

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 2, 2011

The meeting was held at the Ashe County Arts Council 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.

During open comments, Arts Council Director Jane Lonon welcomed everyone and a presentation was made emphasizing the importance of art programming in the schools.

Superintendent Reeves presented the May *Ashe County Schools' Employee of the Month Award* to Cara Elliott, 4th grade teacher at Westwood Elementary.

Superintendent Reeves recognized the 2011 Teaching Fellows recipients—Courtney Winebarger and alternate Stephanie Burwell (not present).

Superintendent Reeves recognized the following 2011 NC Governor's School Selected Nominees and presented each with a certificate: Peyton B.—Math, West Campus (declined); William C.—Instrumental Music (percussion), East Campus; Amanda T.—Social Science, West Campus; and Sierra W.—Social Science, East Campus.

Superintendent Reeves recognized Ashe High Athletic Director Marc Payne for being selected as the NC Athletic Director of the Year at the NCADA Annual Conference in Wilmington, NC.

Marcia Elledge, Dr. Calvin Miller and Superintendent Reeves recognized the following 2011 Endowment Fund recipients.

- Sarah Tugman—science teacher, ACHS
- Daniel Calhoun—CTE teacher, ACHS
- Thelma Kastl—CTE teacher, ACHS
- Jennifer Treva, Jill Starling (not present)—EC teachers with Anita Ferguson and Tammy Woods, ACHS
- Holly McClure—EC teacher, ACMS
- Cara Elliott, Dianne Brown, Vickie Flanagan, Kim Miller, Monica Parsons—teachers, WW
- Sara Lambert—teacher, WW

Dr. Reeves informed the group that the 10th annual golf tournament for the Endowment Fund will be held at Mountain Aire Golf Course on Wednesday, July 20, 2011.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board on April 4, 2011 and the special meeting on April 13, 2011.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to a request from Jordan and Candace Rowan, who resides in Ashe County, to allow their son to attend school in Watauga County effective school year 2011/12.

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

CERTIFIED

Administration

- Resignation of Hannah Reeder, assistant principal at Blue Ridge, effective April 5, 2011 (prior approval)
- Re-employment of Keith McClure as interim assistant principal at Blue Ridge effective April 11, 2011 (prior approval)

School Counselor

- Resignation of Mary Adams, school counselor at Ashe Middle, effective end of school year 2010/11

School Nurses

- Re-employment of Mary Burgess as temporary part-time school nurse at Mountain View effective May 2, 2011
- Employment of Robin Jones as temporary part-time school nurse at Mountain View effective May 5, 2011

Substitute Teachers

- Addition of Paige Brogden, Chelsea Craine and Kadie Groh to the list of approved substitute teachers

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Afterschool

- Resignation of Rebekah Sullivan, 4-H afterschool coordinator at Mountain View, effective May 5, 2011

Bus Drivers

- Reassignment of Dwayne Farmer from substitute bus driver to temporary transportation safety assistant (bus monitor) at Mountain View effective April 25, 2011 (prior approval)
- Transfer of Thomas Farmer from bus driver at Blue Ridge to bus driver at Mountain View effective April 18, 2011
- Transfer of Denise Austin from bus driver at Mountain View to bus driver at Blue Ridge effective April 18, 2011

Employee Leaves

- Request from Lesa Absher, teacher assistant at Mountain View, for a medical leave of absence effective May 10, 2011 through the end of the school year (FMLA = 3 weeks)

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Approval to employ staff necessary to open and operate swimming pool located at Ashe Middle
- Approval to employ a temporary teacher assistant for exceptional children at Ashe Middle

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the adoption of *Policy 8341 Limited Claim Settlement* as presented by Assistant Superintendent Phyllis Yates.

Human Resources Director Lesia Nave presented the plan for the Beginning Teacher Support Program which needed to be revised due to the new mentor standards and evaluation tool adopted by the State Board of Education in November 2010. Mentors will be trained by Mrs. Nave in June. A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the adoption of the plan.

Ashe High Principal Jason Krider, along with the Graduation Intervention Team (GIT), presented proposed revisions to *Policy 4400 Attendance 9-12* for the Board's consideration. In keeping with Board policy, action will be taken at the June 2011 meeting.

Ashe High Principal Jason Krider asked for consideration of adding an Alternative Graduation requirement to the current *Policy 3460 Graduation Requirements*. Pursuant to Board policy, action will be taken at the June 2011 meeting

Information items included the following:

- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6, 2011.
- Special Board Meeting—May 12, 5:30 pm, annex
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2011, 7:00 pm and will be held at the annex.
- Ashe County High Graduation—June 3, 7:00 pm

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to a short recess at 9:00 pm before going into closed session to discuss 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)].

The Board returned to regular session at 10:02 pm.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to accepting the resignation of Eric Skerbinc as teacher assistant for exceptional children at Mountain View effective April 26, 2011.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous prior approval to employing a temporary teacher assistant for exceptional children at Mountain View.

There being no further business, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm.