

Lexington city Schools
Minutes
September 30, 2020

The Lexington city School Board met on September 30, 2020, at 5:30 pm via Zoom video conference. Present: Timothy Diette, Owen Collins, Tammy Dunn, Mollie Fox, Glenn Sullivan, Rebecca Walters-Superintendent, Stephanie Burch-Clerk.

Upon motion of Ms. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, the Board approved the Agenda.

Public Comment: Alyssa Astphan read her letter for the Board members and the remaining 23 other letters were read by each of the Board members. Mr. Diette thanked the community for all of their feedback.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Mike Craft gave a presentation from Rockbridge County High School and the things being done for the students. They are offering extra labs for those that might be struggling with virtual learning and may need additional help. The labs are being held outdoors for the students. They will be having a senior parade October 14, 2020 that will begin at Tractor Supply and end up in the school parking lot. They will be holding several virtual activities, spirit week in November, a pumpkin carving contest and a lip sync contest. Dr. Craft wanted to give a shout out to KFC for providing 120 lunches today September 30, 2020. He also talked about attendance and how they are trying to handle that with home phone calls, home visits and are in the process of planning an outreach program. Interim reports go home October 7, 2020. Mr. Diette and Ms. Walters thanked him and extended gratitude to all the teachers and staff.

Upon motion of Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Dunn, the Board approved the Head Start contract for 2020-2021.

Ms. Walters gave an update on the First Weeks of School, including in-person learning for special populations, and a very thorough update on planning for a return to in-person learning.

Mr. Straub gave an update on virtual learning and technology. They have had some struggles and are continually working on the solutions. They purchased Chrome Books for every student in the Spring.

Mr. White gave an update on student engagement and attendance. They are in direct communication with the parents with weekly updates on the student progress. They are in direct communication with the students. They have Google classroom alerts. The counselors with the help of google classroom, are able to have a one-on-one with the students that need that extra help. Also, free meals will continue through December 31, 2020. Overall attendance has been good.

The Rockbridge County School Board meeting will be held October 13, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

The next regular meeting for Lexington City Schools will be October 14, 2020, at 5:30 pm. There will be a Joint City Council and School Board meeting October 15, 2020, at 7:00 pm. There will be a Special Called meeting October 28, 2020, at 5:30 pm.

No Ad Hoc updates.

Upon motion of Ms. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, the Board adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Board Chair

Board Clerk