

MINUTES

ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 4, 2010

The meeting was held at the Ashe County Board of Education Annex as scheduled with all members present except Mrs. Witherspoon who was unable to attend due to illness. Chairman King called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda for the meeting was approved by general consensus of the Board.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Jones gave unanimous approval to the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board on September 13, 2010.

Superintendent Reeves presented the *ACS Employee of the Month Award* for October to Mrs. Martha Turner, fifth grade teacher at Blue Ridge.

October *Tech Talk* was presented by Mr. Josh Beckworth, English and Appalachian Studies teacher at Ashe High. Mr. Beckworth discussed the technology used in his class to collect and catalog audio and video data that will be everlasting. Student Chris H. demonstrated how the software program Audacity is used to preserve audio archives from the Public Library for future generations. Student Rachel F. demonstrated how present classroom video interviews are conducted and preserved.

A motion by Mr. Weaver and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to a request from Ashe High Husky Vanguard Marching Band for an overnight trip to compete at Havelock High School in Havelock, North Carolina, October 30-31, 2010.

A motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to a request from Ashe Middle 8th grade for an overnight trip to the Outer banks of North Carolina, April 6-8, 2011.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth 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 19-23, 2010.

Superintendent Reeves and Curriculum Director Joyce Gardner presented a PowerPoint and shared information regarding *SMART Goals* (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Results oriented and realistic, and Time-bound) that all directors have been asked to focus on since the July Administrators' Retreat. The following directors presented their individual SMART Goals.

- Joyce Gardner, K-12 Curriculum and Staff Development
- Phil Howell, Testing and Accountability
- Joallen Lowder, Career and Technical Education
- Shea Coldiron, Transportation
- Kenneth Richardson, Maintenance

- Angie Thompson, Child Nutrition Coordinator
- Phyllis Yates, Finance
- Lesia Nave, Human Resources
- Kim Barnes, Federal Programs and Student Services
- Amy Walker, Technology

Teresa Stansberry, Director for Exceptional Children and PreK, was out of town and will present her SMART Goals at the regular November meeting.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Director Joallen Lowder presented an overview of the CTE Program Comprehensive Review that has been initiated in conjunction with Ashe County Schools Strategic Plan. Mrs. Lowder will present the final CTE Program Review at the December or January regular meeting of the Board.

Ashe County Board of Education Endowment Fund Board of Directors Dr. Calvin Miller and Mr. Ward Sexton presented the revised Endowment Fund Bylaws and Mission Statement. The revised Mission Statement reads: *The Ashe County Board of Education Endowment Fund encourages new and innovative approaches to student learning that are not supported through the traditional funding of public education.*

Superintendent Reeves and Curriculum Director Joyce Gardner presented Ashe County Schools 2010-2012 Strategic Planning Timeline Draft. Superintendent Reeves shared the timeline information and expressed he would like to have the Strategic Plan completed by spring. A motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the timeline with some flexibility if needed.

Superintendent Reeves, Ashe High Principal Jason Krider, and Ashe Middle Assistant Principal Elaine Cox presented information on 2010/11 *Disadvantaged Students Supplemental Funding (DSSF)*. This supplemental funding is to be used to meet the needs of the students in the local administrative unit that are not achieving grade-level proficiency. Ashe High will receive \$67,963 in DSSF monies, and this allotment will be used in areas of cohort graduation rate, EOC testing, discipline/attendance issues, and staff development. Ashe Middle will receive \$38,830 in DSSF monies, and this allotment will be used to target both reading and mathematics. A motion by Mr. Weaver and second by Mr. Jones gave unanimous approval to both DSSF allotments to better serve the students of Ashe County. It was requested by Mr. Weaver that a short recess take place after the following agenda item.

A motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Weaver gave unanimous approval to renewing the lease with Mrs. Debbie Williams and Learning Thru Play located at the West Jefferson facility. The term of this lease is for five years beginning November 1, 2010, and ending on October 31, 2015.

A short recess was taken.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Weaver gave unanimous approval to adopting a local policy on workers' compensation that aligns with the North Carolina State Board of Education's policy TCS-Q-001, as amended.

A motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the following 2010/11 Budget Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Ashe County Administrative Unit:

Section 1: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Local Current Expense Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

Instructional Programs	\$	1,511,158
Supporting Services		2,920,427
Ancillary Services		16,800
Non-Programmed Charges		50,000
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TOTAL Local Current Expense	\$	4,498,385

Section 2: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Local Current Expense Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

Local Funds	\$	4,498,385
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Section 3: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

Instructional Programs	\$	16,205,866
Supporting Services		3,341,575
Ancillary Services		56,800
Non-Programmed Charges		1,000
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TOTAL State Public School Fund	\$	19,605,241

Section 4: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

State Funds	\$	19,605,241
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Section 5: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Federal Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

Instructional Programs	\$	4,195,735
Supporting Programs		140,907
Non-Programmed Charges		110,853
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TOTAL Federal Grants Fund	\$	4,447,495

Section 6: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Federal Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

Federal Funds	\$	4,447,495
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Section 7: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Child Nutrition Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

Ancillary Services	\$	2,247,754
TOTAL Child Nutrition Fund		2,247,754

Section 8: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Child Nutrition Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

Federal Funds	\$	1,286,832
Local Funds		885,922
Fund Balance Appropriated		75,000
TOTAL Child Nutrition Fund Revenues	\$	2,247,754

Section 9: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Capital Outlay Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

Instructional Programs	\$	627,362
Supporting Programs		657,794
Non-Programmed Charges		25,000
Capital Building Projects		5,086,807
TOTAL Capital Outlay Fund	\$	6,396,963

Section 10: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Capital Outlay Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

State and Federal Funds	\$	3,198,919
Local Funds		2,775,374
Fund Balance Appropriated		422,670
TOTAL Capital Outlay Fund Revenues	\$	6,396,963

Section 11: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Local Fund 8 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

Instructional Programs	\$	1,386,299
Supporting Programs		262,616
Ancillary Services		43,232
Non-Programmed Charges		36,000
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TOTAL Local Fund 8	\$	1,728,147

Section 12: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Local Fund 8 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

State & Federal Funds	\$	1,299,271
Local Funds		428,876
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TOTAL Local Fund 8 Revenues	\$	1,728,147

Section 13: All appropriations shall be paid firstly from revenues restricted as to use, and secondly from general unrestricted revenues.

Section 14: The superintendent is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations with a fund and between funds under the following conditions:

He may transfer amounts between functions subject to the legal limitations of \$25,000.

Section 15: Copies of the Budget Resolution shall be immediately furnished to the superintendent and school finance officer for direction in carrying out their duties.

Superintendent Reeves presented the following updated information regarding possible staff development activities for the Board.

- TEACH 21 Technology visit to Mooresville Graded School District October 14, 2010 or November 30, 2010 for Board Members and County Commissioners
- Finance Workshop in October or November – 8 hours
- Superintendents' Evaluation Training/Webinar
Wednesday, October 27, 2010/9:00 am – 12:00 pm or 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Tuesday, November 9, 2010/9:00 am – 12:00 pm or 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- Education Law Training with School Board Attorney Fred Johnson and Doug Pungert
December 15, 2010
Lunch 12:00
Training 1:00 – 5:00
Invitations open to Alleghany, Watauga and Wilkes Counties

Superintendent Reeves presented information on *eBOARD*, a web-based program that Board members would use to eliminate paper dependency. After some discussion, the Board agreed not to try this costly program at this time but rather look into other ways the Board could move towards eliminating paper.

Superintendent Reeves and Curriculum Director Joyce Gardner presented information and PowerPoint on North Carolina's *Race to the Top (RttT)* initiative. North Carolina is one of only 12 recipients of the 2010 federal RttT grants, bringing nearly \$400 million to the state's public school system for use over the next four years with the possibility of Ashe County receiving \$400,000 for use over the next four years. After much discussion, Dr. Beckworth agreed to represent the Board along with the RttT team to begin the application process.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and with no objection, moved consideration of winter and spring coaching assignments at Ashe Middle (item 22) and personnel recommendations (item 23) to follow closed session.

Information items

- Calendar of Events
- American Education Week November 14-20, 2010
- Appointment of Superintendent Reeves to the UNCG School of Education Advisory Board

General consensus was given at 10:37 pm to taking a short recess before going into closed session for the purpose of considering a personnel action that involves an officer or employee of this Board [N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(6)].

The Board went into closed session at 10:40 pm. Chairman King turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Jones and left due to health reasons.

Upon return to regular session at 11:21 pm, a motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Weaver gave unanimous approval to the coaching recommendations at Ashe Middle with the following changes. Golf is a new sport and is not to be implemented due to budget restraints. Three (3) track positions with different individual coaches were approved. A request may be made at a later date if there is a need for additional coaching positions.

Winter	Dwayne Farmer	Basketball	Head Coach
	Harry Calloway	Basketball	Head Coach
	Dustin Farmer	Basketball	Head Coach
	Mike Johnson	Basketball	Head Coach
	Tony Miller	Basketball	Asst. Coach
	Kevin Nichols	Basketball	Asst. Coach
	Mitchell Mash	Basketball	Asst. Coach
	TBA	Basketball	Asst. Coach
	TBA	Wrestling	Head Coach
	TBA	Wrestling	Asst. Coach
	Gina Calhoun	Cheerleading	Head Coach
	Sarah Houck	Cheerleading	Head Coach
	Ken Guyton	Baseball	Head Coach
Spring	Robbie Howell	Baseball	Head Coach
	TBA	Softball	Head Coach
	TBA	Softball	Head Coach
Spring	Dustin Farmer	Track	Head Coach
	Johnna Jackson	Track	Asst. Coach Girls
	Josh Church	Track	Asst. Coach Boys
	TBA	Rover	
	TBA	Rover	
	Mike Johnson	Athletic Director	

A motion by Mr. Weaver and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the following personnel recommendations with the exception of employment of Andy Goodman as full-time custodian at Ashe Early Learning Center.

CERTIFIED

Teachers

- Employment of Shannon Wilson as temporary 7th grade teacher at Ashe Middle effective September 22, 2010
- Resignation of Margaret Roland as 8th grade social studies and language arts teacher at Ashe Middle effective October 10, 2010

- Employment of Angela Brock as teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High effective October 5, 2010, contingent upon pre-employment screening

School Nurse

- Employment of Mary Burgess as interim school nurse at Westwood effective September 27, 2010 and ending on or about October 26, 2010 (prior approval)

Prior approval to fill the following vacant positions

- Teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High
- Substitute teachers as necessary
- Teacher of social studies/language arts at Ashe Middle

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Bus Drivers

- Reassignment of Matthew Key from substitute bus driver with Ashe County Schools to regular route driver (part-time <25 hours/week) at Mountain View effective September 30, 2010 (prior approval)
- Transfer of Rita Brown from bus driver at Blue Ridge to bus driver at Ashe Middle effective September 17, 2010

Bus Driver Substitutes

- Addition of Ricky Osborne and Carl Spangler to the approved substitute bus driver list

Coaches

- Addition of Megan Greer as JV cheerleading coach to the Ashe High approved coaches list for fall 2010

Teacher Assistants

- Request from Kasey Jones, teacher assistant for exceptional children at Ashe Middle, for an educational leave of absence effective January 3, 2011 through end of spring semester 2010/2011
- Request from Eric Skerbinc, teacher assistant for exceptional children at Mountain View, for a medical leave of absence effective October 4, 2010 and ending on or about January 4, 2011 (FMLA=55 days)

Tutor

- Resignation of Rianna Barker as tutor (<25 hours/week) with the Pre-Kindergarten program at Ashe Early Learning Center effective September 24, 2010

Prior approval to fill the following vacant positions

- Regular route bus drivers
- Interim teacher assistant for exceptional children to fill leave of absence
- Part-time tutor (migrant education funding)
- Part-time tutors as necessary at all schools

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:28 pm on a motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Weaver.