

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 11, 2017

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

After adding an addendum to personnel, the agenda for the meeting was approved by general consensus.

During open comments, Rebecca Williams from the Ashe Arts Council informed the Board that the National Arts Education Week is September 11-16 and recognized the dedication of the cultural arts teachers in the school system. In honor of this event, the Arts Council is sponsoring several events in the schools throughout the week. Ms. Williams also shared a list of the Arts Council's school programming activities planned for 2017/18 and expressed appreciation to the Board for the partnership and collaboration between the school system and the Arts Council.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board on August 14, 2017 and the special called closed meeting on September 5, 2017.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the request from Blue Ridge 6th grade for an overnight trip to Washington, DC, April 10-13, 2018.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman King gave unanimous approval to the request from Westwood 6th grade for an overnight trip to Washington, DC, April 17-20, 2018.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the request from Mountain View 6th grade for an overnight trip to Washington, DC, April 25-28, 2018.

A motion by Vice Chairman King and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the Child Nutrition a 'la carte pricing for 2017/18 as presented by Child Nutrition Coordinator Martha Turner. The new pricing will be posted on the web site and parents will be notified in a newsletter as well.

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

CERTIFIED

Teachers

- Resignation/retirement of Penny Barker as technology facilitator/CTE Coordinator for Ashe Middle effective November 1, 2017
- Resignation of Joanne Reavis as 5th grade teacher at Westwood effective August 1, 2017 (received official notification from Retirement System August 16, 2017)

Substitute Teachers

- Addition of Ashley Calhoun, Roy Carter, Dianna Miller, Jennifer Falls, Miranda Ramierez and Carolyn Reynolds to the approved substitute teacher list

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Appropriate personnel aligned with licensure requirements as required at Ashe Middle
- Substitute teachers

CLASSIFIED

Bus Drivers

- Employment of Woodrow “Buddy” Absher as part-time regular route bus driver at Mountain View effective August 21, 2017

Cafeteria Assistant Substitutes

- Addition of Gina Phillips, Ruby Church and Barbara Hughes to the approved substitute cafeteria assistant list

Coach

- Addition of Lindsay Hagel as assistant JV women’s basketball coach to the approved ACHS coaching list (paid)
- Addition of Jackson Powers and Bill Kunerow as men’s soccer coaches to the approved ACHS coaching list (volunteers)

Custodian

- Resignation of Rodney Miller, custodian at Ashe High, effective September 8, 2017

Teacher Assistant/Tutor Literacy Express

- Employment of Tonya Greer as part-time teacher assistant/tutor for the Literacy Express effective September 18, 2017 contingent on pre-employment screening (grant funded)

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute cafeteria assistants
- Custodian at Ashe High

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Ashe County Schools Collaboration with the Ashe County Public Library. The purpose of this agreement is to develop an infrastructure that will allow all Ashe County students to access and use the Public Library’s resources during out-of-school time. Both organizations will also have an aligned focus on literacy.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to revisions to Policy 4318 *Use of Wireless Communication Devices*.

The Board was informed that the Town of West Jefferson had issued and properly recorded a non-warranty deed to a well located on the high school property at no cost.

The Superintendent informed the Board that House Bill 13 and House Bill 155 requires local education agencies to report biannually to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction on class size, enhancement teachers and class size exceptions—these reports are due at the end of October and February of each school year. Superintendents are required to submit an affidavit attesting that the superintendent has complied with reporting requirements.

The dates of October 17 and October 25 were established as the dates for middle school site visits.

The Superintendent informed the Board that a spare yellow bus had been converted into an activity bus for exceptional children and is ready for use. She also reported that Kim Miller from the Westwood staff had won the county-wide contest for creating a hashtag for Ashe County Schools. School employees are encouraged to use the winning entry--#AsheProud—to promote the school system.

- Letter from National Art Education Association
- Letter from Department of Public Instruction—selection of Christina Pennington as finalist for 2017 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching
- Wednesday, September 27—Region 7 District NCSBA meeting, Avery County High School, 4:00-8:00 pm—leave CSS at 2:30 pm
- The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2017, beginning at 7:00 pm in the annex.
- Wednesday, October 25—Early release for students—school-level “data day” for PLCs
- October 2017—National Principals Month
- American Education Week—November 13-17, 2017

At 8:01 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 8:12 pm and returned to regular session at 8:50 pm. No action was taken.

Upon return to regular session, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned.

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