

SPECIAL MEETING  
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
May 15, 2012

The meeting began at 6:00 pm as scheduled with all members present.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. The Superintendent requested that a closed session be added to the agenda 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)]. A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous to the agenda as amended.

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

CERTIFIED

Administration

- Promotion of Callie Grubb, assistant principal at Ashe County High, to principal of Blue Ridge effective July 1, 2012

Central Office

- Reassignment of Martha Turner, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Blue Ridge, to coordinator of child nutrition effective June 1, 2012

Teachers

- Resignation/retirement of Steve Witherspoon, technology technician at Mountain View, effective May 30, 2012
- Resignation of Janice G. Brice-Nash, reading/chorus teacher at Ashe Middle, effective end of the 2011/12 school year

Employee Leaves

- Request from Marc Payne, athletic director at Ashe High, for a medical leave beginning on May 2, 2012 and ending on May 21, 2012

CLASSIFIED

Afterschool

- Resignation of Rhonda Sullivan, 4-H afterschool on site coordinator at Westwood, effective May 25, 2012

Coaches

- Addition of Nick Vannoy as non-faculty football coach at Ashe High to the approved coaches list effective May 28, 2012

Architect Larry Greene presented the feasibility study for the middle school as requested by the Board to determine it would be feasible to upgrade the current 45 year old middle school building and meet

the present-day building codes and educational requirements as opposed to building a totally new facility. Mr. Greene presented four options and reviewed the pros and cons of each—options 1 and 3 would accommodate 800 students (grades 6-8) while options 2 and 4 would accommodate 550 students (grades 7-8). Costs ranged from \$7.6M to \$24M. Water and sewer are of major concern with all options. Air conditioning is not included in renovation costs but is included in the costs for a new facility. After much discussion, Dr. Beckworth commented that cost of this magnitude would require commitment from the County Commissioners. A joint meeting with the Commissioners will be scheduled once they are finished with the 2012/13 budget deliberations.

The Board reviewed its five year and ten year long-range plans. Mr. Greene was asked to get estimates to install air conditioning in the kitchen cooking areas at Ashe County Middle, Blue Ridge and Mountain View. He is to also check on the possibility of amending the current roofing contract to add an air conditioning unit on the roof as was done at Mountain View.

A motion at 7:58 pm by Vice Chairman and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to taking a short recess prior to going into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. The Board went into closed session at 8:05 pm.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:24 pm.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to look internally for an assistant principal at the high school.

The band director employed at the May 2, 2012 meeting has not responded to phone calls or emails from the Director of Human Resources. A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the Superintendent notifying the high school principal that he has permission to offer the band position to Carrie Snyder.

There being no further business, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.