

## SPECIAL MEETING

### ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 17, 2012

The meeting was initially scheduled for April 18 but was changed to April 17, 2012 due to scheduling conflict. All members were present.

Technology Director Amy Walker informed the Board that installation of the wireless system at Blue Ridge is complete except for installing the server. She also thanked the Board for attending Tech Day along with the County Commissioners on March 19 at the high school.

Mrs. Walker gave an in-depth overview of the current projects that she and the IT Department are reviewing—an archiving system for email and wireless infrastructure for Ashe County Middle, Mountain View and Westwood. Funding for these projects will come from the County Commissioners' allotment for technology. Mrs. Walker explained that the State is in the process of developing a statewide request for proposal (RFP) and that this document was used in securing bids for the wireless projects. A copy of the RFP has been uploaded to the Board's website for review. Mrs. Walker explained that the major difference in the two systems is that Aerohive is controlled by software whereas Xirrus has an actual physical controller. The winning bid for the wireless infrastructure system at Blue Ridge was awarded to Xirrus and is working very well. Action on these projects will be taken at the May meeting.

The Board reviewed the budget requests for current and capital and approved the following: the employment of one additional Health Occupations teacher (CTE funds), the projected rate increases for fuel and electricity, increase in the line item for contractual painting for school facilities, the purchase of a handicap pool lift to meet the new ADA building code requirement, purchase of fire alarm monitoring systems at Blue Ridge and Mountain View, employment of a summer paint mechanic, purchase of a bus lift with jack stands and a fork lift at the school bus garage, floor scrubbers for each school site and replacement of the fire alarm system at Westwood. Action on the remaining items will be discussed at a later date.

The rates for leasing an activity bus and fork lift were shared with the Board.

The Board was given an update on the State Board Meeting held on April 3 at Research Triangle Park at which selected Superintendents from each of the regional education alliances spoke about how the loss in State funding in recent years had negatively impacted their respective school systems.

The Board took a short recess. It went into closed session at 8:58 pm 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)], real estate [N.C. General Statute §143.318.11(a)(5)] and a student matter [N.C. General Statute §143.31811(a)(1)].

The Board returned to open session at 9:28 pm. No action was taken. The Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned.