

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 2, 2010

The meeting was held at the Ashe County 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.

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

A motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Weaver gave unanimous approval to the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board on June 30, 2010.

Superintendent Reeves recognized Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations Mrs. Phyllis Yates for recently receiving the *Award for Excellence in Management of the North Carolina State Public School Fund for 2008/09*. Superintendent Reeves presented Mrs. Yates with a certificate and stated that this is her sixth year receiving this award. In return, Mrs. Yates recognized the finance department for their hard work and dedication and presented Donna Absher, Kevin Anderson, Kathie Beckworth, Amanda Coldiron, and Geneva Spencer with certificates of appreciation.

Athletic Director Marc Payne presented the 2009/10 Unweighted Grade Point Averages for Ashe High Varsity and Junior Varsity teams. Coach Payne gave mention to the teachers who maintain high expectations from student athletes and commended the students for excelling in the classroom as well as in their sport.

Assistant Superintendent Phyllis Yates presented an update on Grant Procedures and shared a draft *Request to Apply for a Grant* application. Mrs. Yates asked for input from the Board as well as principals and directors. A grant request involving personnel or sustainability must be submitted to the Finance Officer two weeks prior to the date needed to allow for proper processing. A final *Request to Apply for a Grant* application will be completed soon.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Jones gave unanimous approval to the following 2010/11 coaching assignments at Ashe High.

Athletic Director: Marc Payne, CMAA
Assistant Athletic Director: Keith Phillips, CAA
Assistant Athletic Director: Laura Foster
Athletic Trainer: Adam Elliott, LAT,ATC

FALL SPORTS

- **Football**
 - Bill Strong, Head
 - Keith Phillips, Assistant
 - Tom Roberts, Assistant
 - Ronnie Pruitt, Assistant
 - Mike Tasso, Assistant
 - Mark Baldwin, Assistant
 - John Watts, Volunteer Assistant - Retired
 - Don Mayley, Volunteer Assistant - Retired

- **Volleyball**
Laura Foster, Head
Lindsey Williams, Head JV
- **Men's Soccer**
Rich Gill, Head
Wesley Rousseau, Head JV/Assistant Varsity
- **Women's Tennis**
Bill Key, Head
Vickie Herman, Volunteer Assistant - Retired
- **Men's/Women's Cross Country**
Mary Beth Greene, Head
Shane Greene, Assistant (rover position)
- **Women's Golf**
Joe Thore, Head (NF)
- **Cheerleading (Fall & Winter)**
Rachel Shepherd, Head Varsity
Donna Harless, Varsity Assistant (NF - rover position)
Megan Greer, Head JV (WCU Graduate - Elementary Educ.)

WINTER SPORTS

- **Men's Basketball**
Marc Payne, Head Varsity
Dwight Furches, Varsity Assistant (NF)
Scott Grubb, Head JV
Wesley Rousseau, Head Freshmen/Assistant JV
- **Women's Basketball**
Laura Foster, Head Varsity
Ray Dancy, Varsity Assistant (NF)
Mark Hudler, Head JV (NF)
Bobby Hudler, JV Assistant (NF)
- **Wrestling**
Keith Phillips, Head
Dale Wineberg, Assistant (NF)
Allen Lewis, Assistant (NF)
- **Men's/Women's Indoor Track**
No Team
- **Weight Training**
Bill Strong
Mike Tasso

A motion by Mr. Weaver and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the following 2010 Fall coaching assignments at Ashe Middle.

- **Volleyball**
Jill Craine
Paula Carlton
- **Soccer**
Alex Wray, Head Boys
Alex Wray, Head Girls
Rebecca Lane, Assistant
(May need to hire another soccer coach depending on the number of players)
- **Cheerleading**
Sarah Houck
Gina Calhoun
- **Football**
Dwayne Farmer, Blue Head Coach
Chris Taylor, Silver Head Coach
Zeb Gambill, Assistant Silver Coach
Kevin Nichols, Assistant Silver Coach
Andy Patton, Assistant Silver Coach
TBA, Blue Assistant Coach

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

CERTIFIED

Teachers

- Employment of Catherine Robinson, 7th grade teacher at Ashe Middle, effective August 2, 2010
- Employment of Mark Maya, teacher of exceptional children at Ashe High, effective August 2, 2010
- Employment of Jill Starling, teacher of exceptional children at Ashe High, effective August 12, 2010 (contingent upon pre-employment screening)
- Employment of Kayla Rash, 2nd grade teacher at Blue Ridge, effective August 2, 2010
- Promotion of Dianna Miller from teacher assistant at Westwood to 3rd grade teacher at Westwood effective August 2, 2010
- Promotion of Cindy Powers-Moser from teacher assistant at Westwood to 3rd grade interim teacher at Westwood effective August 2, 2010
- Promotion of Andrea Huovinen from teacher assistant at Ashe Early Learning Center to art teacher at Blue Ridge effective August 2, 2010
- Resignation of Kelly Holleman from media specialist at Ashe Middle effective, June 30, 2010
- Resignation of Jenna Cash, literacy specialist at Blue Ridge, effective July 15, 2010
- Resignation/retirement of Catherine Shepherd, art teacher at Blue Ridge, effective August 1, 2010

- Reassignment of Dedra Buchanan from kindergarten teacher at Blue Ridge to literacy specialist at Blue Ridge effective August 2, 2010
- Reassignment of Kelly Gunderson from 7th grade teacher at Ashe Middle to media specialist at Ashe Middle effective August 2, 2010
- Reassignment of Rachel Shepherd from teacher of exception children at Ashe High to social studies teacher at Ashe High effective August 2, 2010
- Transfer of Richard Gill from ISS teacher at Ashe High to physical education teacher at Blue Ridge effective August 2, 2010
- Transfer of Ricky Goodman from math teacher at Ashe Middle to 6th grade teacher at Blue Ridge effective August 2, 2010
- Transfer of Reggie Wiles from teacher of exceptional children at Ashe High to teacher of exceptional children at Westwood effective August 2, 2010
- Reduction in force of Laura McClure, Spanish teacher at Blue Ridge, due to decreased funding effective July 2, 2010
- Reduction in force of Michelle Weller, Spanish teacher at Mountain View, due to decreased funding effective July 2, 2010
- Reduction in force of Marta Pacheo, Spanish teacher at Westwood, due to decreased funding effective July 2, 2010
- Reduction in force of David Smith, ROTC instructor at Ashe High, due to decreased enrollment effective July 2, 2010

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Certified staff necessary to begin the start of 2010/11 school year
- Substitute teachers

CLASSIFIED

Afterschool

- Resignation of Emily Frezza, 4-H on-site coordinator at Blue Ridge, effective July 20, 2010

Bus Driver

- Re-employment of David "Casey" McNeill as bus driver (part-time) at Ashe High effective August 4, 2010
- Re-employment of Thomas Farmer as bus driver (part-time) at Blue Ridge effective August 4, 2010
- Re-employment of David Higgins as bus driver (part-time) at Westwood effective August 4, 2010
- Resignation/retirement of Larry D. Ham, bus driver at Ashe Middle, effective August 1, 2010

Cafeteria Assistant

- Re-employment of Mary Jane Cox as temporary cafeteria assistant at Blue Ridge effective August 2, 2010
- Reassignment of Michelle Walton from part-time cafeteria assistant at Mountain View to full time cafeteria assistant at Mountain View effective August 2, 2010

Media Assistant

- Reduction in force of Linda Young, media assistant at Ashe High, due to decreased funding effective July 2, 2010

Teacher Assistants

- Reduction in force of Janet Young, teacher assistant for exceptional children at Ashe High, due to decreased funding effective July 2, 2010
- Transfer of Sandy Beach from media assistant at Blue Ridge to teacher assistant at Ashe Early Learning Center effective August 2, 2010
- Transfer of Mona Hudler from media assistant at Mountain view to teacher assistant at Westwood effective August 2, 2010
- Transfer of Tammy Woods from media assistant at Ashe Middle to teacher assistant for exceptional children at Ashe High effective August 2, 2010
- Reassignment of Penny Greer from media assistant at Westwood to teacher assistant at Westwood effective August 2, 2010

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Mechanic at ACS Bus Garage
- Fuel truck driver at ACS Bus Garage (part-time, temporary)
- Custodian (part-time, 7 hours) at Ashe County High School
- 4-H afterschool coordinator at Ashe Middle (part-time) and Blue Ridge (full time)
- ESL tutor at Blue Ridge (part-time)
- Cafeteria assistants at Blue Ridge and Mountain View (part-time, temporary)
- Classified staff necessary to begin the start of 2010/11 school year

Superintendent Reeves presented information on Board Staff Development for 2010/11 including options/information on renewal credits. One option consisted of partnering with neighboring counties to defer the cost of a one day training with Board Attorney Fred Johnson. After much discussion and by general consensus, the Board agreed to take a look at a list of possible training opportunities in which Superintendent Reeves will obtain from Mr. Johnson.

Information items included

- Required teacher workdays – August 2-4, 2010
- First day of school for students – August 5, 2010
- Convocation at Ashe High – August 3, 2010
- Employee Appreciation Reception – August 10, 2010, at Jefferson United Methodist Church, 3:30-5:30 pm

There being no further business, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.