

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 1, 2012

The October meeting was held as scheduled in the Board of Education Annex with all members present. Chairman King called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent Reeves asked that recognition of the *Teacher of Excellence for Exceptional Children* be moved to the November meeting. He also requested a change in the order of agenda items 5.01 and 5.02. The agenda was then approved by general consensus of the Board.

During open comments, the Ashe High AP History students gave a presentation on their recent trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and expressed appreciation to everyone who helped to make this trip possible.

The Superintendent presented the October *Ashe County Schools Employee of the Month Award* to Dean Rupard, custodian at Blue Ridge.

The Superintendent recognized Thelma Kastl, teacher at Ashe Middle, as *North Carolina's First WindSenator Teacher*.

After correcting the next to last sentence on page 4, paragraph 1, to read *Board Attorney Fred Johnson advised the Board of Education on a liberal interpretation and a conservative interpretation of the legality of administering the medicine* rather than *Board Attorney Fred Johnson advised that it is not legal*, 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 September 10, 2012.

Contingent upon the completion of all remaining classes, a motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to allowing the following students to graduate early.

- Dylan L.
- Logan R.
- Jesslyn R.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the following overnight trip requests from Ashe County High and Ashe County Middle Chorus students.

- ACHS Husky Showchoir, Gardner-Webb Choral Clinic, October 10-11, 2012
- ACHS Husky Showchoir, Pigeon Forge, Dollywood Music Festival in the Park, April 26-28, 2013
- ACMS Chorus, Pigeon Forge, Dollywood Music Festival in the Park, April 26-28, 2013

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the Memorandum of Agreement between Ashe Outreach Ministries and the Ashe County Board of Education for expansion of kitchen services at the West Jefferson site (AELC).

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

CERTIFIED

Teachers

- Employment of Mark Matney as occupational course of study teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High effective October 1, 2012 (prior approval)
- Resignation/retirement of Denise Barden as math teacher at Ashe Middle effective December 31, 2012

Technology

- Employment of Tim Armentrout as technology technician at Ashe Middle effective October 15, 2012 (prior approval)

Substitutes

- Addition of Stephanie Day, Lynn Heasley, Tammy Howell, Claire Tippens, Sara "Teneice" Day and Jennifer "Ginger" Myers to the approved substitute teacher list

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Science teacher at ACMS
- Math teacher at ACMS
- Substitute teachers

CLASSIFIED

Bus Driver Substitutes

- Addition of Raymond Chad Miller and Jennifer "Ginger" Myers to the approved substitute bus driver list

Communities in School

- Employment of Kristy Aldridge as communities in school coordinator at Ashe Middle effective September 10, 2012 (prior approval)

Teacher Assistant

- Re-employment of Natasha Goodman as teacher assistant for exceptional children at Westwood effective October 1, 2012 (prior approval)

Employee Leave

- Request from Patsy Taylor, cafeteria assistant at Mountain View, for an extension of medical leave to end on or about October 12, 2012 (extended to increase FMLA =5 weeks + 4 days)

Prior approval to employ the following

- Bus driver at ACMS
- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute cafeteria assistants

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the Cash Management Plan for Ashe County as required by the North Carolina Office of State Controller and presented by Assistant Superintendent Phyllis Yates.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the adoption of the 2012/13 Budget Resolution as presented by Assistant Superintendent Phyllis Yates.

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 State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

Instructional Programs	\$	17,052,955
Supporting Services		3,542,689
Ancillary Services		71,125
Non-Programmed Charges		<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL State Public School Fund	\$	20,667,769

Section 2: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

State Funds	\$	20,667,769
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Section 3: 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, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

Instructional Programs	\$	2,261,335
Supporting Services		2,837,498
Ancillary Services		17,366
Non-Programmed Charges		<u>25,000</u>
TOTAL Local Current Expense	\$	5,141,199

Section 4: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Local Current Expense Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

Local Funds	\$	4,065,000
Fund Balance Appropriated		<u>1,076,199</u>
	\$	5,141,199

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, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

Instructional Programs	\$	2,351,116
Supporting Programs		232,828
Non-Programmed Charges		<u>270,324</u>
TOTAL Federal Grants Fund	\$	2,854,268

Section 6: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Federal Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

Federal Funds	\$	2,854,268
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Section 7: 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, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

Instructional Programs	\$	413,019
Supporting Programs		772,389
Non-Programmed Charges		10,000
Capital Building Projects		<u>2,450,329</u>
TOTAL Capital Outlay Fund	\$	3,645,737

Section 8: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Capital Outlay Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

State and Federal Funds	\$	1,047,435
Local Funds		2,157,195
Fund Balance Appropriated		<u>441,107</u>
TOTAL Capital Outlay Fund Revenues	\$	3,645,737

Section 9: 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, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

Ancillary Services	\$	<u>2,277,964</u>
TOTAL Child Nutrition Fund		2,277,964

Section 10: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Child Nutrition Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

Federal Funds	\$	1,343,258
Local Funds		778,500
Fund Balance Appropriated		<u>156,206</u>
TOTAL Child Nutrition Fund Revenues	\$	2,277,964

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, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

Instructional Programs	\$	1,167,337
Supporting Programs		235,272
Ancillary Services		41,933
Non-Programmed Charges		<u>43,238</u>
TOTAL Local Fund 8	\$	1,487,780

Section 12: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Local Fund 8 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

State & Federal Funds	\$	996,966
Local Funds		152,843
Fund Balance Appropriated		<u>337,971</u>
TOTAL Local Fund 8 Revenues	\$	1,487,780

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 within 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 fiscal officer for direction in carrying out their duties.

Ashe Middle teachers Thelma Kastl and Melanie Jordan and members of the Technology Students Association (TSA) gave an update and presentation on the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) initiative at the middle school. The program enables students to explore hands-on, project/problem-based learning that emphasizes science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) which helps to develop students' skills for higher math and science learning as they enter the high school math/science curriculum. PLTW is grant-funded (\$100,000) through the Golden Leaf Foundation.

Director of Transportation Shea Coldiron and Blue Ridge Energies CEO Glenda Christian discussed the idea of converting an activity bus to propane in conjunction with the BREMCO Boost Program. The Red Rooster Diesel Economizer provides the following benefits: increased miles per gallon; increased horsepower; increased service intervals; less oil dilution; reduced emissions; and reduced fuel expenses. Blue Ridge Energies will install and maintain ownership of the injection kit and tank, allowing the County to benefit from the cost savings without incurring any capital investment. A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to a one-year contract with Blue Ridge Energies to install the propane system on an older bus of Mr. Coldiron's choosing.

The Superintendent and Student Services Director Kim Barnes provided an update on the recent revision to Policy 6125 Administering Medicines to Students. Board Attorney Fred Johnson advised the school system to add a life-saving consent statement to the Student Health Information Sheet. The Superintendent gave an overview of the procedures for handling undiagnosed anaphylactics.

The Superintendent gave an update on the September 28 visit by State Board Chairman Dr. Bill Harrison. Dr. Harrison visited Blue Ridge, Ashe Middle and Mountain View and was especially impressed with students, teachers, the school based health center and the middle school pool.

Other informational items included the following:

- Fall Festivals
 - Mountain View—Thursday, October 4, 5:00-8:00 pm
 - Westwood—Thursday, October 4, 5:00-8:00 pm
 - Blue Ridge—Thursday, October 18, 5:00-8:00 pm
 - Common Core/Essential Standards Training—October 11-12, 1½ days
 - The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, November 5, 2012, 7:00 pm, at the central office annex.
 - American Education Week—November 11-17, 2012
 - 43rd Annual NCSBA Conference—November 12-14, 2012—Koury Convention Center—
- ATTACHMENT

- Schedule special meeting to discuss five and ten year facility needs, QSCB and QZAB
- Selection of Board member to serve on the Policy Review Committee (year commitment)
- Recognizing the month of October 2012 as *National Principals Month*

A motion at 8:40 pm by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to a short recess prior to going into closed session for the purpose of considering a personnel action involving an officer or employee of this Board [N.C. General Statute §143.318.11(a)(6)], real estate [N.C. General Statute §143.318.11(a)(5)] and a student matter [N.C. General Statute §143.318.11(a)(1)]. No action was taken.

Upon return to regular session at 10:55 pm, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned.