

ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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TO: Ashe County Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Travis Reeves

DATE: January 27, 2010

Regular Meeting for February 2010

The regular meeting of the Ashe County Board of Education for February will be held in the **Board of Education Annex** on Monday, February 1, beginning at 7:00 pm. Prior to the regular meeting, there will be a reception at 6:30 in the **upper level of the Annex** honoring National Board recipients, Teacher of the Year and nominees, and Principal of the Year. The following items make up the agenda for this meeting.

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Approval of the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board on January 4, 2010
(Attachment 1)
5. Open Comments
6. Recognition of 2009/10 *North Carolina School Boards Association* President Dorothy Witherspoon
7. Recognition of *ACS Employee of the Month*
8. Recognition of Thelma Kastl for receiving the *National Award for Entrepreneurship*
9. Recognition of 2009/10 *Teacher of Excellence for Exceptional Children*
10. Recognition of 2009 *National Board* recipients
11. Recognition of 2009/10 *Teacher of the Year* and nominees

12. Recognition of 2009/10 *Principal of the Year*
13. Consideration of a request from Diane Eldreth for an overnight trip for the Blue Ridge teams to attend the regional *Odyssey of the Mind* competition at Northern Guilford High School in Greensboro, North Carolina on March 5-6, 2010 (Attachment 2)
14. Consideration of a request from Ashe High varsity cheerleaders for an overnight trip to attend CANAM National Cheerleading Championships in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on March 19-21, 2010 (Attachment 3)
15. Consideration of *Integrated Pest Management Policy* (Attachment 4)
16. Consideration of amending *Policy 4150, School Assignment* (Attachment 5)
17. Presentation by 7-12 Curriculum Director Keith McClure on Ashe County Schools' statewide rankings (Attachment 6)
18. Approval of Endowment Fund Grant recommendations (Attachment 7)
19. Update on current days missed due to inclement weather (Attachment 8)
20. Consideration of Ashe Middle spring coaching assignments (Attachment 9)
21. Personnel Recommendations (Attachment 10)

CERTIFIED

Administrator

- Promotion of Lesia Nave from assistant principal at Blue Ridge to human resources director effective February 15, 2010

Guidance Counselor

- Request from Michael Tasso, guidance/career counselor at Ashe High, for a medical leave of absence effective January 4, 2010 through January 27, 2010 (FMLA=3 weeks+ 3 days)

Instructional Support

- Re-employment of Beverly Clark-Horner as part-time (< 20 hours/week) speech pathologist at Mountain View effective February 2, 2010 (employment subject to the earnings cap)

Teachers

- Request from Ricky Goodman, math teacher at Ashe Middle, for a medical leave of absence effective January 12, 2010 through April 6, 2010 (FMLA=12 weeks)

- Request from Lindsey Williams, math teacher at Ashe High, to extend her family medical leave (maternity) effective January 13, 2010 through the end of the current school year (FMLA=12 weeks)

Prior approval to employ to fill the following vacant positions

- Interim math teacher at Ashe Middle
- Literacy specialist at Ashe High

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Bus Drivers

- Reassignment of Terry Woods from substitute bus driver with Ashe County Schools to part-time bus driver (<30 hours/week) at Ashe Middle effective January 4, 2010
- Request from Ann Bickford, bus driver at Westwood, for a medical leave of absence effective January 7, 2010 through February 10, 2010 (non FMLA)

Bus Driver Substitute

- Addition of James Junior Pennington to the list of approved substitute bus drivers

Cafeteria Assistant Substitute

- Addition of Patsy Shumate to the list of approved substitute cafeteria assistants

Coaching Assignment

- Addition of Mary Beth Knight Greene to the approved spring sports coaches list at Ashe High as assistant varsity girls soccer coach

Custodians

- Employment of Brian Philemon as custodian at Ashe Middle (4 hours/day) and Westwood (4 hours/day) effective January 19, 2010
- Reassignment of Robert Greer from interim custodian at Ashe High to full time custodian at Ashe High effective February 2, 2010
- Resignation of John Tibbs as part-time custodian at Blue Ridge effective end of the day January 29, 2010

School Nurse

- Employment of Tarren Pruitt as interim school nurse at Mountain View effective January 11, 2010

Substitute Teachers

- Addition of Janet Barr, Jennifer Ball, Jacob Bradford Wandler, and Brandon Stewart to the list of approved substitute teachers

Teacher Assistant

- Resignation of Dawn Pennington as teacher assistant at Mountain View effective January 20, 2010

Prior approval to employ to fill the following vacant positions

- Interim custodian at Ashe High
- Part-time custodian at Blue Ridge
- Receptionist/office assistant at Blue Ridge
- Teacher assistant at Mountain View
- Tutors
- Bus driver substitutes
- Cafeteria assistant substitutes
- Teacher substitutes
- EC assistant at Ashe Middle

22. Information items

- Calendar of Events (Attachment 11)
- Dave Opalewski speaker at Ashe Middle on Teen Suicide Prevention for all students - March 22, 2010 (Attachment 12)
- Dave Opalewski speaker at Ashe High on Teen Suicide Prevention for all students and all Board of Education staff (times to be announced) - March 23, 2010
- Top 20 Parent-Friendly North Carolina School Systems – Ashe County #4 (Attachment 13)