

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 3, 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.

Director of Transportation Shea Coldiron recognized James Pennington, bus driver at Ashe High, as the county and regional winner of the School Bus Roadeo.

CTE Director Joallen Lowder recognized the student participants in the *Dick Miller Youth Leadership Program*.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board on May 6, 2013.

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Vice Chairman Jones with a second by Mrs. Jones to employ Dr. Ernest Todd Holden as Superintendent for Ashe County Schools effective July 1, 2013. This same motion gave approval to a four-year contract.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the request from Ashe High FFA for an overnight trip to attend the NC State FFA Convention in Raleigh, NC, June 18-20, 2013.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to awarding the following child nutrition contracts for the 2013/14 school year.

- Hershey Ice Cream Company – ice cream products
- US Foods – food and supplies

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the Memorandum of Understanding for the School Resource Officer Program in the elementary schools. Vice Chairman Jones commented that the officers need to be at the school rather than going to get the mail.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the 2013-2016 Local Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Plan as presented by Director Phil Howell and Assistant Principal Sandra Peterson.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the 2013/14 Local Plan for Career and Technical Education as presented by CTE Director Joallen Lowder.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the three-month, no-cost extension of the agreement with Appalachian State University for the *Ashe County Schools Assessment, Support, and Counseling Center*. The end date will be September 30, 2013 in order to allow time to complete the evaluation component of the project.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the resolution in support of the State 457 Deferred Compensation Plan also known as "NC Deferred Comp" as presented by Assistant Superintendent Phyllis Yates.

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

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Teachers

- Resignation/retirement of Shelia Johnson, 5th grade teacher at Blue Ridge, effective June 1, 2013
- Resignation of Sarah Furches, 1st grade teacher at Mountain View, effective end of day June 10, 2013
- Re-employment of Erin Hayes from interim kindergarten teacher at Mountain View to kindergarten teacher at Westwood effective August 15, 2013 (prior approval)
- Re-employment of Sarah McLeese from interim 4th grade teacher at Mountain View to teacher at Mountain View effective August 15, 2013
- Re-employment of Katherine (Kasey) Overcash as interim teacher at Mountain View effective August 15, 2013

School Nurse

- Re-employment of Elizabeth "Libby" Matheson as interim school nurse at Westwood effective August 15, 2013

Non-Instructional Support

- Approval of two-year school nurse contract for Tammy Craine (July 1, 2013-June 30, 2015)

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Substitute teachers
- Certified staff as necessary to begin the 2013/14 school year

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Afterschool

- Resignation of Terrance Kepple, 4-H afterschool on-site coordinator at Ashe Middle, effective end of the 2012/13 school year

Custodian

- Employment status change for Rodney Miller, temporary custodian at Ashe High, to full-time permanent custodian at Ashe High effective July 1, 2013 (prior approval)

Substitute Bus Driver

- Addition of Jesus Guzman to the approved substitute bus driver list for 2013/14 school year

Lifeguards

- Re-employment of Brandon Shepherd as temporary, part-time lifeguard at Ashe Middle effective May 28, 2013 (prior approval)
- Re-employment of Peyton Brown, Allison Powers and Anderson Moore as temporary, part-time lifeguards at Ashe Middle effective June 1, 2013 (prior approval)

Employee Leave

- Request from Penny Greer, teacher assistant at Westwood, for an extension of short-term medical leave of absence to long-term medical leave of absence effective April 29, 2013 through May 16, 2013

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- 4-H afterschool on-site coordinator at Ashe Middle
- Additional lifeguards at Ashe Middle as needed
- Bookkeeper at Ashe Middle
- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute cafeteria assistants
- Non-certified staff as necessary to begin the 2013/14 school year

Child Nutrition Director Martha Turner explained to the Board that due to the healthy operating budget in the Child Nutrition program she was able to apply for a waiver not to increase the price of student lunches in 2013/14.

Dr. Kurt Michael gave an update on the end-of-year results for the Assessment, Support and Counseling (ASC) program at Ashe County High through Appalachian State University (ASU). The ASC served 89 students during the 2012/13 school year and had a 63% improvement rate.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the contract between the Ashe County Board of Education and Appalachian State University to provide school-based mental health services through the Assessment, Support and Counseling Center (ASC) in 2013/14. Dr. Beckworth commented that he is proud of Ashe County Schools' participation in this program. Superintendent Johnson thanked Dr. Michael for the worthy services provided to the students at the high school.

Superintendent Johnson and Assistant Superintendent Yates introduced a budget item for consideration at the budget work session to provide funding to supplement the Promoting Adolescents through Individual Relationships (PAIRS) grant through the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC).

The Board scheduled its June year-end/July meeting for June 28 beginning at noon. Lunch will be provided. The Superintendent will poll the Board to determine a date for its final budget work session.

Information items included the following:

- Results of bullying survey conducted at Ashe County High as requested by the Board—ATTACHMENT
- High school testing schedule
 - EOC Alg 1, Eng 2, Bio—June 4-6
 - Tuesday, June 4—Ashe County Middle School Awards Day—7th grade @ 9:00 am and 8th 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—6th 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
- June 11-13—*The Leader in Me* training at Blue Ridge, 8:00-4:00
- Tuesday, June 18—Administrative year-end picnic at Ashe Park, 12:00 noon
- Friday, June 28—year-end meeting of the Board, 12:00, in the annex
- Wednesday, July 17—Endowment Golf Tournament—Mountain Aire

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to a short recess at 8:07 pm before going into closed session to discuss 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 8:22 pm.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:25 pm.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the employment of Jamie Little as the K-6 Curriculum Coordinator for the school system effective 2013/14 (11 month position).

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the promotion of Phyllis Yates from Assistant to Associate Superintendent for Business and Operations.

There being no further business, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.