

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 6, 2014

The October meeting was held as scheduled in the Board of Education Annex 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.

Transportation Director Shea Coldiron recognized James Pennington, Ashe County's winner of the Bus Rodeo competition, who also placed in district and finished 8th in state competition.

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 September 8, 2014 and a special meeting on September 11, 2014.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to a request from Wilibaldo H. to graduate early with 24 credits due to health reasons. Mrs. Jones and Mr. Williams commended Wilibaldo on his well-written essay and his determination. The Board wished him the best.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the following requests for early graduation contingent upon the completion of all remaining requirements. Dr. Beckworth commended the students on completing their community service and expressed the importance of giving back to the community through service. He also thanked the counseling department for providing synopses of student records.

- Andi D.
- Haley E.
- Shelby F.
- Christina F.
- Eden H.
- Amber H.
- James L.
- Austin M.
- Sierra O.
- Cierra S.
- Brittanie S.
- Korranda T.

Following a change to Jennifer Simcox's leave request, a motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the following personnel recommendations.

CERTIFIED

Teachers

- Resignation of Harry Calloway, math teacher at Ashe Middle, effective end-of-day September 26, 2014
- Resignation/retirement of Janis Harless, media coordinator at Ashe Middle, effective November 1, 2014

Substitute Teachers

- Addition of Jennifer Greer, Stephanie McClure, Amy Miller, Susan Miller and Angela Patrick to the approved substitute teacher list

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Assistant principal at Ashe High
- Teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High
- Middle grades math teacher at Ashe Middle
- Media coordinator at Ashe Middle
- Substitute teachers

CLASSIFIED

Bus Drivers

- Resignation of Art Eaton, bus driver at Mountain View, effective end-of-day September 25, 2014
- Termination of Lisa Jones, exceptional children bus monitor at Mountain View, effective September 25, 2014 (unavailable to work)

Bus Driver Substitutes

- Addition of Joseph Francis to the approved bus driver/monitor substitute list

Office Support

- Employment of Stacey Jenkins as receptionist/secretary at Mountain View effective October 1, 2014 (prior approval)

Teacher Assistants

- Resignation/retirement of Zandra Lyalls, teacher assistant at Mountain View, effective January 1, 2015
- Transfer of Rebecca McNeill from pre-kindergarten teacher assistant at Ashe Developmental Day to teacher assistant for exceptional children at Ashe High effective September 11, 2014

Employee Leaves

- Request from Jennifer Simcox for a medical leave of absence beginning on September 23, 2014; ending date to be determined

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Bus drivers (part-time) at Mountain View
- Cafeteria assistant (full-time) at Blue Ridge
- Tutor (part-time) at Blue Ridge
- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute cafeteria assistants

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the updated coaching assignments for Ashe County High.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the LEA Based Waiver Request for 2015/16 for Weather Related Causes (G.S. 115C-84.2). If approved for a weather related waiver, the opening date may be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 17.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the adoption of the 2014/15 Budget Resolution as presented by Associate Superintendent Phyllis Yates.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Ashe County Administrative Unit:

Section 1: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015:

Instructional Programs	\$ 17,909,441
Supporting Services	3,429,005
Ancillary Services	75,000
Non-Programmed Charges	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL State Public School Fund	\$ 21,414,446

Section 2: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015:

State Funds	\$ 21,414,446
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Section 3: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Local Current Expense Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015:

Instructional Programs	\$ 2,413,881
Supporting Services	3,245,429
Ancillary Services	18,000
Non-Programmed Charges	<u>21,000</u>
TOTAL Local Current Expense	\$ 5,698,310

Section 4: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Local Current Expense Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015:

Local Funds	\$ 4,601,475
Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>1,096,835</u>
	\$ 5,698,310

Section 5: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Federal Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015:

Instructional Programs	\$ 2,119,785
Supporting Programs	160,322
Non-Programmed Charges	<u>121,167</u>
TOTAL Federal Grants Fund	\$ 2,401,274

Section 6: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Federal Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015:

Federal Funds	\$	2,401,274
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Section 7: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Capital Outlay Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015:

Instructional Programs	\$	402,421
Supporting Programs		150,958
Non-Programmed Charges		0
Capital Building Projects		1,672,369
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TOTAL Capital Outlay Fund	\$	2,225,748

Section 8: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Capital Outlay Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015:

State and Federal Funds	\$	127,072
Local Funds		1,801,441
Fund Balance Appropriated		297,235
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TOTAL Capital Outlay Fund Revenues	\$	2,225,748

Section 9: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Child Nutrition Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015:

Ancillary Services	\$	2,177,246
Non-Programmed Charges		90,000
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TOTAL Child Nutrition Fund		2,267,246

Section 10: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Child Nutrition Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015:

Federal Funds	\$	1,393,000
Local Funds		683,700
Fund Balance Appropriated		190,546
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TOTAL Child Nutrition Fund Revenues	\$	2,267,246

Section 11: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Local Fund 8 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015:

Instructional Programs	\$	1,376,884
Supporting Programs		251,396
Ancillary Services		41,005
Non-Programmed Charges		14,749
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TOTAL Local Fund 8	\$	1,684,034

Section 12: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Local Fund 8 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015:

State & Federal Funds	\$	1,029,751
Local Funds		405,265
Fund Balance Appropriated		249,018
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TOTAL Local Fund 8 Revenues	\$	1,684,034

Section 13: All appropriations shall be paid firstly from revenues restricted as to use, and secondly from general unrestricted revenues.

Section 14: The superintendent is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund and between funds under the following conditions:

He may transfer amounts between functions subject to the legal limitations of \$25,000.

Section 15: Copies of the Budget Resolution shall be immediately furnished to the superintendent and school fiscal officer for direction in carrying out their duties.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to a ten-year lease agreement between the Town of West Jefferson and the Board of Education for use of the parking area near East Main Street at the West Jefferson site. The rent shall be \$1 per year due October 1, and the Town shall have the option to renew every ten years so long as the Board of Education does not have need for the property.

Technology Coordinator Amy Walker and Assistant Superintendent Phil Howell provided an update on the amount and availability of current computer equipment for testing requirements.

Assistant Superintendent Phil Howell gave an update on the accountability growth reports for each school. Four of the five schools exceeded growth.

The Superintendent commented on recent parent/teacher conferences. Some of the parents who needed to attend did not. However, the student lead conferences at Blue Ridge went very well. October is National Principals Month, and he expressed appreciation to the principals for all that they do.

Information items included the following:

- October 2014—National Principals Month
- Elementary Fall Festivals
 - Mountain View—Thursday, October 2, 5:00-8:00 pm
 - Westwood—Thursday, October 9, 5:00-8:00 pm
 - Blue Ridge—Thursday, October 16, 5:00-8:00 pm
- The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2014, 7:00 pm, at the Central Office annex.
- American Education Week—November 17-21, 2014

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.