

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 3, 2014

The February meeting was held at Ashe County High School 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.

Board Member Polly Jones recognized the following individual school *Teacher of the Year* nominees and presented each with a certificate acknowledging their achievement: Jennifer Phipps, Ashe High; Stephanie Stolt, Ashe Middle; Allison Shoemake, Blue Ridge; Jana Baldwin, Mountain View; and Mandy Taylor, Westwood.

Board Member Terry Williams recognized the following individual school *Teacher Assistant of the Year* nominees and presented each with a certificate acknowledging their achievement: Ashe High, Linda Sloan; Ashe Middle, Sara Houck; Blue Ridge, Linda Campbell; and Westwood, Sandy Simms.

The Superintendent recognized David Blackburn, principal at Mountain View, as the *2013/14 Ashe County Schools Principal of the Year* and presented him with a plaque acknowledging his achievement.

Vice Chairman Jones recognized Mountain View teacher Chelsea Clanton as recipient of the *2013 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)* certification and presented her with a certificate acknowledging her achievement.

Director for Exceptional Children Terry Richardson recognized Autumn Taylor for her selection as the *2013/14 Teacher of Excellence for Exceptional Children*. Ms. Taylor was presented with a certificate recognizing her achievement.

Chairman King recognized Associate Superintendent Phyllis Yates and members of the finance department—Kevin Anderson, Amanda Coldiron, Donna Phillips and Geneva Spencer—for receiving the *Award of Financial Reporting Achievement* for 2011/12 from the Government Finance Officers Association.

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 January 13, 2014.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to Olivia Jenkins, Health Occupations teacher at Ashe High, applying for a grant in the amount of \$72,620.97 through the American Honda Foundation to purchase a SimMan Essential Manikin for the purpose of providing a simulation environment for healthcare classes.

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

CERTIFIED**Child Nutrition**

- Reassignment of Edwina Parsons from temporary cafeteria manager at Ashe High to permanent cafeteria manager at Ashe High effective January 1, 2014 (prior approval August 5, 2013)

Teachers

- Employment of Leeann Cronk as middle grades science/math teacher at Ashe Middle effective February 10, 2014 (prior approval)
- Re-employment of Dana Johnson as temporary middle grades science/math teacher at Ashe Middle effective January 20, 2014 through February 7, 2014
- Re-employment of Dianne Eldreth as temporary teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High effective January 20, 2014 through the end of the 2013/14 school year (prior approval)

Substitute Teachers

- Addition of Gerald Morton to the approved substitute teacher list

Employee Leaves

- Request from Andrea Gardner, music teacher at Ashe High, for a medical leave of absence beginning on February 12, 2014 and ending on or about March 26, 2014 (FMLA = 6 weeks)
- Request from Jessica Lyalls, 1st grade teacher at Mountain View, for a parental leave of absence beginning on April 17, 2014 and going through the end of the 2013/14 school year (FMLA = 6 weeks + 3 days)

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Substitute teachers
- Science teacher at Ashe High

CLASSIFIED**Cafeteria Assistant Manager**

- Reassignment of Sherrie Harless from temporary assistant cafeteria manager at Ashe High to permanent assistant cafeteria manager at Ashe High effective January 1, 2014 (prior approval August 5, 2013)

Cafeteria Assistants

- Resignation of Kathy Joines as part-time cafeteria assistant at Blue Ridge effective January 24, 2014
- Reassignment of Carolyn Greer from substitute cafeteria assistant with Ashe County Schools to full-time cafeteria assistant at Blue Ridge effective January 28, 2014 (prior approval)

Coach

- Addition of Andrew "Drew" Belk to the approved coaches list as head junior varsity baseball coach for Ashe County High effective February 4, 2014 (fills TBD from August 2013 list)

Custodian Substitute

- Addition of Ronald "Ricky" Greene to the approved custodian substitute list

Employee Leaves

- Request from Wanda Woodard, bus driver at Ashe High, for a medical leave beginning January 13, 2014 and ending on or about February 7, 2014 (FMLA = 3 weeks)
- Request from Edmond Robinson, custodian at Westwood, for a medical leave of absence beginning January 29, 2014 and ending on or about February 28, 2014 (FMLA = 4 weeks)
- Request from Jessica Calhoun, teacher assistant for exceptional children at Ashe Middle, for a parental leave of absence beginning on or about March 30, 2014 and ending on or about May 11, 2014 (not FMLA eligible)

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Part-time cafeteria assistant at Blue Ridge and Ashe High
- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute cafeteria assistants
- Substitute custodians

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the revision to the Beginning Teacher Support Program as presented by Human Resources Director Lesia Nave.

Assistant Superintendent Phil Howell presented revisions to Policy Section 3000(Educational Program) for review and approval at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Auditor Mike Wike presented the 2012/13 Financial Audit for Ashe County Schools. The auditing firm Anderson Smith & Wike found the financial statement disclosures to be consistent and clear and issued the Board of Education an unmodified report for all major programs and funds.

Superintendent Holden gave an update on the current status of the school calendar. As of today, seven days have been missed due to the weather, making June 6 the last day for students.

Announcements and information items included the following:

- Tuesday, February 4—2014/15 School Calendar Committee Meeting—3:30 pm, Ashe County High media center
- Thursday, February 6—Spelling Bee—6:00 pm, Ashe County High auditorium—The Snow date is Tuesday, February 11
- The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2014, 7:00 pm, at the central office annex.
- The April Board meeting will be held at the Ashe County Arts Council.
- Friday, March 14—Battle of the Books (BOB)—Grades 6-8, 9:00 am, Ashe County High auditorium
- Friday, March 28—Elementary Battle of the Books (EBOB)—Grades 3-5, 9:00 am, Ashe County High auditorium
- Tuesday, April 1—Regional Elementary Battle of the Books, Hickory
- Friday, April 7—Regional Battle of the Books, Statesville
- DIAL 4 Kindergarten Screenings
 - NC PreK—March 24-28
 - Blue Ridge—April 1-3
 - Westwood—April 7-9
 - Mountain View—April 14-16

The Superintendent requested that the 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)] be postponed to a later date.

There being no further business, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.