

The Cumberland County Board of Education met in-person and virtually on Tuesday, May 11, 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, Joe Desormeaux, 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 Nathan Warfel and the Invocation by Carrie Sutton.

Mrs. Chisolm then asked Mr. Sojka to review with everyone, Policy Code: 2120 Code of Ethics for School Board Members – specifically section B: In order to implement the above standards, each member of the board commits to do the following: Number 8: to accept the will of the majority vote in all cases and give wholehearted support to resulting policies;

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 as read.

2. RECOGNITION

2.01 The Board Recognized Community Partners for their support and assistance during COVID-19

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

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Dr. Connelly began by, again, sharing our gratitude for the many community partners that were so very helpful throughout this challenging year.

Dr. Connelly then shared observances during the month of May:

Teacher Appreciation, Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation, School Nurses, Custodial Appreciation, Educational Leaders. Dr. Connelly encouraged everyone to please thank these employees if you have the opportunity.

Next, Dr. Connelly shared his pride in our graduating seniors. They have each worked so very hard to arrive at this milestone in their lives. He closed his remarks with a video introducing one of the 'Standout Seniors' of 2021.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

We received no speakers for Public Comment this evening.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Susan Williams, seconded by Donna Vann, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda.

6. APPROVE the CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Donna Vann, seconded by Charles McKellar, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

6.01 CONSIDER Approval of the Minutes of the April 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

6.02 CONSIDER Approval of Student Release List (Students approved to attend school outside of Cumberland County)

6.03 CONSIDER Approval of Personnel as recommended by the Personnel Committee

6.04 CONSIDER Approval of Leaves of Absence and Special Leaves of Absence as recommended by the Personnel Committee

6.05 CONSIDER Approval of Administrator Contract Renewals as recommended by the Personnel Committee

6.06 CONSIDER Approval of Extended Pilot: Wit and Wisdom as recommended by the Curriculum Committee

6.07 CONSIDER Approval of Memorandum of Agreement: Student Performance - State Board of Education District and Regional Support and CCS Board of Education as recommended by the Curriculum Committee

6.08 CONSIDER Approval of E.E. Smith Stadium and Staff Parking Lot Paving Project as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee

6.09 CONSIDER Approval of Various Re-roofing Projects as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee

6.10 CONSIDER Approval of Roofing Services Contract as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee

6.11 CONSIDER Approval of Anne Chesnutt Middle School - Soffit Enclosure Project as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee

6.12 CONSIDER Pre-Approval of Reid Ross Media Center and Classroom HVAC Replacement Project as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee

6.13 CONSIDER Approval of Track Improvements at 3 High Schools (Round 2) as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee

6.14 CONSIDER Approval of Transportation's Purchase Orders as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee

6.15 CONSIDER Approval of Contract Renewals - Food and Supplies for the 2021-2022 School Year as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee

6.16 CONSIDER Approval of Bid Awards for Food Products for Child Nutrition Services as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee

6.17 CONSIDER Approval of the HVAC Project at Ramsey Street High School as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee

- 6.18 CONSIDER Approval of 2021 Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation as recommended by the Student Support Services Committee
- 6.19 CONSIDER Approval of Budget Amendments as recommended by the Finance Committee
- 6.20 CONSIDER Approval of Contracts and Bid/Purchasing Approval as recommended by the Finance Committee
- 6.21 CONSIDER Approval of the Crown Coliseum Contract for Graduation 2021 as recommended by the Finance Committee
- 6.22 Consider Approval of Policy Revisions (7): 1320/3560, 1740/4010, 1742/5060, 1750/7220, 1760/7280, 3101, 3102 (Second Reading) as recommended by the Policy Committee

7. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Auxiliary Services Committee Report – Charles McKellar
Mr. McKellar reminded the Board of the Student Reassignment information that will be requested at the next Auxiliary Services Committee meeting. Please be prepared to share your top priorities for reassignment of students at the June 1 meeting.

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

9. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Budget/Finance Committee Report – Greg West
Mr. West asked Mr. Locklear to re-share the dates of the Cumberland County Commissioners budget meetings.

10. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Policy Committee Report – Deanna Jones

11. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Curriculum Committee Report – Donna Vann

12. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Personnel Committee Report - Carrie Sutton

13. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Legislative Committee Report – Nathan Warfel

14. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: None

15. CLOSING ITEMS

15.01 Board members update: None additional

15.02 Chairman's Update

Mrs. Chisolm shared the following messages:

We recently celebrated Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. During these extraordinary times, you have shown resilience, resourcefulness, creativity and above all, dedication to our students. To say we are grateful for you would be an understatement. On behalf of the Cumberland County Board of Education, thank you for all that you do!

To the Class of 2021: We know that your senior year is not how you imagined. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused an unprecedented situation, and we know it has been hard on each of you. Be proud of what you have already accomplished. We know the future is bright and that you will all go on to do amazing things in life. On behalf of the Cumberland County Board of Education, I want to congratulate each of you for reaching this milestone. You make us ‘Cumberland County’ proud!

Our next regular Board Meeting will be held on June 8, 2021. We look forward to being with you again in June.

15.02 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Dr. Marvin Connelly, Superintendent

MC/ph