

MINUTES

ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 5, 2009

The October meeting was held at the Board of Education Annex as scheduled with all members present. Chairman King called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion by Mr. Weaver and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the agenda for the meeting.

A motion by Mrs. Witherspoon and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board on September 14, 2009.

Superintendent Reeves presented the school systems first *Ashe County Schools Employee of the Month Award* for October to Mrs. Cindy Pugh, custodian at Blue Ridge.

Each board of education was invited by the North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA) to nominate their board of county commissioners for the *NCSBA County Commissioners Award* for service to the local community through outstanding support of public education. The Board nominated the Ashe Board of County Commissioners for this award. Superintendent Reeves read the letter of nomination and presented Commissioner Judy Porter Poe, Chairman, and County Manager Dan McMillan with a certificate acknowledging the Ashe Board of County Commissioners' outstanding support and dedication to Ashe County Schools and its students and employees. If selected, this award will be presented at the Awards Ceremony at the November annual conference in Greensboro.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Weaver gave unanimous approval to a request from Brandy B. to graduate early in December 2009.

A motion by Mrs. Witherspoon and a second by Mr. Jones gave unanimous approval to a request from Ashe High FFA for an overnight trip to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 20-24, 2009.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Jones gave a 4-1 vote to amend Policy 7730 *Employee Conflict of Interest*.

A motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mrs. Witherspoon gave unanimous approval to the revised *Ashe County Schools Beginning Teacher Support Program Plan* as presented by Executive Director for Human Resources Rena Powers.

Superintendent Reeves presented policies *Code of Ethics for School Board Members* and *Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, and Discrimination*. These policies will be discussed at the Fall Board Retreat in November.

A motion by Mrs. Witherspoon and a second by Mr. Jones gave unanimous approval to adopt the *Registered Sex Offenders* and the *Student Sex Offenders* policies as presented by Superintendent Reeves.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Jones gave unanimous approval to the following personnel recommendations.

CERTIFIED

Administrator

- Resignation of Rena Powers as executive director for human resources effective November 1, 2009

Instructional Support Personnel

- Request from Jenna Cash to extend her approved parental leave of absence through October 23, 2009
- Resignation of Kelly Vannoy as registrar at Ashe High effective October 6, 2009

Substitute Teacher

- Addition of Larry Dix to the list of approved substitute teachers

Prior approval to employ to fill the following vacant positions

- Substitute teachers as necessary

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4-H Afterschool Staff

- Employment of Emily Frezza as 4-H afterschool on-site coordinator (full-time, 30/ hrs per week) at Blue Ridge effective September 24, 2009

Custodian

- Employment of Robert Dean Rupard as full-time custodian at Blue Ridge effective October 1, 2009

Substitute Bus Drivers

- Addition of Dwayne Farmer and Rick Sturgill to the list of approved substitute bus drivers

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Part-time ESL tutor at Blue Ridge
- Bus driver substitutes
- Cafeteria substitutes

Information items included *Upcoming Events*; a reminder of the Fall Board Retreat Wednesday, November 4, 2009, beginning at 12:00 pm; a reminder that the presentation of the *21st Century Learning Team* by Ashe Middle will be at the next regular Board meeting; and a copy of the third issue of *ACS Net News*.

Following a short recess at 8:12 pm, the Board went into closed session at 8:24 pm for the purpose of discussing personnel action that involves an officer or employee of this Board [N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(6)]. No action was taken.

Upon return to regular session at 9:14 pm, Chairman King immediately declared the meeting adjourned.