

MINUTES  
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
November 7, 2011

The November meeting was held as scheduled in the Ashe High School Auditorium 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.

Superintendent Reeves presented the November *Ashe County Schools Employee of the Month Award* to Ruth Turnmire, literacy specialist at Mountain View.

Superintendent Reeves recognized the Ashe County Middle football team and coaches for an undefeated season.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board on October 3, 2011 and the closed meeting on October 20, 2011.

Dr. Beckworth verified with Director of Human Resources Lesia Nave that the prior approval to employ art teachers would only be through the end of this school year. A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the following personnel recommendations.

**CERTIFIED**

**Teachers**

- Resignation of Andrea Huovinen, art teacher at Blue Ridge, effective end-of-day November 27, 2011
- Resignation/retirement of Susan Van Wyk, art teacher at Ashe High, effective January 1, 2012
- Reassignment of Sherry Lawrence from substitute teacher to interim media coordinator at Ashe Middle effective October 20, 2011 (to fill leave of absence)

**Substitute Teachers**

- Addition of Rachel Nave and Pam Gibbs to the list of approved substitute teachers

**Employee Leaves**

- Request from Mary Beth Knight, science teacher at Ashe High, for a parental leave beginning on October 24, 2011 through the end of the 2011/12 school year
- Request from Jill Gambill, art teacher at Ashe Middle, for a parental leave beginning on or about February 6, 2012 and ending on March 19, 2012 (FMLA = 6 weeks)
- Request from Holly L. McClure, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Westwood, for a parental leave beginning on January 2, 2012 and ending on March 23, 2012 (FMLA = 12 weeks)
- Request from Deborah Hess, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Blue Ridge, for a parental leave beginning on or about December 9, 2011 and ending on March 9, 2012 (FMLA = 12 weeks)

**Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions**

- Substitute teachers as necessary
- Art teachers for Blue Ridge and Ashe High

**CLASSIFIED**

**Bus Driver**

- Resignation of David "Casey" McNeil as bus driver at Ashe High effective November 4, 2011

**4-H Afterschool On-Site Coordinator**

- Resignation of Thomas Burne as the 4-H afterschool on-site coordinator at Blue Ridge effective October 28, 2011

**Bus Driver Substitutes**

- Addition of Carol Argetsinger and Kent Townsend to the list of approved substitute bus drivers

**Cafeteria Assistant**

- Resignation of Micah Kolseth as part-time temporary (5 hours per day) cafeteria assistant at Mountain View effective October 21, 2011

**Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions**

- 4-H afterschool on-site coordinator at Blue Ridge
- Transportation safety assistants at Ashe High and Mountain View
- Bus drivers
- Part-time cafeteria assistant
- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute cafeteria assistants

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to a request from the Ashe County High FFA for an overnight trip to compete in the dairy judging event at the Rowan County Fairgrounds in Salisbury, November 16, 2011.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to a request from Ashe County Middle for an overnight trip to the North Carolina Outer Banks, April 23-26, 2012.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Mr. Jones gave unanimous approval to the following requests for early graduation upon completion of remaining courses.

- Hannah F.
- Andrea J.
- Heather M.
- Honor R.
- Robert H.
- Christopher R.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the following revised Ashe Middle 2011/12 winter sports coaching assignments.

**BASKETBALL****7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls**

- Mike Johnson, Head
- Harry Calloway, Assistant

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys**

- Dustin Farmer, Head
- Kevin Nichols, Assistant

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls**

- Mary Howell, Head
- Bobby Jones, Assistant

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys**

- Mitchell Mash, Head
- Ricky Goodman, Assistant

**WRESTLING**

- Dalton Lewis, Head
- TBA, Assistant

**CHEERLEADING**

- Sarah Houck, Head
- Teneice Day, Head

Rotarian Doug Spell provided additional information on the possibility of providing an area at the high school to display Sports Hall of Fame plaques. Dr. Beckworth asked if Mr. Spell had talked to anyone at the Museum of Ashe County History since the last meeting. Lonnie Jones, President of the Museum of Ashe County History, was left with the impression that Rotary was coming back to discuss displaying the plaques at the museum. Dr. Beckworth commended the group that put the Sports Hall of Fame together but stated he feels it is more a part of Ashe County history rather than a part of Ashe County High history. He felt the display should be in a museum and knew of three or four different locations for the display. Mr. Spell responded that he has met with the Museum Board on two different occasions and has shared the correspondence and information from these meetings with the Board of Education. Mr. Spell indicated that the Sports Hall of Fame has been in existence for four years. The plaques, however, have only been stored rather than displayed by the Museum. Athletic Director Marc Payne stated he appreciates Dr. Beckworth's opinion and agreed that the plaques should be in a museum. His concern is that the plaques need to be displayed somewhere soon. Mr. Payne further stated that the plaques could be moved in the future when space becomes an issue or another location is found. He would like to see them displayed somewhere that they could be recognized. Mr. Williams believed it would be good for the community if they were displayed at the high school where people can see them. Dr. Beckworth felt that the group should investigate all options. Chairman King would like for Mr. Spell to go back to the Museum for further discussion before returning to the next regular meeting of this Board with more information. Mr. Spell said he would be glad to explore any other options and asked that Dr. Beckworth share the locations of the other possibilities he had in mind.

Blue Ridge teacher Martha Turner, along with sixth grade students, provided a *Tech Talk* presentation on using iPads.

Information items included the following:

- ASCD Common Core Summit—Greensboro, ACS presenting Implementation Plan on November 8, 2011—ATTACHMENT—Common Core/Essential Standards Training—November 10, 2011—early dismissal for students
- Veterans Day Celebrations
  - Ashe County Middle—November 8, 2011—2:00 pm/gymnasium
  - Ashe County High—November 9, 2011—2:00 pm/gymnasium
  - Blue Ridge—November 9, 2011—1:30 pm
  - Mountain View—November 10, 2011—8:30 am
  - Westwood—November 9, 2011—10:30-11:30 am
- The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2011, 7:00 pm, at the central office annex.
- American Education Week—November 13-19, 2011
  - Blue Ridge—November 14, 3:00 pm
  - Ashe County Middle—November 15, 3:15 pm
  - Westwood—November 16, 3:00 pm
  - Ashe County High—November 16, 3:30 pm
  - Mountain View—November 17, 3:00 pm
- Ashe County Middle Prime Rib Dinner—November 19, 2011—6:00 pm/gymnasium

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to a short recess at 8:06 pm prior to going into closed session to consider a personnel action that involves an officer or employee of this Board [N.C. General Statute §143.318.11(a)(6)] and real estate [N.C. General Statute §143.318.11(a)(5)].

Closed session began at 8:24 pm and ended at 11:43 pm.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to a request from Meghann Roberts, teacher at Ashe Middle, for an educational leave of absence beginning March 7, 2012 through the end of the current school year.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to a request from Tammy Craine, school nurse at Blue Ridge, for a medical leave beginning November 7, 2011 and ending on November 25, 2011.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 pm.