

SPECIAL MEETING
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 29, 2016

The special 5:00 pm dinner meeting was held as scheduled with all members present. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2016/17 budget requests.

The agenda for the meeting was approved by general consensus.

The Board went into closed session at 5:26 pm 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)]. No action was taken.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:10 pm.

The Board requested clarity on the days verses hours in the proposed 2016/17 School Calendar. It was explained that the calendar law now requires school calendars to have a minimum of 185 days or 1,025 hours of instruction and that the hours option is the best fit for Ashe due to inclement weather.

The Board resumed its budget deliberations. The Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer received direction on the capital and current budget requests to prepare for submission to the County Manager following Board action at its April meeting.

Final approval on budget requests from directors and the principals will be made once the school system receives its 2016/17 budget from the County. The Board did, however, act upon the following two budget recommendations as proposed by the Chief Financial Officer.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to increasing the hourly wage from \$10 for custodial and office substitutes and \$10.70 for bus substitutes to \$12 per hour effective July 1, 2016.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second gave unanimous approval to the implementation of a \$300 attendance incentive per semester for part-time or full-time permanent bus drivers effective July 1, 2016. The incentive will only be awarded to those drivers in each semester with zero absences.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.