

MINUTES  
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
May 6, 2013

The 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.

The agenda for the meeting was approved by general consensus of the Board.

Superintendent Johnson presented the May *Ashe County Schools' Employee of the Month Award* to Sherry Phillips, kindergarten teacher at Westwood Elementary.

Endowment Committee Chairman Ed Baker, along with Endowment Grant Chairperson Ellie Perzel, recognized the following Ashe County Schools Endowment Fund recipients. Grant awards for 2013 totaled \$8,400.

- George Zeller—Ashe Middle, *Mapping CNN Student News*, \$438
- Gordon Prince—Ashe Middle, *Reaching for the Stars*, \$894
- Lindsey Postlethwait—BlueRidge, *Experience Japanese Art and Culture*, \$991
- Misty Prichard with Sara Kesterson, Emily Roten and Debbie Eller—Blue Ridge, *Strategies to Empower Minds in Science and Technology*, \$1,000
- Misty Prichard with Sara Kesterson, Emily Roten, Debbie Eller, Courtney Eller, Susie Korevec, Tania Rollins, Robin Scott, Dawn Powers, Linda Campbell, Amanda Estes, Judy Stallings, Deborah Hess, Karen Calhoun, Kari Truax, Linda Stanley, Penny Barnes and Helen Robinson—Blue Ridge, *Fit for Farming*, \$725
- Jana Baldwin with Brenda Davis, Ashley Fields, Erin Hayes and Jenny Johnson—Mountain View, *Listen to Learn*, \$1,000
- Teresa Goodman and Sarah Furches—Mountain View, *Listen to Reading*, \$500
- Robin Nethery with Jamie Little, Chelsea Clanton and Kelly Mullis—Mountain View, *The Nature of Things: Native American Use of Natural Resources*, \$500
- Cindy Fowler—Mountain View, *Building Bridges with Bilingual Books*, \$701
- Kevin Miller and Ashley Brown—Westwood, *I Like to Move It, Move It*, \$1,000
- Michelle Blevins with Sarah Benfield and Brandi Hurley—Westwood, *Time to Talk*, \$651

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 April 8, 2013.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to a request from Ashe High AP Biology for a two-night backpacking trip into the wilderness on Deep Creek or Forney Creek outside of Bryson City, May 18-20, 2013.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the submission of the 2013/14 Federal Grant applications as presented by Federal Programs Director Kim Barnes.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to awarding the following bids for 2013/14 as presented by Child Nutrition Director Martha Turner.

- Dairy – Pet Dairy
- Bakery—Bimbo Bakeries/Sara Lee
- Beverage Bids—Dr. Pepper—50 cent increase per case for water and isotonic water only

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

## **CERTIFIED**

### **Teachers**

- Resignation of Rachel Burgess, kindergarten teacher at Mountain View, effective April 10, 2013
- Resignation of Kelly Gunderson, media coordinator at Ashe Middle, effective June 10, 2013
- Resignation/retirement of Susan Bard, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Mountain View, effective June 1, 2013
- Resignation/retirement of Tamara Hutchinson, literacy specialist at Westwood, effective June 1, 2013
- Resignation/retirement of Sara Benfield, teacher for exceptional children at Westwood, effective June 1, 2013
- Resignation/retirement of Jennifer Pasley-Smith, science teacher at Ashe High, effective July 1, 2013

### **Substitutes**

- Addition of Haley Kearns to the approved substitute list

### **Employee Leaves**

- Request from Linda Bennett, teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High, for a medical leave beginning April 11, 2013 and ending on May 23, 2013 (FMLA = 6 weeks)
- Request from Jennifer Phipps, CTE teacher at Ashe High, for a parental leave beginning on or about May 20, 2013 and extending through the end of the 2012/13 school year (FMLA = 3 weeks + 1 day)

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

- Substitute teachers
- Media coordinator at Ashe Middle
- EC teachers at Ashe Middle (1 permanent; 1 one-year due to student needs)
- EC teacher at Westwood
- Science teacher at Ashe High

**CLASSIFIED**

**Migrant Education Coordinator**

- Employment status change for Michelle Pelayo, Migrant Education coordinator, from 10 to 11 months for the 2012/13 school year (Federal grant monies)
- Increase in employment for Michelle Pelayo, Migrant Education coordinator, from 11 months to 12 months for the 2013/14 school year (Federal grant monies)

**Office Support**

- Resignation/retirement of Maxine Shatley, bookkeeper at Ashe Middle, effective July 1, 2013

**Pool Manager**

- Additional assignment for Susan Poe as pool manager at Ashe Middle effective May 7, 2013

**Teacher Assistants**

- Resignation/retirement of Beth Barton, teacher assistant for exceptional children at Ashe High, effective August 1, 2013
- Resignation/retirement of Michelle Davis, teacher assistant for exceptional children at Mountain View, effective July 1, 2013

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

- Lifeguards
- 4-H afterschool onsite coordinators—one each for Blue Ridge and Westwood effective 2013/14 school year

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the following probationary contracts.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>
Angela Brock	EC	ACHS
Rebecca Frost	CTE – Health Occupations	ACHS
Cynthia Harless	EC	ACHS
Katherine Hill	ART	ACHS
Mark Matney	EC-OCS	ACHS
Carrie Mitchell	Band	ACHS
Jill Starling	EC	ACHS
Rachel Bledsoe	LanguageArts/Social Studies	ACMS

Angela Douglas	Reading	ACMS
Kasey Jones	EC	ACMS
Sheri Lawrence	Science, Math, Social Studies	ACMS
Katrina Miller	Science	ACMS
Connie Register	Language Arts/Social Studies	ACMS
Catherine Robinson	Math	ACMS
Tabitha Schommer	Science	ACMS
Horace Thompson	CTE	ACMS
Jerry Young	Math	ACMS
George Zeller	Language Arts/Social Studies	ACMS
Ruth Ashe	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	BRES
Tiffany Fulbright	EC	BRES
Ginger Hopson	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	BRES
April Dawn Powers	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	BRES
Kayla Rash	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	BRES
Sandy Shaw	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	BRES
Sarah Furches	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	MVES
Megan Lawrence	EC	MVES
Amy Simmons	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	MVES
Laura Absher	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	WWES
Evelyn Colvard	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	WWES
Lindsey Hagel	EC	WWES
Brandi Hurley	EC	WWES
Dianna Miller	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	WWES
Cynthia Powers-Moser	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	WWES

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave 4-0 approval to the following career contracts. Dr. Beckworth abstained due to conflict of interest.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>
Josh Beckworth	English	ACHS
Daniel Calhoun	CTE	ACHS
Brian Hampton	Physical Education	ACHS
Daniel McAulay	Art	ACHS
Zach Russ	Social Studies	ACHS
Edgar "Trey" Simmons	Math	ACHS
Lindsey Williams	Math	ACHS
Harry Calloway	Math	ACMS
Stephanie Stolt	Language Arts/Social Studies	ACMS
Jennifer Williams	Math	ACMS
Lindsey Postlethwait	Art	BRES
Allison Shoemake	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	BRES
Carla Williams	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	BRES
Leanne Hilderbran	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	WWES
Jane Rifle	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	WWES

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>
Stacey Williams	Pre-K	AELC (employed for one year with Developmental Day Funds)

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>	<b>TERM OF CONTRACT</b>
David Blackburn	Principal, MVES	4 years
Joallen Lowder	Director of CTE/WCC Liaison	4 years
Lesia Nave	Director of Human Resources	4 years
Sandra Peterson	Assistant Principal, MVES	4 years
Travis Richardson	Assistant Principal, BRES	1 year

Extension Agent Travis Birdsell provided a presentation on the donation of a cold frame greenhouse to the CTE program at ACHS from Ashe Outreach Ministries and Outgrow Hunger with assistance from Farm Bureau and the Cooperative Extension Office. A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the acceptance of this donation to the CTE program.

Technology Director Amy Walker, along with NCWISE Coordinator Sandy Rhodes, gave an update on the implementation of *Home Base* and *PowerSchool*, North Carolina's Instructional Improvement (IIS) and Student Information System (SIS).

Director Phil Howell, along with the county AIG specialists, presented the Local Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Plan. This plan will be considered for approval at the regular meeting for June.

Superintendent Johnson presented a Memorandum of Understanding for the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program. Dr. Beckworth asked that the title be changed to a "Memorandum of Understanding for the School Resource Officer Program at the Elementary Schools". He also asked that item number nine be changed to read that the SRO is not allowed to counsel students without the assistance from school administration and parental awareness. This Memorandum will be considered at the regular meeting for June.

The Board established the date of June 28 at 12:00 noon to conduct the June year-end meeting. The date for the July meeting will be decided in June.

Announcements and information items included the following.

- Elementary testing schedule
  - EOG Grade 5 Science—May 23
  - EOG ELA and Math—May 28-29
- Middle school testing schedule
  - MSL Grade 7 Science—May 23
  - EOG ELA and Math—May 28-29
  - EOG Grade 8 Science—May 30
- High school testing schedule
  - MSL/Common exams—May 29-30
  - EOC Alg 1, Eng 2, Bio—June 4-6
- Friday, May 31—Senior Awards Day—9:00 am in the auditorium
- The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2013, 7:00 pm, at the Central Office annex.
- Tuesday, June 4—Ashe County Middle School Awards Day—7<sup>th</sup> grade @ 9:00 am and 8<sup>th</sup> grade @ 1:00 pm
- Friday, June 7—last day for students—early release—11:00, 11:15, 11:30
- Friday, June 7—High School Graduation Ceremony—7:00 pm—Project Graduation immediately following at Mountain View
- Thursday, June 6 and Friday, June 7—6<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremonies
  - Blue Ridge—Thursday—10:00 am
  - Mountain View—Friday—8:30 am
  - Westwood—Friday—8:00 am
  - Monday, June 10—last day for teachers

A motion at 8:42 pm by Dr. Beckworth and a second 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 real estate [N.C. General Statute §143.318.11(a)(5)]. The Board went into closed session at 8:49 pm. No action was taken.

Upon return to regular session at 9:25 pm, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned.