

The Cumberland County Board of Education met on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM with the following board members present: Alicia Chisolm, Greg West, Deanna Jones, Susan Williams, Nathan Warfel, Charles McKellar and Donna Vann. (Mrs. Musgrave and Ms. Sutton were not in attendance tonight)

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 Greg West called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nathan Warfel and the Invocation by Susan Williams.

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

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CCS has started the new year with State and National accolades. From the North Carolina State Board's recognition of Ms. Pamela Story for being the National Homeless Liaison of the Year to Glendale Acres Elementary School Principal Dr. Julie A. Dees receiving the Old North State Award from Governor Roy Cooper, several staff members and students have been recognized for their accomplishments. Our premier professionals and successful students continue to exemplify our core values of excellence, innovation, collaboration, equity, integrity and compassion in the face of unprecedented challenges.

January is School Board Appreciation Month. Dr. Connelly thanked the Board, for their service to our students, staff, families and community. *'You are leading the effort to prepare lifelong learners to reach their maximum potential.'*

This month, we also celebrate National Mentoring Month. Visit the Community page on our district website to find how YOU can help our students make positive choices and stay on track. The Choice Application period for the 2022-2023 school year ends on January 31. Families may visit the CCS Choice Programs website to explore all of the options available.

Dr. Connelly urged everyone to use the many resources available through the district and the Cumberland County Health Department, Cape Fear Valley Health, and other healthcare partners for testing and vaccinations. In CCS, students and staff are able to receive free weekly testing at their schools. Based on the recent surge, we have added another option: on Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. CCS staff and students will be able to take advantage of drive-thru COVID-19 testing at the CCS Call Center, located at 800 North St. Registration through Mako is required. For more information, visit www.ccs.k12.nc.us/covidtesting. In addition, the Cumberland County Health Department has extended COVID-19 testing hours at the Health Department. Vaccines are free to everyone and no insurance or ID cards are required. You can pre-register on the Cumberland County Health Department website. Dr. Connelly closed his comments with a short video about the optional COVID testing offered throughout the district and a message of gratitude for our Board of Education members.

Mr. Larry Parker and other representatives from the Cumberland County Association of Principals and Assistant Principals, came forward to share remarks and gifts in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

We received two speakers for Public Comment this evening:

Nyrell Melvin

Carmella McKellar-Smith

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Susan Williams, seconded by Charles McKellar, the Board members present unanimously adopted the agenda.

5. APPROVE the CONSENT AGENDA

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

5.01 CONSIDER Approval of the Minutes of the December 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

5.02 CONSIDER Approval of Personnel as recommended by the Personnel Committee (Exhibit A)

5.03 CONSIDER Approval of Leaves of Absence as recommended by the Personnel Committee (Exhibit B)

5.04 CONSIDER Approval of Administrative Recommendation as recommended by the Personnel Committee (Exhibit C)

5.05 CONSIDER Approval of HVAC Upgrade for Douglas Byrd High School as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (Exhibit D)

5.06 CONSIDER Approval of HVAC Upgrade for Douglas Byrd Middle School as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (Exhibit E)

5.07 CONSIDER Approval of HVAC Upgrade for Pine Forest High School as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (Exhibit F)

5.08 CONSIDER Approval of HVAC Upgrade for Lewis Chapel Middle School as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (Exhibit G)

5.09 CONSIDER Approval of Revision of Policy 4050 (First Reading) as recommended by the Policy Committee (Exhibit H)

6. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Auxiliary Services Committee Report – Deanna Jones

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

8. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Budget/Finance Committee Report – Carrie Sutton

9. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Policy Committee Report – Charles McKellar

9.01 CONSIDER Approval of Masking Policy Pursuant to SB 654

Upon a motion by Donna Vann, seconded by Deanna Jones, the Board approved item 9.01 by the following vote:

In favor: West, Jones, Chisolm, McKellar, Vann, Williams

Against: Warfel

(Exhibit I)

10. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Curriculum Committee Report – Donna Vann

11. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Personnel Committee Report – Nathan Warfel

12. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Legislative Committee Report – Judy Musgrave

13. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

14. CLOSING ITEMS

14.01 Board Member Update – None

14.02 Chairman's Update

Mr. West thanked everyone for attending tonight's board meeting and thanked our Public Speakers for their participation. Mr. West thanked all CCS staff for their continued work to make our schools safe and successful.

Mr. West reminded everyone that our schools and offices will be closed on January 17, 2022 in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Our next regular Board Meeting will be held on February 8, 2022. We look forward to seeing everyone again in February.

14.03 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Dr. Marvin Connelly, Superintendent

MC/ph