

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 30, 2011

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.

Following the addition to personnel items, the agenda for the meeting was approved by general consensus of the Board.

Chairman King and Dr. Beckworth made the following corrections to the minutes for June 6—page 2, paragraph 2, change *tabled* to *postponed*; under personnel recommendations on page 3, change 4-1 to 4-0; under probationary contracts on page 5, change *unanimous* to 3-0. A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board on June 6, 2011 with the noted changes and the special meeting on June 13, 2011.

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

CERTIFIED

Teachers

- Resignation of Kristen Maready, kindergarten teacher at Westwood, effective end-of-day June 3, 2011
- Reassignment of Julie Little from 3rd grade teacher to AIG teacher at Blue Ridge effective August 4, 2011

School Nurse

- Employment of Regan Perry as school nurse at Mountain View (80%) and Ashe High (20%) effective August 4, 2011 (contingent upon pre-employment screening)

Non-Instructional Support

- Approval of two-year school nurse contracts for Pam Ellis and Tammy Craine (July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2013)

Employee Leaves

- Request from Shannon Williamson, 5th grade teacher at Westwood, for a parental leave for the 2011/12 school year

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Substitute teachers
- Other certified staff as necessary to begin the 2011/12 school year

CLASSIFIED

Lifeguards

- Additional assignment for Brandon Shepherd, bus monitor at Ashe Middle, to part-time, temporary head lifeguard at Ashe Middle effective June 7, 2011
- Additional assignment for Richard Gill, teacher at Blue Ridge, to part-time, temporary lifeguard at Ashe Middle effective June 7, 2011
- Additional assignment for Mary Howell, teacher at Ashe Middle, to part-time, temporary head lifeguard at Ashe Middle effective June 7, 2011

Teacher Assistant

- Resignation/retirement of Mona Hudler, teacher assistant at Westwood, effective July 1, 2011

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Non-certified staff as necessary to begin the 2011/12 school year

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Local Plan for 2011/12 as presented by CTE Director Joallen Lowder.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the 2011/12 Title III LEA Application for Limited English Proficiency as presented by Federal Programs Director Kim Barnes.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to submitting the 2011/12 Title I LEA Application and the required Migrant Education Student Profile Information as presented by Federal Programs Director Kim Barnes.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to extend the following Child Nutrition Program beverage bids for school year 2011/12 as presented by Child Nutrition Coordinator Angie Thompson. Selection was based on cost, variety, commission and equipment.

- Isotonic beverage—Dr. Pepper Bottling—no price increase
- Water and flavored water—Dr. Pepper Bottling—no price increase
- 100% juice—Dr. Pepper Bottling—no price increase

Mr. Williams expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Thompson for the job she does and for working hard to keep the prices low.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the following 2010/11 budget amendments as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Finance Phyllis Yates.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following amendments be made to the Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

STATE FUND

CODE NUMBER	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
5000	Instructional programs		8,012
6000	Supporting services	145,000	
7000	Ancillary		
8000	Non-programmed charges		
3100	State Revenues	136,988	

EXPLANATION

- REALIGNMENT OF BUDGET TO EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	19,605,241
Amount of Increase/(Decrease) for Amendment	<u>136,988</u>
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	19,742,229

FEDERAL FUND

CODE NUMBER	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
5000	Instructional programs		500,000
6000	Supporting programs	20,000	
8000	Non-programmed charges	20,000	
3600	Revenues	460,000	

EXPLANATION

- REALIGNMENT OF BUDGET TO EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	4,447,495
Amount of Increase/(Decrease) for Amendment	(460,000)
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	3,987,495

CURRENT EXPENSE

CODE NUMBER	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
5000	Instructional programs		205,158
6000	Supporting services		575,741
8000	Non-programmed charges	6,000	
4000	Local and Other revenues	774,899	

EXPLANATION

- REALIGNMENT OF BUDGET TO EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	4,498,385
Amount of Increase/(Decrease) for Amendment	(774,899)
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	3,723,486

LOCAL FUND 8

CODE NUMBER	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
5000	Instructional programs		117,107
6000	Supporting services	10,000	
7000	Ancillary	50,000	
8000	Non-programmed charges	5,000	
3000	State and Federal revenues	52,107	

EXPLANATION

- REALIGNMENT OF BUDGET TO EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	1,728,147
Amount of Increase/(Decrease) for Amendment	(52,107)
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	1,676,040

CAPITAL OUTLAY

CODE NUMBER	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
5000	Instructional services		280,301
6000	Support services	100,000	
7000	Ancillary services		
8000	Non-programmed charges		
9000	Land, buildings, renovations, vehicles, etc		2,100,000
3000	Yellow buses, vehicles, QSCB (state funds)	2,280,301	
4000	Local revenues		

EXPLANATION

- REALIGNMENT OF BUDGET TO EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	6,396,963
Amount of Increase/(Decrease) for Amendment	(2,280,301)
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	4,116,662

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the following Interim Appropriations Resolution for fiscal year 2011/12.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance Officer for the Ashe County Board of Education be, and hereby is, authorized to continue paying salaries and the usual, ordinary expense in amounts not to exceed those set in the current budget period. This authorization is to be effective from July 1, 2011 until the adoption of a new budget resolution pursuant to North Carolina G. S. 115C-434. Any such interim

appropriations expended shall be charged to the proper appropriation in the 2011/12 budget upon adoption.

NC WISE Coordinator Sandy Rhodes gave a *Tech Talk* presentation on the Parent Assistance Module (PAM) within the student information management system (NC WISE). PAM is designed to help parents track their child(ren)'s progress in school and is scheduled to roll out this fall. Implementation will begin at the high school level, followed by the middle school and then the elementary schools.

Cliff Clark, on behalf of Heartland Publications, provided information on live audio/video distribution of sport programs and other relevant events. Following discussion and many questions, Dr. Beckworth and Mr. Williams felt this needs to be discussed with Principal Jason Krider and Athletic Director Marc Payne. Superintendent Reeves will also direct questions to the Board Attorney.

Superintendent Reeves discussed House Bill 200 which increases the required instructional days to 185 and required instructional hours to 1,025 effective July 1, 2011. He requested that we apply for a one-year waiver and use the five protected workdays for Common Core Training. A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to applying for the Calendar Waiver.

Assistant Superintendent Phyllis Yates discussed lifting the ban on out-of-state travel for staff development in full or by an indicated radius as addressed at the June meeting. Mrs. Yates recommended a 150 mile radius outside Ashe County be added to the present area that includes the state of North Carolina. All other requests must come before the Board on a case by case basis. A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to this recommendation.

Assistant Superintendent Phyllis Yates discussed quotes for auto, garage liability, inland marine and workers' compensation insurance. She recommended that we continue with the current vendor, Surry Insurance, based on services, track record, and experience. There was no objection.

Superintendent Reeves gave an update on Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) financing. The classroom construction project at the high school has been placed on hold. In order to spend the bonds within the three-year timeframe, he asked about replacing the roof at Blue Ridge. This item, along with the long-range plan, is to be placed on the August agenda to review.

Superintendent Reeves presented a draft of the 2011-2014 Strategic Plan for Ashe County Schools. He expressed appreciation to everyone who served on the committee and stated that this was a collaborative community project. There are a few minor changes to make and he hopes to have it completed by August for Board approval. Dr. Beckworth stated that the committees did a wonderful job in preparing the plan. However, the plan does require additional goals and strategies that staff will be asked to do and he expressed

concern about the increase in workload. Mr. Williams voiced his concerns also with teachers being asked to do more with less. Concern was also expressed about adding the Graduation Project since it is no longer mandated by the State. The Superintendent felt the project does have merit for students but that the goal could be flexible within the plan.

Rather than proceeding with the move of the Pre-K classrooms from the Ashe Early Learning Center (AELC) to Mountain View, the Superintendent recommended that the classrooms remain at AELC based upon the uncertainty in funding for the More at Four program and upon how the program is to be repurposed at the State level. A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mrs. Jones gave a 4-0 approval to leaving the classrooms at the AELC site. Mr. Williams abstained from voting.

Superintendent Reeves gave an update on the roofing construction projects. Eastern Corporation has yet to begin the Ashe High project due to a conflict with its supplier—the project has a completion date of August 8, 2011. Eastern has been informed that the school system expects a quality product—not a rush job. Lafave Corporation is on schedule for the Mountain View project—it is 40 percent complete. Two change orders to repair the EIFS and to install a cooling unit in the kitchen area of the cafeteria were presented. The cost for the change orders are within the \$20,000 contingency, leaving a balance of approximately \$6,000. A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to both change orders.

Superintendent Reeves gave an update on 2011/12 State Budget and requested that a special budget work session be held in the very near future. The Board decided to meet at 5:00 pm on Friday, July 8, in the annex.

Information items included the following:

- The Summer Conference will be held Monday-Wednesday, July 11-13, at Ashe County High.
- The 10th Annual Endowment Golf Tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, at Mountain Aire.
- Administrators' Retreat—Wednesday, July 27, 8:00-5:00 pm, Broyhill Conference Center, ASU
- The next regular meeting of the Board is Monday, August 1, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the annex.

At 9:31 pm, a motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to a short recess prior to 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)] and real estate [N.C. General Statute §143.318.11(a)(5)]. The Board went into closed session at 9:50 pm.

The Board returned to regular session at 11:50 pm.

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

- Re-employment of Sandy Shaw, Brandi Vannoy Hurley and Holly Riddle as teachers effective 2011/12—one year contract (EduJob positions in 2010/11)
- Employment of a graduation coach at Ashe High effective 2011/12 only (DSSF funding)
- Re-employment of Cindy Powers-Moser as 5th grade interim teacher at Westwood to fill parental leave for Shannon Williamson effective for 2011/12
- Employment of Megan Lawrence as teacher for exceptional children at Mountain View effective August 4, 2011

There being no further business, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned at 11:57 pm.