

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 2, 2013

The December meeting was held at the Board of Education annex as scheduled with all members present. Superintendent Holden called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Policy 2200, *Election of Officers/Organization of Board*, requires that the Board of Education hold an organizational meeting at the first meeting in December of each year at which time a chairman and vice chairman are elected. Following opening remarks by Superintendent Holden, the floor was opened for nominations for chairman. Mr. Jones nominated Charles King followed by a second from Dr. Beckworth. Unanimous approval was given to Mr. King continuing to serve as chairman. Superintendent Holden relinquished the meeting to Chairman King who opened the floor for nominations for vice chairman. Mr. Williams nominated C.B. Jones to continue as vice chairman followed by a second by Mrs. Jones. Unanimous approval was given to Mr. Jones continuing to serve as vice chairman. There was no opposition to the Chairman's suggestion that the Board continue meeting on the first Monday night of each month (unless altered by a holiday) at 7:00 pm in the annex.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by the Chairman.

The Board gave unanimous approval to the agenda for the meeting.

During open comments, Superintendent Holden informed the Board that Phil Howell and David Blackburn will be representing Ashe County at the forum sponsored by Senator Dan Soucek on Thursday, December 4, in Watuga County.

Ashe County Ford Manager Jeff Dollar presented the following 1st annual awards from the Ashe County Ford Teacher Scholarship Foundation. Mr. Dollar stated that he received approximately 25 applications, most of which related to reading. The following \$1,000 scholarships to each school were awarded.

- Ashe County High—Ronnie Pruitt, Kasee Roberts, Linda Bennett and Jennifer Treva
- Ashe County Middle—Julie Taylor
- Blue Ridge—Heather Parsons and June Neaves
- Mountain View—Kelly Lambert, Kathy Maloney, Tina Key and Sarah McLeese
- Westwood—Sherrie Phillips, Jessica Greer, Charlene Goodman, Cheryl Gambill, Erin Hayes and Michelle Blevins

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 November 4, 2013.

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

CERTIFIED

Teachers

- Employment of Sharon Campbell as science teacher at Ashe High effective November 14, 2013 (prior approval)
- Reassignment of Jessica Yearick, science teacher at Ashe High, to CTE business teacher at Ashe Middle effective November 14, 2013 through the end of the 2013/14 school year (prior approval)
- Resignation of Mary “Mandy” Taylor, AIG teacher at Westwood, effective end-of-day December 12, 2013

Substitute Teachers

- Addition of Wendy Spainhour, Michele Boyce-Obenchain, Teresa Lipscomb and Jennifer York to the approved substitute teacher list

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Science teacher at Ashe High
- AIG teacher at Westwood
- Substitute teachers

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Bus Driver Substitutes

- Addition of Brodrick Shepherd and Marc Scott to the approved bus driver substitute list

Cafeteria Assistant Substitute

- Addition of Hayley Mash to the approved cafeteria assistant substitute list

Employee Leave

- Request from Clarence Dillard, custodian at the high school, for a medical leave of absence effective November 4, 2013 through December 4, 2013 (FMLA =21 days)

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute cafeteria assistants
- Substitute custodians

Superintendent Holden gave an update on the allotment received from the State to be used for Digital Learning. The allotment was based on average daily membership (ADM). Local education agencies can submit a grant for additional funds. Ashe County has opted to enter into a consortium with other systems within Region 7 to submit a consolidated grant for additional funding.

Superintendent Holden gave an update on Grants for Panic Alarm Systems at all schools, including Ashe Early Learning. This will be a dollar for dollar match. Dr. Holden thanked Maintenance Director Kenneth Richardson for gathering and submitting the required information for the grants.

Information items included the following:

- Thursday, December 12—OSHA training—ACHS media center—8:00-3:00 pm
- December 23-January 1—Christmas Break
- January 6-10—ACHS—EOC and NC final exams
- The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2014, 7:00 pm, at the Central Office annex.

A motion at 7:26 pm by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave 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 real estate [/143.318.11(a)(5)]. The Board went into closed session at 7:40 pm.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:47 pm.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to posting an interim art position rather than an AIG position at Westwood.

There being no further business, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.