

MINUTES  
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
August 11, 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.

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 June 30, 2014.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to a request from Tamara Harvey, who resides in Ashe County, to allow her daughter to attend school in Watauga County effective immediately.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to a request from Scott and Michelle Pruitt, who reside in Ashe County, to allow their children to attend school in Alleghany County effective immediately.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to a request from Kenneth and Jennifer Lyall, who reside in Ashe County, to allow their daughter to attend school in Wilkes County effective immediately.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to a request from Ashe County High FFA for an overnight trip to attend the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, October 29-November 1, 2014.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the following personnel recommendations. Dr. Beckworth expressed appreciation to Kim Barnes for her years of service to Ashe County Schools. He also thanked Ken Lyall for his time in Ashe County and noted that he will be missed.

**CERTIFIED**

**Central Office**

- Resignation/retirement of Kimberly Barnes as Director of Federal Programs and Student Services effective September 1, 2014

**Administration**

- Resignation of Ken Lyall as assistant principal at Blue Ridge effective August 26, 2014
- Transfer of Jerry Baker from assistant principal at Ashe High to assistant principal at Blue Ridge—effective date to be determined

**Teachers**

- Resignation of Dan McAulay, art teacher at Ashe High, effective July 1, 2014
- Resignation of Carrie Mitchell, band director at Ashe High, effective July 22, 2014
- Resignation of LeAnne Hilderbran, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Westwood, effective July 15, 2014
- Resignation of Katherine Hill, art teacher at Ashe High, effective August 4, 2014

- Resignation of Karen Toomey, teacher of exceptional children at Ashe Middle, effective August 5, 2014 (via phone—contingent on hard copy)
- Resignation of Mark Baldwin, social studies teacher at Ashe High—effective date based on new hire
- Employment of Andrea Davis, CTE/WFD agriculture teacher at Ashe Middle, effective August 12, 2014
- Employment of Luther “Luke” Eggers, CTE/WFD technology education teacher at Ashe Middle, effective August 12, 2014
- Employment of Leanne Miller, kindergarten teacher at Mountain View, effective August 12, 2014
- Employment of Amber Dillingham, art teacher at Ashe High, effective August 12, 2014
- Employment of Tara Cool, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Westwood, effective August 12, 2014
- Employment of Zach Fulbright, interim band teacher at Ashe High, effective August 12, 2014
- Promotion of Melinda Lyons from speech language teacher assistant to speech language teacher at Mountain View effective August 12, 2014

#### **Substitute Teachers**

- Addition of Rhonda Donner, Miranda Ramirez, Shea Cullifer Testerman and Christina Worley to the approved substitute teacher list

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

- Assistant principal at Ashe High
- Pre-kindergarten teacher at Ashe Early Learning Center
- EC teacher at Ashe Middle
- Art teacher at Ashe High
- Social studies teacher at Ashe High
- Certified staff as necessary to begin the 2014/15 school year
- Substitute teachers

#### **CLASSIFIED**

#### **Bus Drivers**

- Reassignment of Richard Pipenbrock from substitute bus driver to regular route bus driver (part-time ≈ 4 hours per day) at Westwood effective August 18, 2014
- Reassignment of Marc Scott from substitute bus driver to regular route bus driver (part-time ≈ 4 hours per day) at Ashe High effective August 18, 2014

#### **Bus Driver Substitutes**

- Addition of Carrie Argetsinger to the approved bus driver substitute list

#### **Cafeteria Assistant Manager**

- Promotion of Darlene May from cafeteria assistant at Ashe High to cafeteria assistant manager at Blue Ridge effective August 4, 2014

#### **Cafeteria Assistants**

- Re-employment of Shaina Dillard as part-time cafeteria assistant (≈ 4 hours per day) at Ashe High effective August 4, 2014
- Re-employment of Monica Rose as part-time cafeteria assistant (≈ 4 hours per day) at Blue Ridge effective August 5, 2014
- Re-assignment of Penny Roten from substitute cafeteria assistant to part-time cafeteria assistant (≈ 4 hours per day) at Ashe High effective August 5, 2014

### **Office Support**

- Resignation of Cindy Dillard as secretary for exceptional children and pre-kindergarten programs at Ashe Early Learning Center effective end of day August 14, 2014
- Reassignment of Jessica Yearick from temporary teacher at Ashe Middle to secretary/receptionist at Blue Ridge effective August 12, 2014

### **Teacher Assistants**

- Re-employment of Crystal Bennett as teacher assistant with exceptional children at Ashe High effective August 12, 2014
- Re-employment of Kelly Price as teacher assistant at Westwood effective August 12, 2014

### **Employee Leaves**

- Request from Marla Powell, regular route bus driver at Westwood, for a medical leave of absence beginning August 18, 2014 and ending on or about October 15, 2014 (FMLA ≈ 9 weeks)

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

- Secretary at Ashe Early Learning Center
- Teacher assistants with pre-kindergarten program
- ISS/OSS assistants at Ashe High and Ashe Middle
- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute cafeteria assistants
- Non-certified staff as necessary to begin the 2014/15 school year

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the 2014/15 Coaching Assignments at Ashe High. Athletic Director Marc Payne updated the Board on the training and classes required of coaches. He also informed the Board that coaches haven't received a pay increase since 2002.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the 2014/15 Coaching Assignments at Ashe Middle as presented by Mitchell Mash.

Sean Pope provided a presentation on *ThinkPOZ—Empowering Students to Make Positive Choices*. The speaker, Marc Mero, is a former WWE and WCW wrestling champion who now presents his anti-bullying and suicide prevention programs to schools across the United States. Two programs are planned for Ashe County on September 5—8:20 am at Ashe High for grades 9-12 and 12:45 pm at Ashe Middle for grades 6-8.

Maintenance Director Kenneth Richardson provided an update on the parent pick-up and parking line at Mountain View. The project is now complete, and 17 additional staff parking spaces were added. Principal Blackburn has a team in place that will be directing traffic for the first two weeks of school.

Marcia Elledge gave an update on the 2014/15 Endowment Golf Tournament. There were 32 teams, 4 corporate sponsors, 1 hole-in-one sponsor, 23 hole sponsors and 4 team sponsors. There were two start times this year due to the increase in the number of golfers. She estimated that the tournament will net approximately \$9,000 after all expenses. Mrs. Elledge thanked everyone for their help and support of this year's tournament.

Assistant Superintendent Phil Howell gave Board members an Accountability document he prepared for internal use only. Dr. Holden commended Mr. Howell on the job he does with taking ideas and running with them. Mr. Howell made arrangements with Parker Tie to provide T-shirts to all upcoming freshmen with their graduation year printed on the back at freshman orientation. Dr. Beckworth also commended Mr. Howell for his work.

Superintendent Holden gave an overview of the 2014/15 state budget and special provisions.

*Policy 4720 Survey of Students* was presented to the Board for consideration at the next regular meeting. This policy is to ensure compliance with Senate Bill 815 (Session Law 2014-50) *An Act to Ensure the Privacy of Student Educational Records*.

Information items included the following:

- Tuesday, August 12—first day for teachers
- Tuesday and Wednesday, August 12 and 13—required Professional Development @ ACHS
- Thursday and Friday, August 14 and 15—required teacher workdays at individual school sites
- Monday, August 18—first day for students
- The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, September 8, 2014, 7:00 pm, at the Central Office annex.
- Funding for Appalachian Mathematics Partnership Project (AMP) through ASU for professional development for middle and secondary teachers ends effective July 14, 2014—ATTACHMENT

At 8:07 pm, a motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to having 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 8:22 pm.

Upon return to regular session at 9:26 pm, a motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous prior approval to employing a receptionist at Mountain View, an assistant principal at Ashe County High and three K-1 teachers.

Because of extenuating circumstances due to the unstable soil (blue mud) at Mountain View, a motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to adding an additional \$7,253 to the original quote approved for Tri-County Paving initially approved June 30, 2014.

There being no further business, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm.