

The Cumberland County Board of Education met on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM with the following board members present: Alicia Chisolm, Greg West, Deanna Jones, Susan Williams, Carrie Sutton, Nathan Warfel, Charles McKellar, Judy Musgrave and Donna Vann.

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 Alicia Chisolm called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charles McKellar and the Invocation by Susan Williams.

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

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Dr. Connelly began his comments by congratulating all of the schools, departments and individuals of Cumberland County Schools for their recognitions, award and honors.

Dr. Connelly acknowledged some of the October recognitions such as Indigenous People's Day, National School Lunch Week and Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

As an appreciation for the hard work by all premier professionals during our Great Comeback, CCS facilities will be closed on November 12, 2021. The telework assignment for this day is to engage in the process of reflective practice, what worked well, what can be done differently and how will we finish the semester strong.

Dr. Connelly reminded all that our district has begun our weekly free MAKO Medical COVID-19 testing. Additionally, Dr. Connelly reminded everyone to practice the 3-W's to help keep our community healthy and safe.

In closing, Dr. Connelly recognized National Principals Month. He acknowledged the tremendous role our principals play in helping our student's excel in the classroom and beyond. We closed the Superintendent's Update with a video highlighting our Principal of the Year finalists.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

We received seven speakers for Public Comment this evening:

Nyrell Melvin	Shamike Bethea	Michelle Ornelas	Amirah Carter
Aseelah Carter	Ashley Tanner	Carmela McKeller-Smith	

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Greg West, seconded by Susan Williams, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda with the following changes:

5.07 pull from the Consent Agenda and place on the Auxiliary Services Discussion agenda, 5.12 pull from the Consent Agenda and place on the Policy Discussion agenda, 9.01 remove from the agenda.

5. APPROVE the CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Greg West, seconded by Donna Vann, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

- 5.01 CONSIDER Approval of the Minutes of the September 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.
- 5.02 CONSIDER Approval of Red Ribbon Week Proclamation as recommended by the Curriculum Committee (Exhibit A)
- 5.03 CONSIDER Approval of Personnel as recommended by the Personnel Committee (Exhibit B)
- 5.04 CONSIDER Approval of Leaves of Absence as recommended by the Personnel Committee (Exhibit C)
- 5.05 CONSIDER Approval of Administrative Recommendations as recommended by the Personnel Committee (Exhibit D)
- 5.06 CONSIDER Approval of 11 HVAC Design/Window Replacement Proposals as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (Exhibit E)
- 5.07 CONSIDER Approval of 2021 Purchase Agreement for the Elliot Farm Road Acreage as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee, subject to confirmation of seller representations and warranties and environmental conditions. (*Moved to the Auxiliary Services Discussion Agenda*) (Exhibit F)
- 5.08 CONSIDER Approval of Interlocal Agreement - FTCC for Use of Facilities at South View High School as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (Exhibit G)
- 5.09 CONSIDER Approval of NC PreK Contract as recommended by the Student Support Services Committee (Exhibit H)
- 5.10 CONSIDER Approval of Kajeet SmartSpot Service for Students as recommended by the Finance Committee (Exhibit I)
- 5.11 CONSIDER Approval of Classroom Calming Corner Supplies as recommended by the Finance Committee (Exhibit J)
- 5.13 RECEIVE E.E. Smith Architect Selection - Disapproved in Committee

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

5.07 CONSIDER Approval of 2021 Purchase Agreement for the Elliot Farm Road Acreage as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee, subject to confirmation of seller representations and warranties and environmental conditions. (Moved to the Auxiliary Services Discussion Agenda) (Exhibit F)

Mr. McKellar asked if the utility work was complete on the property. Mr. Sojka confirmed that it was.

Susan Williams made a motion to approve. Donna Vann seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

Voting to approve: Chisolm, West, Williams, Vann, Warfel and McKellar

Voting NOT to approve: Jones, Musgrave and Sutton

Ms. Sutton made a motion to amend the agenda to allow for Consideration of the E.E. Smith Architect Selection. Mr. McKellar seconded her motion. The motion failed by the following vote:

Voting to approve amending the agenda: Sutton, Jones, Musgrave and McKellar

Voting NOT to approve amending the agenda: Chisolm, West, Williams, Vann and Warfel

(This topic will come back to the Board through the Auxiliary Services Committee at in the near future)

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

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

8.01 CONSIDER Approval of Budget Amendment for 2021 Purchase Agreement for the Elliot Farm Road Acreage

Upon a motion by Susan Williams, seconded by Donna Vann, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting to approve the Budget Amendment: Chisolm, West, Sutton, Vann, Warfel and Williams

Voting NOT to approve: Jones, Musgrave and McKellar

9. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Policy Committee Report – Deanna Jones

~~**9.01 CONSIDER** Approval of Policy Revision 3620 (First Reading)~~ This item was removed from tonight's agenda.

5.12 CONSIDER Approval of Masking Policy Pursuant to SB 654 as recommended by the Policy Committee (Moved to the Policy Committee Discussion Agenda) (Exhibit K)

Carrie Sutton made a motion to approve the Masking Policy Pursuant to SB 654. Susan Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting to approve: Chisolm, West, Sutton, Jones, Williams, Musgrave, Vann and McKellar

Voting against: Warfel

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 Approval of two (2) FTCC Board of Trustees Appointments for two vacant positions

Upon a motion by Greg West, seconded by Susan Williams, the Board unanimously approved the two appointments to the FTCC Board of Trustees:

Sharlene Williams and Elaina Ball (Ms. Ball to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Dallas Freeman)

13.02 CONSIDER Motion to go into CLOSED SESSION to preserve the confidentiality of matters protected from disclosure pursuant to G.S. 115C-319 and G.S. 143-

318.11(a)(1), and to preserve the attorney-client privilege pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) – Mr. Sojka asked to include discussion regarding the Leandro case while in Closed Session.

Susan Williams made the motion to go INTO Closed Session. Greg West seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously

CONSIDER Motion to come OUT of CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Susan Williams, seconded by Charles McKellar, the Board unanimously approved to come out of Closed Session.

13.03 CONSIDER Superintendent and Cabinet Contracts

Greg West made a motion to extend the Superintendent and Superintendent's Cabinet contracts by one year. Additionally, the motion included a one-time bonus of \$10,000.00 for the Superintendent and a \$5,000.00 one-time bonus for the Superintendent's Cabinet. Susan Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting to approve: Chisolm, West, Williams, Vann and Warfel

Voting not to approve: Sutton, Jones, Musgrave and McKellar

Additionally, Mr. West made a motion to approve the Leandro Resolution presented to the Board in Closed Session by Attorney Nick Sojka. Ms. Sutton seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

14. CLOSING ITEMS

14.01 Board Member Update - None

14.02 Chairman's Update

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to thank everyone for attending tonight's board meeting both in-person and virtually. Mrs. Chisolm assured our citizens that the concerns presented tonight will be looked into and resolved to the best of our ability.

Our next regular Board Meeting will be held on November 9, 2021. We look forward to being with you again in November.

14.03 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Dr. Marvin Connelly, Superintendent