

SPECIAL MEETING

ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 17, 2012

A special dinner meeting was held in the annex beginning at 6:00 pm with all members present. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and the agenda was approved by general consensus of the Board.

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

- Prior approval to employ tutors (funding from Federal programs)
- Prior approval to employ an art teacher at Ashe County High
- Prior approval to employ a media specialist at Ashe Middle

The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss using the balance in Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) to fund additional projects as opposed to applying the balance towards the principal and discussion of long-range planning and facility needs. All funds remaining in the Qualified School Construction Bonds account must be spent by November 2013. Maintenance Director Kenny Richardson, along with Assistant Superintendent Phyllis Yates, met with the each principal to get input on what they felt the needs were at their school. Principals were then asked to prioritize these needs. The revised five and ten-year plans for long-range facility needs were reviewed and discussed in depth. Mrs. Yates is to contact the Division of School Planning at the Department of Public Instruction to see if the following projects are allowable expenditures under QSCB guidelines.

- Air conditioning for the cafeterias at Ashe County Middle, Blue Ridge and Mountain View
- Electronic security locks on the schools' outside doors
- Electrical upgrade to the CTE classrooms at Ashe County High
- Replacement of the gym doors at Ashe Early Learning Center

Margaret Kale, the K12 Program Director for the National Education Foundation, contacted the Superintendent to inform him that the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction had received an allocation of \$51 million in Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) and that the funds would be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. The Board is to contact the Superintendent if it is interested in pursuing these bonds.

Announcement and information items were as follows.

- Appreciation Luncheon for Principals/Assistant Principals—Monday, October 22 @ noon, Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church
- Schedule for American Education Week—November 11-17

The Board went into closed session at 8:22 pm 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)] and real estate [N.C. General Statute §143.318.11(a)(5)]. No action was taken.

Upon return to regular session at 8:55 pm, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned.