

MINUTES  
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
June 30, 2014

The meeting was held at the Ashe County Board of Education Annex as scheduled with all members present. Chairman King called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the addition of item 3.01 under recognitions, the agenda for the meeting was approved by general consensus of the Board.

Superintendent Holden recognized Blue Ridge Media Specialist Tonya Denny and Principal Callie Grubb for collecting 8,125 books in the *Give Five, Read Five Campaign* sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. The campaign provides students with books to read over the summer break. Blue Ridge placed first among elementary schools with 350-550 students and will receive a one-year subscription to the Achieve 3000 online literacy program.

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 June 2, 2014.

Following a change due to a candidate declining a position, a motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the following personnel recommendations.

**CERTIFIED**

**Teachers**

- Employment of Heather Windish, science and math teacher at Ashe Middle, effective August 12, 2014 (prior approval)
- Employment of Michael Windish, CTE/WFD technology education at Ashe High, effective August 12, 2014 (prior approval)
- Employment of Holly Flynn, English/theater teacher at Ashe High, effective August 12, 2014 (prior approval)
- Employment of Chalk Wetmore, JROTC teacher at Ashe High, effective August 12, 2014 (prior approval)
- Employment of Nathan Colvard, social studies teacher at Ashe High, effective August 12, 2014 (prior approval)
- Employment of Zach Holden, social studies teacher at Ashe High, effective August 12, 2014 (prior approval)
- Employment of Kendra Yearick, teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High, effective August 12, 2014 (prior approval)
- Promotion of Jennifer York from substitute teacher to 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Mountain View effective August 12, 2014 (prior approval)
- Promotion of Courtney Paige Matheson from substitute teacher to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Westwood effective August 12, 2014 (prior approval)
- Resignation of Brenda Davis, kindergarten teacher at Mountain View, effective June 18, 2014
- Resignation of Beverly Clark-Horner, part-time speech language pathologist at Mountain View, effective June 11, 2014
- Transfer of Cynthia Harless from teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High to teacher for exceptional children at Mountain View effective August 12, 2014 (one-year position—prior approval)

**Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions**

- Certified staff as necessary to begin the 2014/15 school year
- Substitute teachers

**CLASSIFIED**

**Central Office**

- Transfer of Sandy Rhodes from coordinator of PowerSchool/SAR system-wide to payroll specialist at the central office effective July 1, 2014

**Coach**

- Addition of Andrew Piscopo to the approved coaches list as a volunteer football coach at Ashe High effective June 16, 2014

**Data Manager**

- Reassignment of Kim Roten from office support/WFD secretary at Ashe High to county lead data manager at Ashe High effective July 1, 2014

**Lifeguards**

- Employment of Jordan Avery and Dale Mahala as lifeguards at Ashe Middle effective June 4, 2014 (prior approval)

**Office Support**

- Resignation of Heather Carpenter, receptionist at Blue Ridge Elementary, effective end of day June 11, 2014
- Promotion of Tammy Woods from teacher assistant/ISS at Ashe High to office support/WFD secretary at Ashe High effective July 1, 2014 (11 months)

**Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions**

- Non-certified staff as necessary to begin the 2014/2015 school year

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the following one year probationary contract recommendations for 2014/15:

- Ashe High—Cynthia Harless, Katherine Hill, Carrie Mitchell, Sharon Campbell, George Neil, Olivia Jenkins, Kassee Roberts
- Ashe Middle—Rachel Bledsoe, Leeann Cronk, Angela Douglas, Alecia Giles, Kasey Jones, Julie Jones, Mandy Lovell, Katrina Miller, Connie Register, Tabitha Schommer, Karen Toomey, George Zeller
- Blue Ridge—Ruth Ashe, Tiffany Fulbright, Katie Furches, Ginger Hopson, April Dawn Powers, Rachel Nave, Sandy Shaw
- Mountain View—Kristi Booker, Teresa Goss, Megan Lawrence, Sarah McLeese, Kasey Overcash, Amy Simmons, Stacey Williams
- Westwood—Laura Absher, Evelyn Colvard, Lindsey Hagel, Erin Hayes, Charles Johnson, Cynthia Powers-Moser, Jill Stepp

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the following one year contracts for personnel previously eligible for career status:

- Ashe High—Angela Brock, BJ Lewis, Jill Starling
- Ashe Middle—Janis Harless, Catherine Robinson, Horace Thompson
- Blue Ridge—Kayla Rash
- Westwood—Nancy Campbell, Dianna Miller, Brandi Hurley

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the following price increases in the 2014/15 school lunch program:

- Student Lunch—Grades PK-6—from \$1.85 to \$2.00
- Student Lunch—Grades 7-12—from \$2.10 to \$2.25
- Extra Milk—from \$0.35 to \$0.40
- Adult Lunch—from \$3.00 to \$3.25

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth 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) for 2014/15. Federal Programs Director Kim Barnes gave an overview of the 2013/14 executive summary.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to awarding the bid for plan one to reroute the parent pick-up line at Mountain View to Tri-County Paving in the amount of \$76,465 as recommended by Maintenance Director Kenneth Richardson.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the following 2013/14 budget amendments as presented by Associate Superintendent Phyllis Yates.

***BE IT RESOLVED* that the following amendments be made to the Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.**

#### **STATE FUND**

CODE NUMBER	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
5000	Instructional programs		500,000
6000	Supporting services		150,000
7000	Ancillary	1,000	
8000	Non-programmed charges		
3000	State Revenues	649,000	

#### **EXPLANATION**

• REALIGNMENT OF BUDGET TO EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES	
Total Appropriation in Current Budget	21,184,438
Amount of Increase/(Decrease) for Amendment	<u>(649,000)</u>
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	20,535,438

**FEDERAL FUND**

CODE NUMBER	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
5000	Instructional programs		300,000
6000	Supporting programs		
8000	Non-programmed charges		
3000	Revenues	300,000	

**EXPLANATION**

• REALIGNMENT OF BUDGET TO EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES	
Total Appropriation in Current Budget	2,774,268
Amount of Increase/(Decrease) for Amendment	<u>(300,000)</u>
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	2,474,268

**CURRENT EXPENSE**

CODE NUMBER	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
5000	Instructional programs		350,000
6000	Supporting services		250,000
7000	Ancillary	10,000	
8000	Non-programmed charges	5,000	
4000	Appropriated fund balance	585,000	

**EXPLANATION**

• REALIGNMENT OF BUDGET TO EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES	
Total Appropriation in Current Budget	5,524,174
Amount of Increase/(Decrease) for Amendment	<u>(600,000)</u>
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	4,924,174

**LOCAL FUND 8**

CODE NUMBER	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
5000	Instructional programs		40,000
6000	Supporting services	10,000	
7000	Ancillary	5,000	
8000	Non-programmed charges	5,000	
3000	State and Federal revenues		
4000	Local revenues	20,000	

**EXPLANATION**

• REALIGNMENT OF BUDGET TO EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES	
Total Appropriation in Current Budget	1,574,621
Amount of Increase/(Decrease) for Amendment	<u>(20,000)</u>
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	1,554,621

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the following Interim Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2014/15 as presented by Mrs. Yates.

***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Finance Officer for the Ashe County Board of Education be, and hereby is, authorized to continue paying salaries and the usual, ordinary expense in amounts not to exceed those set in the current budget period. This authorization is to be effective from July 1, 2014 until the adoption of a new budget resolution pursuant to North Carolina G. S. 115C-434. Any such interim appropriations expended shall be charged to the proper appropriation in the 2014/15 budget upon adoption.

Assistant Superintendent Phil Howell gave an overview of the preliminary test scores.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave permission to submit a grant proposal for Innovative Approaches to Literacy funded through the US Department of Education as presented by Superintendent Holden and Associate Superintendent Phyllis Yates. The purpose of the grant is to curb the “summer slide” in literacy for K-12 students.

Superintendent Holden commented that he has had a great first year as superintendent and expressed appreciation to the Board, administration and the central office staff for their cooperative efforts. Dr. Holden stated that he feels he is part of a family rather than an organization and thanked the Board for allowing him to be Ashe County’s Superintendent.

Information items included the following:

- Wednesday, July 16—Endowment Golf Tournament—Jefferson Landing
- Monday, August 4—regular meeting of the Board
- Tuesday, August 12—first day for teachers
- Monday, August 18—first day for students

A motion at 7:58 pm by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave 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)]. The Board went into closed session at 8:07 pm.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:29 pm.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the open advertisement for a receptionist at Blue Ridge.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the twelve-month employment of Travis Bennett for at least two years to assist with the PowerSchool software.

There being no further business, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm.