

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 4, 2015

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.

During open comments, Roe Kappa students from Ashe County High shared a video and comments on their trip to Washington, DC, Gettysburg and Philadelphia and expressed appreciation to the Board and their teachers for giving them this opportunity.

Endowment Committee Chairman Ed Baker, along with Marcia Elledge, recognized the following Ashe County Schools Endowment Fund recipients. Grant awards for 2015 totaled \$7,707.

Ashe County High—Olivia Jenkins—*Revolutionizing the Next Generation of Healthcare*
Ashe County Middle—Alecia Giles and Holly McClure—*Stop, Look and Listen for Literacy*
Blue Ridge—Tonya Blevins—*“Lego” My Math*
Blue Ridge—Courtney Eller—*Bridging the Gap: Helping Struggling Second Graders Learn to Read*
Mountain View—Ronnie Pruitt—*Having a Heart for Physical Education*
Mountain View—Teresa Goodman and Connie Howell—*More to Math*
Mountain View—Ruth Turnmire and Beth Shelton—*Media Madness Mobile*
Westwood—Mary Greene—*Carl Orff’s Instrumentarium and Our Ashe Children*
Westwood—Sara Lambert and Audrea Little—*Time’s Ticking*
Westwood—Jill Stepp—*Art Resources*

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 April 13, 2015.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the request from Pam Neaves, who resides in Ashe County, to allow her grandson to attend school in Watauga County effective the 2015/16 school year.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the request from Erin Sampson, who resides in Ashe County, to allow her daughters to attend school in Watauga County effective the 2015/16 school year.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the request from Ken and Kristin Sevensky, who reside in Ashe County, to allow their daughter to attend school in Watauga County effective the 2015/16 school year.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the request from Wendy Greer, who resides in Ashe County, to allow her daughter to attend school in Watauga County effective the 2015/16 school year.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the request from Brianne Thurman, who resides in Ashe County, to allow her daughter to attend school in Watauga County effective the 2015/16 school year.

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

CERTIFIED

Teachers

- Resignation/retirement of Cindy Fowler, ESL teacher at Mountain View, effective July 1, 2015

Non-Instructional Support

- Approval of two-year school nurse contracts for Tammy Craine at Blue Ridge and Robin Goss at Ashe High effective July 1, 2015—June 30, 2017

Substitute Teachers

- Addition of Allison Douglas, Brandi Miller, Andrew Farmer and Johnna Reisner to the approved teacher substitute list

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- ESL teacher at Mountain View
- Interim English teacher at Ashe High for the 2015/16 school year (Keana Triplett, NCTOY)
- Certified staff as necessary to begin the 2015/16 school year

CLASSIFIED

Bus Driver

- Resignation of Burl Lyalls, bus driver at Westwood, effective end-of-day May 31, 2015
- Transfer of Brenda Gorman from transportation safety assistant (EC monitor) at Mountain View to bus driver at Ashe Middle effective April 27, 2015

Cafeteria Assistant

- Resignation of Monica Rose, cafeteria assistant at Blue Ridge, effective end-of-day May 29, 2015
- Resignation/retirement of Wilma Goss, cafeteria assistant at Ashe High, effective July 1, 2015

Custodian

- Resignation/retirement of Alan Con Segraves, custodian at Ashe Middle, effective July 1, 2015

Lifeguard

- Additional employment of Susan Poe as lifeguard at Ashe Middle effective May 5, 2015 (summer season)

Pool Manager

- Additional employment of Brittany Wood as pool manager at Ashe Middle effective May 5, 2015 (summer season)

Teacher Assistant

- Resignation/retirement of Janet Miller, teacher assistant at Mountain View, effective July 1, 2015
- Resignation/retirement of Joyce McNeil, teacher assistant at Mountain View, effective July 1, 2015

Transportation Safety Assistant

- Transfer of Betty Miller from bus driver at Ashe Middle to transportation safety assistant at Mountain View effective April 27, 2015

Employee Leave

- Request from Bryan Matkins for a medical leave of absence effective March 23, 2015 and ending on or about June 1, 2015 (FMLA eligible but not confirmed)

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Lifeguards, temporary summer employment
- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute cafeteria assistants
- Classified staff as necessary to begin the 2015/16 school year

Students from Blue Ridge gave a presentation on the *Leader in Me* Program and how the seven habits—being proactive; beginning with the end in mind; putting first things first; thinking win-win; seeking first to understand, then to be understood; synergizing; and sharpening the saw—incorporated within the program has enabled students to become more self-confident in leadership roles. The students gave an in-depth overview of the meaning behind each of the habits.

Following a presentation from Dr. Kurt Michael and staff from the Department of Psychology at Appalachian State University (ASU), a motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to entering into a contract between the Ashe County Board of Education and ASU to provide school-based mental health services through the Assessment, Support and Counseling Center (ASC) for 2015/16. The ASC Center directly served a total of 57 students, or approximately 6 percent of the student population, during 2014/15.

In keeping with the revisions to Policy 4302 *School Plan for Management of Student Behavior*, a motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the elimination of the letter to parents on corporal punishment. Policy 4302 no longer allows for the administration of corporal punishment as a form of student discipline.

The Superintendent thanked the Endowment Board for its support of teacher grants. He informed the Board that EOC and EOG testing begins May 26.

The following announcements and information items were shared with the Board:

- The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2015, 7:00 pm at the Central Office Annex.
- Tuesday, May 26—All state-mandated tests (EOCs and EOGs) begin
- Friday, June 5—High school graduation @ 7:00 pm—Project Graduation immediately following @ Mountain View
- Tuesday, June 9—last day for students—early release—11:00, 11:30, 12:00
- Wednesday, June 10—Required Teacher Workday—last day for teachers
- Saturday, May 30—*Heart of a Husky* athletic exams @ Ashe County High

A motion at 7:58 pm by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to a short recess prior to going into closed session for the purpose of considering a personnel item that involve 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 8:05 pm.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:12 pm. No action was taken during closed session. There being no further business, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned.