

MINUTES  
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 7, 2013

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

The agenda for the meeting was approved by general consensus.

There were no public comments.

Superintendent Johnson recognized and presented the January *Ashe County Schools Employee of the Month Award* to Dwayne Farmer, teacher assistant for exceptional children at Ashe County High.

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 December 3, 2012.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to a request from Blue Ridge Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grade for an overnight trip to Washington, DC March 12-15, 2013.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to a request from Mountain View Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grade for an overnight trip to Washington, DC April 8-11, 2013.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to a request from Westwood Elementary 6<sup>th</sup> grade for an overnight trip to Washington, DC March 24-27, 2013.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the Propane Services Agreement between Blue Ridge Energies and Ashe County Schools.

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

**CERTIFIED**

**Interim Superintendent**

- Employment of Donnie R. Johnson as interim superintendent effective January 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013

**School Nurse**

- Employment of Elizabeth Matheson as interim school nurse at Westwood effective January 7, 2013 through the end of the 2012/13 school year (prior approval—filling medical leave)

**Teachers**

- Employment of Tabitha Schommer as science teacher at Ashe Middle effective January 7, 2013 (prior approval)
- Employment of Jerry Young as math teacher at Ashe Middle effective January 2, 2013 (prior approval)

**Substitute**

- Addition of Rachael Filsinger to the approved substitute list

**Employee Leave**

- Request from Kim Turnmire, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Blue Ridge, for a parental leave of absence beginning on or about March 28, 2013 through the end of the 2012/13 school year (FMLA = 7 weeks + 2 days)

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

- Substitute teachers

**CLASSIFIED****Bus Driver Substitute**

- Addition of Paul Davis to the approved substitute bus driver list

**Coaches**

- Addition of Andrew Wilson to the approved winters coaches list as volunteer freshman men's basketball coach at Ashe High
- Addition of Wayne Saxon to the approved spring coaches list as volunteer ladies softball coach at Ashe High

**Custodian**

- Employment of Rodney Miller as interim custodian at Ashe High effective December 7, 2012 (prior approval)

**Teacher Assistants**

- Reassignment of Kristi Booker from substitute teacher with Ashe County Schools to teacher assistant at Mountain View effective December 5, 2012 (prior approval)
- Reassignment of Amanda Black from substitute teacher with Ashe County Schools to temporary teacher assistant for exceptional children at Blue Ridge Elementary effective December 4, 2012 (prior approval)
- Employment of Kassandra Roberts as a temporary teacher assistant for exceptional children based upon student need at Ashe County High (prior approval—December 3)

### **Tutor**

- Resignation of Charity Ballou as part-time tutor at Blue Ridge effective January 3, 2013

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

- Interim teacher assistant for exception children at Mountain View (filling educational leave)
- Tutor at Blue Ridge
- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute cafeteria assistants

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to a one-year waiver of the EOC final grade percentile as requested by Ashe High Principal Jason Krider. This waiver is for the current year only and aligns with current State Board policy.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to a three-year commitment with Anderson Smith & Wike, PLLC to audit the Board of Education accounts as requested by Assistant Superintendent Phyllis Yates.

Assistant Superintendent Phyllis Yates gave an overview of the 2013/14 Budget Calendar and Budget Planning Process.

Other informational items included the following.

- Monday, January 21—Optional teacher workday
- The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, February 4, 7:00 pm, at the central office annex.

A motion at 7:31 pm by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to a short recess prior to going into closed session at 7:40 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)].

The Board returned to regular session at 8:45 pm.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous prior approval to employing an interim custodian at Westwood Elementary due to the recent verbal resignation of Rosemary Dorinzi.

There being no further business, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned.