

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 6, 2017

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

The agenda was approved by general consensus.

During open commends, Connie Hardison and Judy Dancy, dressed for the part, sang a song to the tune of *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling* expressing how all the varied arts programming is making students smile during. Arts Council Director Jane Lonon then thanked the Board for its support of the arts.

Dr. Beckworth recognized Jacob P., 7th grade student at Ashe County Middle, as the 2017 Ashe County Spelling Bee Champion and presented Jacob with a certificate and the perpetual trophy.

A motion by Vice Chairman King and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board on February 6, 2017.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the request from Matthew and Stephanie Boulanger, who reside in Ashe County, to allow their son to attend school in Watauga County effective immediately.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the request from Nicole McKiernan, who resides in Ashe County, to allow her children to attend school in Watauga County effective immediately.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman King gave unanimous approval to the request from Leslie Cook, who resides in Ashe County, to allow her daughter to attend school in Watauga County effective the 2017/18 school year.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the request from Thomas and Tina Palmer, who reside in Ashe County, to allow their daughter to attend school in Watauga County effective the 2017/18 school year.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman King gave unanimous approval to the request from Ashe County Middle selected students of the Yearbook Committee for an overnight trip to attend the Jostens Biltmore Workshop in Asheville, March 30-31, 2017.

A motion by Vice Chairman King and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the request from Ashe County Middle selected 8th grade band members for an overnight trip to participate in the NC Piedmont Honor Band at Glenn High School in Kernersville, March 30-31, 2017.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the revision of Policy 7940 *Classified Personnel Suspension and Dismissal* as presented at the February 2017 meeting.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman King gave unanimous approval to the request to apply for a grant greater than \$10,000 as presented by Lesia Goodman. If awarded, the community grant from Lowe's will provide funding to build a garage to keep the equipped mobile unit (*Literacy Express*) secured and maintained when not in use.

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

CERTIFIED

Substitute Teachers

- Addition of Cathy Adams, Michaelyn Bard, Terry Hill, Morgan Miller, Sandi Priest, Sandra Simms and Kevin York to the approved substitute list

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Substitute teachers

Employee Leaves

- Request from Andrea Gardner, music teacher at Ashe High and Ashe Middle, for a medical leave of absence beginning on February 16, 2017 and ending on or before May 11, 2017
- Request from Sonya Vannoy, literacy specialist at Westwood, for a medical leave of absence beginning on February 7, 2017 and ending on March 21, 2017

CLASSIFIED

Cafeteria Assistant

- Employment of Shannon Roberts as part-time (5 hours per day) cafeteria assistant at Mountain View effective February 13, 2017 (prior approval)

Cafeteria Assistant Substitute

- Addition of Cathy Adams to the approved substitute cafeteria assistant list (prior approval)

Coaches

- Addition of Justin Pike as assistant track coach at Ashe High to the approved coaches list (volunteer)
- Addition of Bill Corriher as assistant track coach at Ashe High to the approved coaches list (volunteer)

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute cafeteria assistants

Phil Howell presented the 2017-2019 School Improvement Plans for each of the schools.

The adoption of Policy 8305 *Federal Grant Administration* was presented to the Board for consideration. Pursuant to Board policy, action on this policy will be taken at the April meeting.

The Superintendent informed the Board that the Committee for the District Assessment/Data Plan had its first work session on this date and that two additional sessions are scheduled—March 28 and April 12. Committee members include all principals, two teacher representatives from each school, selected directors and the Superintendent. Three members from the Department of Public Instruction state-wide system of support at the regional level are facilitating the meetings.

The following announcements and items of information were shared with the Board.

- Friday, March 10—Battle of the Books (BOB)—Grades 6-8, 9:00 am, Ashe County High auditorium
- Monday, March 20—required two-hour Ethics webinar—can access any time between 7:00 am-9:00 pm
- Monday, March 20—budget work session, 5:00 pm, dinner meeting, annex
- The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2017 and will be held at Ashe County Arts Council beginning at 7:00 pm.
- Thursday, April 13—Elementary Battle of the Books (EBOB)—Grades 4-5, 9:00 am, Ashe County High auditorium
- DIAL 4 Kindergarten Screenings
 - Mountain View—March 13-15
 - PreK—March 20-23
 - Westwood—March 27-29
 - Blue Ridge—April 3-5
- Friday, April 14—Good Friday holiday
- Spring Break—April 17-21
- Special Olympics—Wednesday, May 10, Ashe County High—*rain date to be determined*
- Heart of Husky Athletic Physicals—Friday/Saturday May 19-20, free athletic physicals for all student athletes grades 7-12

At 7:55 pm, the Board took 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 8:01 pm and returned to regular session at 8:40 pm. No action was taken.

Chairman Jones immediately declared the meeting adjourned.