

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 2, 2014

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.

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 May 5, 2014 and the special meeting on May 19, 2014.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the request from Ashe High FFA for an overnight trip to attend the NC State FFA Convention in Raleigh June 17-19, 2014.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to awarding the following child nutrition contracts for the 2014/15 school year.

- US Foods—food and food supplies
- H & S Dairy (Pet)—ice cream products
- Bimbo Bakeries—bakery
- Dr. Pepper Bottling Company—beverages
- Pet Dairy—milk

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the 2014/15 Local Plan for Career and Technical Education as presented by CTE Director Joallen Lowder.

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

- Dustin Farmer, Assistant Principal, Westwood, 4 years
- Callie Grubb, Principal, Blue Ridge, 4 years
- Amanda Hipp, Assistant Principal, Ashe County High, 4 years
- Phil Howell, Assistant Superintendent, 4 years
- Jason Krider, Principal, Ashe County High, 4 years
- Marc Payne, Athletic Director, 4 years
- Martha Turner, Child Nutrition Coordinator, 4 years
- Phyllis Yates, Associate Superintendent, 4 years

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

CERTIFIED

Teachers

- Resignation of Thelma Kastl, CTE STEM teacher at Ashe Middle, effective end of day June 11, 2014

- Resignation of Jerry Young, science teacher at Ashe Middle, effective end of day June 11, 2014
- Resignation of Teresa Wiles, 5th grade teacher at Mountain View, effective May 28, 2014
- Transfer of Kristy Houck from Pre-K teacher at Ashe Early Learning to kindergarten teacher at Mountain View effective August 12, 2014
- Promotion of Sara Kesterson from Pre-K teacher assistant at Ashe Early Learning to Pre-K teacher at Ashe Early Learning effective August 12, 2014, contingent upon provisional Pre-K license add-on

Substitute Teachers

- Addition of Kelsey Agar, Joshua Brooks, Sara Finley, Zach Holden, Taylor Simms and Macon Tobin to the approved substitute teacher list

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Tech education at Ashe Middle
- Middle grades science and math teacher
- Certified staff as necessary to begin the 2014/15 school year

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Bus Drivers

- Resignation of Michele Jensen, bus driver at Westwood, effective end of day May 16, 2014
- Resignation of Carrie Argetsinger, bus driver at Ashe High, effective end of day June 10, 2014

Central Office

- Resignation/retirement of Donna Phillips, administrative assistant, effective March 1, 2015

Lifeguards

- Re-employment of Allison Powers as temporary, part-time head lifeguard at Ashe Middle effective June 7, 2014 (prior approval)
- Re-employment of Anderson Moore and Emily Long as temporary, part-time lifeguards at Ashe Middle effective June 7, 2014 (prior approval)

Tutors

- Employment of Anna Turnmire as temporary, part-time tutor (≤ 25 hours per week) at Mountain View effective May 12, 2014 and ending on or about May 27, 2014 (prior approval)
- Reassignment of Larry Lewis from substitute teacher to temporary, part-time tutor (<30 hours per week) at Ashe Middle effective May 12 and ending on or about May 23, 2014 (prior approval)

Employee Leaves

- Request from Lisa Jones, bus monitor at Mountain View, for an extension of medical leave of absence through the end of the current school year (FMLA total = 59.5 days)
- Request from Betty Miller, bus driver at Ashe Middle, for a medical leave of absence effective May 5, 2014 through May 30, 2014 (FMLA ≈ 19 days)

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Non-certified staff as necessary to begin the 2014/15 school year

Zach Wright with Surry Insurance gave a presentation on Cyber Liability—Internet Security and Privacy. School systems across the state are looking at securing insurance for this potential liability.

Child Nutrition Coordinator Martha Turner presented the following proposed increases in school lunch prices for the 2014/15 school year.

- PK-6 lunch—from \$1.85 to \$2.00
- 7-12 lunch—from \$2.10 to \$2.25
- Milk—from 35¢ to 40¢
- adult lunch—from \$3.00 to \$3.25

The Board was presented with the list of personnel considered for probationary contracts for 2014/15. Action will be taken at the regular June/July meeting on June 30, 2014.

A 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) for 2014/15 was presented for consideration. Action will be taken at the June 30 meeting.

Maintenance Director Kenneth Richardson presented a proposal on re-routing the parent pick-up line at Mountain View Elementary. During discussion, tweaks to the proposal were suggested. The Board asked that additional bids be solicited for the project to present at the June 30 meeting.

The Board established the date of June 30 beginning at 7:00 pm for the June/July meeting.

The Superintendent expressed concerns about having school on Memorial Day. Depending on the number of days used for inclement weather next school year, he would like to not have school on Memorial Day. Dr. Beckworth recommended doing the same with Martin Luther King Day. If taking these days off in 2014/15 is not feasible, both days will be addressed in the 2015/16 calendar.

Information items included the following:

- May 28-June 10—EOG testing for grades 3-8
- June 2-June 6—EOC and NC Final Exam testing for grade 12
- June 4-June 10—EOC and NC Final Exam testing for grades 9-11
- Friday, June 6—High School Graduation @ 7:00 pm—Project Graduation immediately following at Mountain View
- Monday, June 9—Ashe County Middle Awards Day—7th grade @ 9:00 am and 8th @ 1:00 pm
- Tuesday, June 10—6th grade promotion ceremonies
 - Blue Ridge—8:30 am
 - Mountain View—8:30 am
 - Westwood—8:30 am
- Tuesday, June 10—last day for students—early release—11:00, 11:30, 12:00
- Wednesday, June 11—last day for teachers—RTW
- Friday, June 27—Administrative year-end picnic at Ashe Park—12:00
- Wednesday, July 16—Endowment Golf Tournament—Jefferson Landing
- Monday, August 4—regular meeting of the Board

A motion at 7:59 pm by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to a short recess prior to 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 8:10 pm.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:30 pm.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the promotion of Robin Roberts from teacher assistant for exceptional children at Westwood to teacher for

exceptional children at Ashe High effective August 12, 2014 and contingent upon her receiving a clear license.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to advertising internally for a payroll specialist. This person will begin their position July 1 and will work/train with the current pay specialist, Donna Phillips, until she retires effective March 1, 2015.

There being no further business, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.