

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 22, 2020

A special luncheon meeting was held in the annex as scheduled beginning at 12:00 pm. Members present were Chairman C.B. Jones, Vice-Chair Dr. Lee Beckworth, Polly Jones, and Keith McClure. Dianne Eldreth joined the meeting virtually. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the re-entry plan for the 2020/21 school year due to COVID-19.

Chairman Jones opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance. Mrs. Eldreth stated that she wanted the minutes to reflect that she had requested the meeting to be live streamed for transparency. Chairman Jones stated that he wanted the minutes to reflect that this was a regular work session and that he and the other members wanted to have a traditional work session held face-to-face. (Seating was available, albeit limited, due to Covid-19 for the public to attend.)

Chairman Jones turned the meeting over to Dr. Eisa Cox, Superintendent, to present Ashe County School's Plan B to start schools safely. Dr. Cox started by recognizing the team and the hard work they have done while preparing the plan. The safety of students, teachers, and staff is the priority of the plan. Dr. Cox informed the Board that the plan was everchanging as guidance from the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) changed almost on a daily basis. She and members of the team reviewed the following areas of the presentation:

- Safety
- Survey Results
- Plan B
 - Health Protocols
 - School Nutrition
 - Transportation
 - Instruction
- Ashe Online
- Upcoming parent and teacher information sessions for reopening

Questions from the Board were taken and answered by Dr. Cox and the team.

Chairman Jones voiced the Board's appreciation of everything that been done. Dr. Cox reiterated that our students deserved the best.

Vice-chairman Beckworth made the motion to adjourn, followed by a second by Mrs. Polly Jones. Chairman Jones immediately declared the meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.