

The Cumberland County Board of Education met in-person and virtually on Tuesday, June 8, 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: 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 Deanna Jones and the Invocation by Greg West.

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

2.02 The Board Recognized the CCAPAP Scholarship recipients

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

3.01 Superintendent's Update - Dr. Marvin Connelly

Dr. Connelly began by reflecting on the past year and the lessons learned while navigating through COVID-19. He shared his appreciation to students, parents, employees, community partners and the Board for pulling together during this time

Dr. Connelly provided an update on our Summer Learning Program (RISE). He appreciates everyone involved in helping our students thrive. Additionally, Dr. Connelly shared information on the Summer Meals Program. We have meal locations throughout the county, no income requirements and no registration requirements. He encouraged families to take advantage of the opportunity to receive nutritious meals during the summer.

The first-ever 'Gathering of the Village' event will take place on June 15th at 8:30 AM. The theme is "Families, Educators and Communities Collaborating for Student Success". We ask that you check out the CCS website for additional information and registration.

For schools requiring a uniform code of dress, surveys are forthcoming to stakeholders to determine next steps. Stakeholders will be asked to complete and submit their surveys as to whether or not the uniform code of dress should continue. Dr. Connelly will share the survey results with the Board in the coming months.

CCS is grateful to partner with Cape Fear Valley Health in sponsoring vaccination clinics at our traditional high schools on July 14-15, 11:00 – 5:00 each day. This will be a family affair for eligible students and their families to ‘take their shot!’”

Next, Dr. Connelly shared his congratulations to our graduating seniors. The members of the class of 2021 continue to amaze us – their futures are bright! He closed his remarks with a video introducing one of our graduates, Leianna Smith. Leianna was unable to participate in her traditional graduation and celebrate with her classmates. What started as a simple Facebook post turned into a community-wide drive thru celebration, which included more than 750 vehicles, students, premier professionals and community members. A true representation of a Committed Community.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

We received no speakers for Public Comment this evening.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Donna Vann, seconded by Charles McKellar, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda.

6. APPROVE the CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Susan Williams, seconded by Charles McKellar, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda. Greg West supported all items on the Consent Agenda; however, he recused himself on item 6.17 due to a potential business conflict of interest.

6.01 CONSIDER Approval of the Minutes of the May 11, 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 Summer Learning (RISE) Personnel as recommended by the Personnel Committee

6.06 CONSIDER Administrative Recommendations as recommended by the Personnel Committee

6.07 CONSIDER Approval of the 2021 Insurance Renewal as recommended by the Personnel Committee

6.08 CONSIDER Approval of Purchase Agreements: Academic Services 2021 as recommended by the Curriculum Committee

6.09 CONSIDER Approval of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Local Application for 2021-2022 as recommended by the Curriculum Committee

- 6.10 CONSIDER Approval of recommendation of staff regarding Unsolicited Offer to Purchase Property adjacent to the former Pauline Jones Building (not recommended by staff) as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee
- 6.11 CONSIDER Approval of Bid Award for Child Nutrition Cafeteria Products as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee
- 6.12 CONSIDER Approval of Request to Purchase 6 Replacement Vehicles for Driver's Ed as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee
- 6.13 CONSIDER Approval of Request for EC Transportation Van Service Contract as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee
- 6.14 CONSIDER Approval of Renewal of the GFL Dumpster Contract for the 2021-2022 School Year as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee
- 6.15 CONSIDER Approval of Renewal of the GFL Recycling Contract for the 2021-2021 School Year as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee
- 6.16 CONSIDER Approval of the Request for the Re-Roofing Project at 71st High as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee
- 6.17 CONSIDER Approval of Annual Contract Renewal with Holmes Electric for Security and Fire Alarm Monitoring as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee
- 6.18 CONSIDER Approval of CCS School Mental Health Improvement Plan as recommended by the Student Support Services Committee
- 6.19 CONSIDER Approval of 2021 CC Board of Education & Division of Services for the Blind Cooperative Agreement as recommended by the Student Support Services Committee
- 6.20 CONSIDER Approval of 2021-2022 Alternative Accountability Models as recommended by the Student Support Services Committee
- 6.21 CONSIDER Approval of Budget Amendments as recommended by the Finance Committee
- 6.22 CONSIDER Approval of Continuing Budget Resolution as recommended by the Finance Committee
- 6.23 CONSIDER Approval of Instructional Supply Bid Recommendation for FY 2022 as recommended by the Finance Committee
- 6.24 CONSIDER Approval of Recruitment and Retention Bonus Proposal as recommended by the Finance Committee
- 6.25 Consider Approval of Revised Policies (4040/7310, 4240/7312, 4316 and 7720) - First Reading - as recommended by the Policy Committee

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

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

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

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 member updates: Mr. McKellar asked about the planning of the Board Retreat. Dr. Connelly shared that plans are to hold the retreat in August and staff is currently working on location and logistics.

Mrs. Vann asked for any additional plans for our budget in regards to recent action by our County Commissioners. No further action is planned. Mr. McKellar suggested that we immediately begin working on the budget for next year.

15.02 Chairman's Update

Mrs. Chisolm asked all Board members for their thoughts on moving our regular evening board meetings from 6:30 PM to 6:00 PM. No members objected to the change. Donna Vann made a motion to change the regular monthly full Board Meeting time from 6:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Deanna Jones seconded the motion the Board approved unanimously.

Mrs. Chisolm congratulated our recent graduates and thanked their families, friends and school families for supporting them during their school years. The Board wishes our graduates the very best as they move forward with their lives. We thank them for honoring this Board of Education by allowing us to be a part of their high school graduations.

As we close the 2020-2021 school year, we would like to thank everyone for their perseverance during this most unusual year. On behalf of this Board, we sincerely appreciate our teachers, administrators and support staff for the work they do every day.

Our next regular Board Meeting will be held on August 10, 2021. We look forward to being with you again in August.

15.03 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Dr. Marvin Connelly, Superintendent