

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 8, 2014

The September 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 following the correction of Betsy Little's name under the personnel recommendations. She was listed as Lewis rather than Little.

During open comments, Rebecca Williams from the Ashe Arts Council informed the Board that September 14-20 is National Arts Education Week. She recognized all art teachers within the school system by name and encouraged Board members to visit these classrooms if they get an opportunity.

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 August 11, 2014.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to requests from the Ashe County High Husky Choir to travel to Gardner Webb University, Wingate University, Atlanta and Pigeon Forge during the 2014/15 school year.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to a request from the Ashe County High Husky Vanguard Band for an overnight trip to participate in Thanksgiving Day Parades in the Charlotte area November 26-27, 2014.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to a request from Ashe County Middle 8th grade for an overnight trip to the Outer Banks, April 21-24, 2015.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to a request from Blue Ridge 6th grade for an overnight trip to Washington, DC, April 14-17, 2015.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to a request from Mountain View 6th grade for an overnight trip to Washington, DC, April 29-May 2, 2015.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to a request from Westwood 6th grade for an overnight trip to Washington, DC, March 30-April 2, 2015.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to *Policy 4720 Survey of Students* to ensure compliance with Senate Bill 815.

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

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Administration

- Re-employment of John Gregory as temporary interim assistant principal at Ashe High effective August 21, 2014 (prior approval)
- Re-employment of Jeannie Caviness as temporary part-time interim Director of Federal Programs effective August 21, 2014 (prior approval)

- Re-employment of Keith McClure as temporary part-time interim Director of Student Services effective August 21, 2014 (prior approval)

Teachers

- Employment of Katie Hodgin as Pre-K teacher at Ashe Early Learning effective August 15, 2014 (prior approval)
- Employment of Katherine Greene as art teacher at Ashe High effective August 25, 2014 (prior approval)
- Employment of Brittany Wood as social studies teacher at Ashe High effective August 18, 2014 (prior approval)
- Promotion of Ronda Donner from substitute teacher to kindergarten teacher at Mountain View effective August 14, 2014 (prior approval)
- Promotion of Christina Worley from substitute teacher to kindergarten teacher at Westwood effective August 14, 2014 (prior approval)
- Promotion of Shea Cullifer Testerman from substitute teacher to teacher of exceptional children at Ashe Middle effective September 2, 2014 (prior approval)
- Resignation of Kendra Yearick as teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High effective end-of-day September 12, 2014 (prior approval)

Substitute Teachers

- Addition of Shannon Barnes, Donald Conrad, Michelle Goodman, Jonathan Greene, Brooke Hardin, Melina Lavecchia, Betsy Little, Emily Hurley Lewis and Ellen Pesko to the approved substitute teacher list

Employee Leaves

- Request from Joanne Reavis, 5th grade teacher at Westwood, for a medical leave beginning September 8, 2014—ending date to be determined (FMLA leave eligible = 12 weeks)
- Request from Jessica Roland, Pre-K teacher at Ashe Developmental Day, for a medical leave beginning August 13, 2014 and ending on August 29, 2014 (2 weeks + 3 days of FMLA leave)

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Assistant principal at Ashe High
- Teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High

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Bus Drivers

- Reassignment of Debra Woods from substitute bus driver to interim bus driver regular route (mornings only) at Westwood effective August 18, 2014
- Reassignment of Brodrick Shepherd from substitute bus driver to interim bus driver regular route (afternoons only) at Westwood effective August 18, 2014

Bus Driver Substitutes

- Addition of Chelsea Reavis to the approved bus driver/monitor substitute list

Cafeteria Assistants

- Resignation of Carolyn Greer as cafeteria assistant at Blue Ridge effective end-of-day August 26, 2014

Cafeteria Assistant Substitutes

- Addition of Jessica Stuart to the approved substitute cafeteria assistant list

Coach

- Addition of Joshua Clawson to the approved coaches list as a volunteer football coach at Ashe High effective August 18, 2014

Custodian

- Re-employment of Hayley Mash as interim custodian at Ashe High effective September 3, 2014

Office Support

- Transfer of Jerri Vogler from receptionist/secretary at Mountain View to secretary for exceptional children and pre-kindergarten programs at Ashe Early Learning (part of central office staff) effective August 25, 2014 (prior approval)

Teacher Assistants

- Employment of Hope Carpenter as teacher assistant with prekindergarten program at Ashe Early Learning effective August 25, 2014 (prior approval)
- Employment of Stacy Greer as teacher assistant with prekindergarten program at Ashe Early Learning effective August 25, 2014 (prior approval)
- Reassignment of Kim Taylor from substitute teacher to teacher assistant with ISS at Ashe High effective August 25, 2014 (prior approval)
- Re-employment of Judy Moser as teacher assistant with OSS at Ashe Middle effective September 2, 2014 (prior approval)

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Receptionist/secretary at Mountain View
- Cafeteria assistant (full-time) at Blue Ridge
- Teacher assistant(s) for exceptional children if necessary
- Tutor at Blue Ridge
- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute cafeteria assistants

Other informational items included the following:

- Monday, September 22—Open House and informational session on the future of the 7-12 agricultural programs—invitations will be sent
- The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2014, 7:00 pm, at the Central Office annex.

A motion at 7:37 pm by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to a short recess prior to going into 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)].

The Board went into closed session at 7:48 pm and returned to regular session at 9:20 pm.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the extension of Jessica Roland's medical leave. The ending date is to be determined.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to increasing the assistant and associate superintendents' yearly salaries by \$500 each per the 2014/15 legislation.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to accepting the annual summative report for the Superintendent's evaluation as prepared by the Board of Education. This motion also approved a \$100 per month pay increase (\$1,200 per year) in the Superintendent's state salary, a \$600 per year cell phone allowance and a one-year extension to his current contract.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.