

MINUTES  
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
August 6, 2012

The August meeting was held at the Central Office 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 removal of item 4.09, the agenda for the meeting was approved by general consensus of the Board.

Superintendent Reeves along with Transportation Director Shea Coldiron recognized the following bus drivers for perfect attendance for school year 2011-12

- Ashe County High—Cliff Matkins and James Pennington
- Blue Ridge—Darlene Eller
- Mountain View—Carlton McNeill
- Westwood—David Higgins and Burl Lyalls

Superintendent Reeves and Transportation Director Shea Coldiron recognized Daniel Wayt, Ashe County's winner in the Bus Rodeo competition held in Watauga County. Mr. Wayt also placed in district and state competition.

Superintendent Reeves recognized Ashe County Middle School for *Schools to Watch Redesignation III*.

Superintendent Reeves recognized Mountain View Elementary as a *Title I Reward School for 2012/13*. Mountain View is among the top-performing 120 schools in the state to receive this prestigious award.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board on June 28, 2012 and the special meeting on July 30, 2012.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to a request from Staci Bowlin, who resides in Ashe County, to allow her daughter, Emma, to remain in school in Alleghany County effective immediately.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to a request from Courtney Cutillo, who resides in Ashe County, to allow Victoria and Preston Moss, to attend school in Watauga County effective immediately.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to a request from Ashe County High AP History students for an overnight trip to Philadelphia, PA, October 4-7, 2012.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the following personnel recommendations. Dr. Beckworth commended Ms. Nave and Ms. Elledge for the excellent job they did during the summer to fill positions.

## **CERTIFIED**

### **Child Nutrition**

- Additional assignment for Brenda Faw, cafeteria manager at Ashe High, as child nutrition staff trainer effective August 2, 2012

### **Teachers**

- Employment of Tiffany Fulbright, teacher for exceptional children at Blue Ridge, effective August 2, 2012
- Employment of Carla Williams, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Blue Ridge, effective August 2, 2012
- Employment of Rachel Bledsoe, language arts/social studies teacher at Ashe Middle, effective August 2, 2012
- Employment of Connie Register, language arts/social studies teacher at Ashe Middle, effective August 2, 2012
- Temporary employment of Dianne Eldreth as teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High effective August 2, 2012
- Resignation of Meghann Roberts, science teacher at Ashe Middle, effective July 18, 2012
- Resignation of Jody Holleman, language arts/social studies teacher at Ashe Middle, effective July 9, 2012
- Resignation of Mark Maya, teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High, effective July 23, 2012
- Resignation of Martha Anne Wright, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Blue Ridge, effective July 10, 2012
- Resignation of Gary Bare, CTE teacher at Ashe High, effective July 31, 2012

### **Technology**

- Promotion of Alisa Taylor from bookkeeper/NCWISE data manager/payroll at Blue Ridge to technology technician at Blue Ridge effective August 1, 2012

### **Substitutes**

- Addition of Erin Murphy, Kim Plott, Rhonda Sullivan, Laura McClure, Joseph Zarate, Barbara-Ann Zarate and Charity Ballou to the approved substitute list

### **Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions**

- Teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High
- Science teacher at Ashe Middle
- Substitute teachers

## **CLASSIFIED**

### **4-H Afterschool**

- Resignation of Kathryn Leslie as 4-H afterschool tutor coordinator at Blue Ridge effective July 26, 2012

### **Child Nutrition**

- Reassignment of Kim Osborne from substitute cafeteria assistant for Ashe County Schools to temporary cafeteria assistant at Mountain View effective August 3, 2012

**Custodian**

- Additional assignment for David Higgins as part-time custodian (3 hours per day) at Westwood effective August 2, 2012

**Office Support**

- Promotion of Cynthia F. Lewis from secretary at Ashe High to bookkeeper/NCWISE Data Manager/payroll at Blue Ridge effective August 1, 2012
- Promotion of Kim Roten from receptionist at Ashe High to secretary at Ashe High—effective date to be determined

**Teacher Assistants**

- Employment of Sara Kesterson as prekindergarten teacher assistant at Blue Ridge effective August 2, 2012
- Employment of Debbie Eller as prekindergarten teacher assistant at Blue Ridge effective August 2, 2012
- Promotion of Kathy Blackburn from part-time tutor at Westwood to teacher assistant at Westwood effective August 2, 2012

**Transportation**

- Additional assignment for Craig Little, fuel truck driver for Ashe County Schools, as bus garage laborer effective August 6, 2012

**Tutor**

- Transfer of Elizabeth Griffin from ESL tutor at Blue Ridge to ESL tutor at Ashe High effective August 7, 2012

**Prior approval to employ for the following vacant positions**

- 4-H afterschool onsite coordinator at Westwood
- Communities in School coordinator
- Receptionist at Ashe High
- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute cafeteria assistants

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to Ashe High 2012/13 coaching assignments with the clarification that the number of names will fall within the guidelines of the list that the Board has approved.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to Ashe Middle 2012/13 coaching assignments with the exception of golf.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to a Memorandum of Understanding for Video Production with Skyline/Skybest as presented by Kim Shepherd. There will be a three to four day delay on the network. Dr. Reeves will check with the Board attorney in regards to media release waivers.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the purchase of a 72 passenger activity bus as recommended by Bus Supervisor Shea Coldiron.

Rob Brooks and Travis Birdsell presented a Memorandum of Agreement between Ashe Outreach Ministries and Ashe County Board of Education for expansion of kitchen services at the West Jefferson site (AELC) and how the proposed program had the potential to involve students at the high school for volunteer hours and CTE Food Service students. Terry Richardson, the Director for Exceptional Children and Prekindergarten programs, has a meeting scheduled with the health inspector on August 8 to make sure the accreditation status for AELC is not adversely affected.

Superintendent Reeves and Curriculum/Accountability Director Phil Howell gave an update on the current status of the timeline for the Ashe County Schools Strategic Plan.

Other informational items included the following:

- The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2012, 7:00 pm, at the central office annex.
- August 30—Early Student Release—Staff development in afternoon for Common Core/Essential Standards
- Common Core/Essential Standards Training Schedule at RESA Center

A motion at 8:25 pm by Vice Chairman Jones 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 pursuant to N.C. General Statutes §143-318.11(a)(2) and §143.318.11(a)(5) to prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize or other similar award and to establish, or to instruct the Board of Education's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the Board of Education in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property.

The Board went into closed session at 8:40 pm and returned to regular session at 10:32 pm.

Mr. Williams suggested the need for an Advanced Placement task force at the high school to determine the course needs for students. The Superintendent stated he has discussed advanced placement courses with the high school principal and that the principal is interested in forming a committee. The Board will be kept informed of the process.

Dr. Beckworth questioned the rationale for allowing a teacher, whose students were not participating, attend a field trip with other teachers.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the budget request to rekey the Blue Ridge facility.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the budget recommendation to provide a supplement to all certified and support employees. In earlier budget deliberations, the Board reinstated the \$300 teacher supplement that was discontinued in 2009/10 due to the budget crisis. This motion approved a \$300 supplement for all certified employees and a \$150 supplement for all support employees. Child nutrition funds will pay for child nutrition employees.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.