

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 1, 2014

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 Charlie 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.

Superintendent Holden recognized Mountain View Elementary for receiving the 2013/14 Exemplar School award in Greensboro on November 4, 2014 at the annual Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Conference.

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 November 3, 2014.

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

CERTIFIED

Teachers

- Reassignment of Zachary Fulbright from temporary band teacher at Ashe High to permanent band teacher effective January 2, 2015
- Reassignment of Dr. Ellen Pesko from substitute teacher for Ashe County Schools to interim reading teacher at Ashe Middle effective September 29, 2014 (filling maternity leave)
- Reassignment of Dianne Eldreth from substitute teacher for Ashe County Schools to interim teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High effective November 17, 2014 until end-of-day December 19, 2014

Substitute Teachers

- Addition of Travis Hash and Maggie Hunter to the approved substitute teacher list

Employee Leaves

- Request from Jessica Roland, Pre-k teacher at Ashe Developmental Day, for a medical leave of absence beginning on October 20, 2014; ending date to be determined
- Request from Gina Calhoun, social studies/language arts teacher at Ashe Middle, for a medical leave of absence beginning on December 8, 2014 and ending on or about February 10, 2015 (FMLA=8 weeks)

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Coordinator for Gear Up program (grant funded)
- Assistant principal at Ashe High
- Teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High
- Middle grades math teacher at Ashe Middle
- Substitute teachers

CLASSIFIED

Bus Driver Substitute

- Addition of William Glenn Eller, Jr. and Jamie McNeill to the approved substitute bus driver list

Cafeteria Assistant

- Reassignment of Elaine May from substitute cafeteria assistant to full-time cafeteria assistant at Blue Ridge effective November 24, 2014 (prior approval)

Coach

- Addition of Brandon Brooks as non-faculty varsity assistant basketball coach to the approved coaches list at Ashe High

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Interim cafeteria assistant at Westwood
- Interim teacher assistant for exceptional children at Ashe High
- Tutor (part-time) at Blue Ridge
- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute cafeteria assistants

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to Policy Section 5000 (Community Relationships), Section 6000 (Support Services), Section 8000 (Fiscal Management) and Section 9000 (Facilities) with the exception of *Policy 6130 Wellness* which hasn't been updated yet. Principal Callie Grubb is chairing a committee to develop this policy.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones followed by a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the Resolution Supporting Local Control of School Calendars.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth followed by a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval in support of a resolution for proposed principal and assistant principal compensation.

Superintendent Holden discussed devising and submitting a plan to offer a differential pay plan based on the old ABC Plan. The Board had no objection to the development of this plan to be submitted by January 1.

Information items included the following:

- December 10-19—CTE and high school EOC testing
- The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2015, 7:00 pm, at the Central Office annex.
- Correspondence from the Town of West Jefferson regarding parking spaces
- Correspondence from Central Carolina Regional Education Service Alliance regarding the transition from a 7-point to 10-point grading scale
- Correspondence from Department of Transportation regarding US 221 Project
- Notification from Department of Public Instruction approving the waiver application for local flexibility in measuring teacher growth for Standard 6
- Approval of 2015/16 Calendar Waiver Request by State Board of Education

There being no further business, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.