

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 2, 2015

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

Following a request from the Ashe High JROTC Drill Team to be added to the agenda, a motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the agenda as amended.

Dr. Beckworth recognized Miguel G., 7th grade student at Ashe County Middle, as the 2015 Ashe County Spelling Bee Champion and presented Miguel with a certificate and trophy.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board on February 2, 2015.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the request from Ashe County High Husky Choir to change the destination of the Spring Music Festival from Atlanta, Georgia to Williamsburg, Virginia, April 16-19, 2015.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the request from Laken McKinnon to graduate with 24 credit hours.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the alignment of the local ESL Plan to the Title III grant as recommended by the Director of Federal Programs and ESL instructors.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the submission of the 2015/16 Federal grants to the Department of Public Instruction.

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

CERTIFIED

Teachers

- Resignation of Tiffany Fulbright, teacher of exceptional children at Blue Ridge, effective end-of-day March 11, 2015
- Retirement/resignation of Lieutenant Colonel John Marsh, JROTC teacher at Ashe High, effective July 1, 2015
- Employment of Stacy Greer, temporary kindergarten teacher at Westwood, effective March 1, 2015 (prior approval)

Substitute Teachers

- Addition of Raymond Bremmerman, Heather Jordan, Joseph Scott, Jennifer Pasley-Smith and Carol Walker to the approved substitute teacher list

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Director of federal programs and student services
- Teacher for exceptional children at Ashe Middle and Blue Ridge
- Teacher for JROTC at Ashe High
- Substitute teachers

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Cafeteria Assistant Substitute

- Addition of Petra Martinez to the approved substitute cafeteria assistant list

Coaches

- Addition of Nicholas Bodenheimer as non-faculty assistant track coach to the approved coaches list at Ashe High (paid—replaces Zack Holden)

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Teacher assistant for pre-kindergarten at Ashe Early Learning Center
- Part-time tutor at Westwood
- In-school suspension (ISS) assistant at Ashe Middle
- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute cafeteria assistants

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to Policy 4201/7171 Injury and Loss Prevention as mandated by the State Board of Education.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to amend Policy 5026/7250 Smoking and Tobacco Products to encompass the non-use of electronic cigarettes.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the request from Ashe High JROTC Drill Team for an overnight trip to compete in drill competition in Raeford, North Carolina (Hoke County), March 27-28, 2015.

Rebecca Williams, Arts in Education Coordinator for Ashe Arts Council, gave an overview of arts integration into the curriculum followed by a skit entitled *Alice Rocks Wonderland* presented by the theatre company sponsored through the Arts Council.

The Board selected the dates of March 16 and March 23 for its 2015/16 budget work sessions beginning at 5:00 pm.

Mr. Williams commended the Director of Maintenance Kenny Richardson and his department for taking care of school facilities in sub-zero weather and asked that this be reflected in the minutes.

The Superintendent gave an update on the current status of the 2014/15 school calendar—after missing 11 days to date, the last day for students is June 9 and June 10 for teachers. He also reported that the survey on having school on Saturday verses adding days to the end of the school year was almost evenly split.

Announcements and information items included the following:

- 2013/14 Employee Perfect Attendance
- Friday, March 13—Elementary Battle of the Books (EBOB)—Grades 4-5, 9:00 am, Ashe County High auditorium
- Thursday, March 19—Leadership Day 2015 @ Blue Ridge, 8:30-11:30 am, to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Blue Ridge Elementary (*snow date is Tuesday, March 31*)

- Friday, March 20—Battle of the Books (BOB)—Grades 6-8, 9:00 am, Ashe County High auditorium
- The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2015, 7:00 pm and will be held at the Ashe Arts Council.
- DIAL 4 Kindergarten Screenings
 - NC PreK—March 23-27
 - Mountain View—March 20-April 1
 - Westwood—April 20-22
 - Blue Ridge—April 27-29
- Special Olympics—Tuesday, May 5, ACHS (rain date is Wednesday, May 6)

A motion at 8:00 pm by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mr. Williams 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)] and real estate [N.C. General Statute §143.318.11(a)(5)]. The Board went into closed session at 8:12 pm.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:20 pm.

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

- Employment of Jeffrey Wagmann as the in-school suspension coordinator at Ashe Middle effective March 4, 2015
- Request for a medical leave from Rebecca McNeill, teacher assistant for exceptional children at Ashe High, effective February 16, 2015 through March 6, 2015

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to entering into a lease agreement with Apple Grove Church for the Hurricane Voting Property at a rate of \$1 per year for ten years. The lease agreement may be renewed every ten years.

Upon the recommendation of Chairman King, a motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to granting Associate Superintendent Phyllis Yates the authority to sign contracts resulting from the Department of Public Instruction and NC EdCloud consortium for wireless infrastructure for all five schools.

There being no further business, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.