

The Cumberland County Board of Education met in-person and virtual on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM with the following board members present: Alicia Chisolm, Greg West, Deanna Jones, Susan Williams, Nathan Warfel, Charles McKellar and Donna Vann. Judy Musgrave and Carrie Sutton participated by virtual session.

Others present were Superintendent Marvin Connelly and Board Attorney Nick Sojka. Associate Superintendents participated both virtual and in-person when needed: Ron Phipps, Betty Musselwhite, Lindsay Whitley, Mary Black, Ruben Reyes, Stacey Wilson-Norman, and Clyde Locklear.

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Mrs. Chisolm called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Greg West and the Invocation by Alicia Chisolm.

1.02 CONSIDER a Motion pursuant to Board Policy Codes 2300 and 2450, effective for this meeting only, to waive any requirements that board members participate in the meeting in-person, and to ratify and formally adopt the virtual meeting format described in the Meeting Notice. Upon a motion by Greg West, seconded by Susan Williams, the board members unanimously approved item 1.02.

2. Superintendent's Update / District Highlights - Dr. Marvin Connelly

2.01 Superintendent's Update - Dr. Marvin Connelly

Dr. Connelly started by expressing his gratitude to see board members in-person this evening as well as those joining virtually. He acknowledged observances such as National School Breakfast Week, School Social Work Week, Youth Art Month and Music in Our Schools Month. We all know the importance of each of these very important areas.

Dr. Connelly recognized and congratulated Ms. Jennifer Senter as the 2021 NC Teacher of the Gifted for grades 6 – 12. Ms. Senter is and AIG Consultant / Teacher at John Griffin Middle School.

Dr. Connelly provided COVID 19 Updates and thanked our staff for working so diligently to prepare for our transition to Plan B on March 15, 2021.

Dr. Connelly closed with sharing the importance of reading and shared a video highlighting the reading event he hosted, along with Dr. Black in his neighborhood.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

We received 4 speaker for Public Comment this evening:

Michelle Hallas Jennifer Faatz Jennifer Nazarchyk James Faatz

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Greg West, seconded by Donna Vann, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda.

5. APPROVE the CONSENT AGENDA.

Upon a motion by Carrie Sutton, seconded by Charles McKellar, the Board approved the Consent Agenda by the following vote:

In favor: Chisolm, West, Jones, McKellar, Sutton, Vann, Warfel and Williams

Against: Musgrave

- 5.01 CONSIDER Approval of the Minutes of the February 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- 5.02 CONSIDER Approval of Student Release List (Students approved to attend school outside of Cumberland County)
- 5.03 CONSIDER Approval of Personnel as recommended by the Personnel Committee (Exhibit A)
- 5.04 CONSIDER Approval of Leaves of Absence and Special Leaves of Absence as recommended by the Personnel Committee (Exhibit B)
- 5.05 CONSIDER Approval of Administrative Recommendation(s) as recommended by the Personnel Committee (Exhibit C)
- 5.06 CONSIDER Approval of Limited License Request as recommended by the Personnel Committee (Exhibit D)
- 5.07 CONSIDER Approval of Summer School 2021 as recommended by the Curriculum Committee (Exhibit E)
- 5.08 CONSIDER Approval of 2020-2021 Furniture Stock Quote as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (Exhibit F)
- 5.09 CONSIDER Approval of Window Replacement at Cumberland Road and Owen Elementary Schools as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (Exhibit G)
- 5.10 CONSIDER Approval of Recommendation and Option for T.C. Berrien Elementary as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (Exhibit H)
- 5.11 CONSIDER Approval of 2021 National Social Worker Week Proclamation as recommended by the Student Support Services Committee (Exhibit I)
- 5.12 CONSIDER Approval of 2020-2021 Memorandum of Agreement of Therapeutic Day Treatment Services between CCS Board of Education and Alexander Youth Network as recommended by the Student Support Services Committee (Exhibit J)
- 5.13 CONSIDER Approval of Budget Amendments as recommended by the Finance Committee (Exhibit K)
- 5.14 CONSIDER Approval of Bid Awards (2) as recommended by the Finance Committee (Exhibit L)
- 5.15 CONSIDER Approval of Audit Contract for the period ending June 30, 2021 as recommended by the Finance Committee (Exhibit M)
- 5.16 Consider Approval of Revised Policy 4700 - Student Records, as recommended by the Policy Committee (SECOND READING) (Exhibit N)

6. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Auxiliary Services Committee Report – Charles McKellar

7. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Student Support Services Committee Report – Susan Williams

8. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Budget/Finance Committee Report – Greg West

- 8.01** Consider Approval of Five-Year Contract with Olde Fayetteville Insurance for Employee Voluntary Benefits: Cafeteria/Flexible Benefits, Supplemental Retirement Benefits (Exhibit O)

Upon a motion by Donna Vann, seconded by Susan Williams, the contract was approved by the following vote:

In favor: Chisolm, West, Sutton, Vann, Williams

Against: Jones, McKellar, Musgrave and Warfel

Mr. McKellar stated that his vote tonight should not be viewed as casting any negative light on Olde Fayetteville, but rather, was simply an expression of support for an open, competitive process for selection of the broker services for employee benefits.

9. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Policy Committee Report – Deanna Jones

10. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Curriculum Committee Report – Donna Vann

11. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Personnel Committee Report - Carrie Sutton

12. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Legislative Committee Report – Nathan Warfel

13. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

13.01

CONSIDER Motion to go into CLOSED SESSION to preserve the confidentiality of matters protected from disclosure pursuant to G.S. 115C-319, and to preserve the attorney-client privilege pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), including matters pertaining to Terry v. Jackson and Board of Education, file No. 19-CVS-5936. Upon a motion by Carrie Sutton, seconded by Donna Vann, the Board voted unanimously to go into CLOSED SESSION at 7:12 PM.

Upon a motion by Susan Williams, seconded by Charles McKellar, the Board voted unanimously to come OUT of Closed Session at 8:10 PM.

14. CLOSING ITEMS

14.01 Board members shared ‘Happy International Women’s Day’ sentiments as well as encouraged all citizens to get their COVID vaccinations.

14.02 Chairman's Update

Mrs. Chisolm again thanked our tremendous premier professionals and the supportive families and committed community for their support in these uncertain times. Mrs. Chisolm asked that we all remember to wear our masks, maintain social distancing, wash your hands frequently and avoid large gatherings. Together, we can lead our community into a healthier tomorrow.

Mrs. Chisolm shared her appreciation for everyone's attendance at tonight's meeting. Our next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on April 13, 2021 and we look forward to being with you again in April.

14.02 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Dr. Marvin Connelly, Superintendent

MC/ph