. There were only 2 findings reported; one is that our yearbook remains in the arrears; the other was the refinancing of our bond was over budget. All other financials are in good standing. We received our ESSER funds and will have to find out what all it can be used towards.

III: Old Business:

Boiler Discussion: David Hill was present to discuss the issues we have had for a while now with our boiler. David stated that the cooling tower bottom was almost gone. He further stated that to replace everything will cost around 1.4 million. PATH was also present and with their projected plan the boiler is part of their proposal. (eliminating the boiler and replacing with a new system).

Loan/Bond (Approval/Disapproval): PATH presented their process to the board for RHMS. The process includes a Preliminary Analysis, Investment Grade Audit, Final Proposal, and Project Authorization. Under PATH our current HVAC in the elementary building would be replaced with a VRF system, replace thermostat control system, and add outdoor air improvements. The plan also includes LED lighting upgrades to all 3 buildings. The savings that PATH brings to our school is substantial to our overall energy costs that we now spend. To provide the funding of this project Duncan-Williams has suggested that it would more financially feasible if we incorporated the 2015 series bond with the new series 2021 bond. This will have to be approved by the board, and Chairman Bill Stuart made the motion to table the vote until himself and other board members could look at the proposal along with the bond/refinance options in more detail. Bill Stuart made the motion to table the decision until the next board meeting; Missi Cox 2nd the motion; motion carried.

After the vote was approved it was brought to the boards attention that to get this project completed over the summer it needs to be started as soon as possible. Starting this project includes getting engineering here, ordering parts, the bond refinance finalized and other approvals. Chairman Bill Stuart then stated that a special meeting could be held next week to get this finalized. (Since this meeting, a special meeting has been set for April 1, 2021 @ 4:00 pm).

IV: New Business:

Policy on Summer Learning Camps: Mrs. Webb stated that she had recently learned that the Summer Learning Camps and Bridge Camps, only had to have procedures, not an actual policy. All the procedures have not been worked out, but Tammy Summers is heading up the committee that is making the decisions for our summer learning camps and doing a great job. Mrs. Webb also stated that the committee decided to do the 4 week program instead of the 6 week program, giving students a little more time off during the summer.

Workshops/Trainings/Fieldtrips/Fundraisers:

Fieldtrips: Middle School would like to do a “Virtual” trip to Disney for a reward. The “virtual” trip includes, are, an escape room, and a “virtual” reality station. April 29th is when they would like to do this.

Senior class would like to go to Top Golf, do lunch, and go to Dave & Busters on April 22nd. (It was noted that the prom was April 23rd, and this could cause a financial burden on student/parents...Ms. Merritt will discuss this with the senior sponsor). The Senior class would also like to go to Dollywood on April 29th.

Fundraisers: Prom committee would like to host the prom at “The Car Barn” in Chattanooga, on April 23rd. They would also like to sell doughnuts and do Easter pictures as part of their fundraiser.

Senior class would like to have an “egg hunt” on April 1st; hat day on April 15th; movie day and pajama contest for Middle and High School on April 20th.

Next Meeting will be held Tuesday April 20, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman, Bill Stuart

Director, Beth Webb