

The Cumberland County Board of Education met on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM with the following board members present: Alicia Chisolm, Greg West, Deanna Jones, Susan Williams, Nathan Warfel, Charles McKellar, Judy Musgrave, Carrie Sutton 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** Greg West called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deanna Jones and the Invocation by Carrie Sutton.

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

**2.01** RECOGNIZE Student Ex-Officio Officers

Jenna Hales – Cape Fear High School

Kylie Aldridge – Gray’s Creek High School

**2.02** RECOGNIZE 2021 NC Homeless Liaison of the Year and 2021 NAEHCY Homeless Liaison of the Year - Pamela Story

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

**3.01** Superintendent's Update - Dr. Marvin Connelly

Dr. Connelly began by sharing his appreciation for the incredible work being done by our students and staff every day in our district.

February is Black History Month and provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of African Americans. We are thankful every day for the contributions and support of the African-American Community here in Cumberland County. In addition to the celebrations taking place at schools throughout the district, our Academic Services team has lined up a Black History Month Speaker Series, which will include numerous African-American authors and illustrators. They will be featured at school and community events throughout the month.

As we prepare to celebrate Public Schools Week at the end of February (Feb. 21-25, 2022), we are highlighting what makes Cumberland County Schools unique. One of the unique educational opportunities offered through CCS is our Career and Technical Education Program. During the month of February, we are celebrating Career and Technical Education Month. Through CTE, our students gain access to specialized career pathways and leave our classrooms ready for life. This week, CCS celebrating National School Counseling Week. School counselors galvanize resources and supports to ensure the educational, personal and social development of every child. During the week of Feb.14-18, 2022, we are celebrating Love the Bus/Bus Driver Appreciation Week. We are grateful to our premier professionals who transport approximately 26,000 students to and from their school each day, covering 25,000 miles in more than 400 buses.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Update: Our premier professionals never cease to amaze me.

In an effort to bring light to the darkness of cancer, our district formed a district fundraising walk team for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk. Under the leader of Principal Lisa Stewart, we have raised nearly \$55,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and have received the "2021 Rookie of the Year" designation and the "2021 Impact Award."

I am honored to be selected as the 2022 National Superintendent Chair.

Let's continue to do our part to limit the spread of COVID-19. I would like to remind everyone to remember the 3Ws and get the COVID-19 vaccine if you're eligible to do so. Also, take advantage of the multiple testing options available for CCS students and staff. Registration for the weekly MAKO in-school testing is still open. This past Saturday, CCS Health Services was able to operate the drive-thru testing for staff and students at the CCS Call Center.

Dr. Connelly closed his comments with a short video celebrating excellence in education throughout our Cumberland County Schools.

#### **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

We received seven speakers for Public Comment this evening:

Ava White	Natalia Frias	Courtney Morrisey	Joseph Morrisey
John Ornelas	Alicia Thomas	Wayne Dee	

#### **5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. McKellar requested to move item 6.09 from the CONSENT Agenda to the Finance Discussion Agenda.

Upon a motion by Donna Vann, seconded by Charles McKellar, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda to include removal of item 6.09 from the CONSENT agenda.

#### **6. APPROVE the CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Carrie Sutton, seconded by Donna Vann, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

6.01 CONSIDER Approval of the Minutes of the January 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

6.02 CONSIDER Approval of Release of Certain Students

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

6.04 CONSIDER Approval of Leaves of Absence and Special Leaves of Absence as recommended by the Personnel Committee (Exhibit B)

6.05 CONSIDER Approval of Administrative Recommendations as recommended by the Personnel Committee (Exhibit C)

6.06 CONSIDER Approval of Proclamation: Career and Technical Education Month as recommended by the Curriculum Committee (Exhibit D)

6.07 CONSIDER Approval of Bid for Chromebooks as recommended by the Finance Committee (Exhibit E)

6.08 CONSIDER Approval of Bid for Televisions recommended by the Finance Committee (Exhibit F)

~~6.09 CONSIDER Approval of FY 21-22 Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee (moved to the Finance Discussion Agenda)~~

6.10 CONSIDER Approval of the Contract with Impero Solutions for Instructional Support as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (Exhibit G)

- 6.11 CONSIDER Approval of Bid Awards for Various Large Kitchen Equipment as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (Exhibit H)
- 6.12 CONSIDER Approval of Central Services HVAC Equipment Purchase as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (Exhibit I)
- 6.13 CONSIDER Approval of HVAC Upgrade for Warrenwood Elementary as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (Exhibit J)
- 6.14 CONSIDER Approval of HVAC Upgrade for Loyd Auman as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (Exhibit K)
- 6.15 CONSIDER Approval of Proclamation for Kindness Awareness Month as recommended by the Student Support Services Committee (Exhibit L)
- 6.16 CONSIDER Approval of Proclamation for National School Counselor Week as recommended by the Student Support Services Committee (Exhibit M)
- 6.17 CONSIDER Approval of Revised Policies 4400, 4120 and 5022 as recommended by the Policy Committee (Exhibit N)

**7. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Auxiliary Services Committee Report – Deanna Jones**

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

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

**9.01 CONSIDER Approval of FY 21-22 Budget (Exhibit O)**

Mr. Locklear again shared the budget presentation and answered any remaining questions from Board members.

Upon a motion by Susan Williams, seconded by Alicia Chisolm, the motion passed by the following vote:

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

Against: Jones, McKellar and Musgrave

**10. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Policy Committee Report – Charles McKellar**

**9.01 CONSIDER Approval of Masking Policy Pursuant to SB 654**

Upon a motion by Carrie Sutton, seconded by Charles McKellar, the motion failed by the following vote:

In favor: Jones, McKellar, Musgrave and Sutton

Against: West, Chisolm, Vann, Warfel and Williams

Mr. Warfel then made a motion to make MASKING OPTIONAL for students and staff – with the clarification that masking on buses will still be required.

With the motion by Mr. Warfel, seconded by Mrs. Vann, the motion passed by the following vote:

In favor: West, Chisolm, Vann, Warfel and Williams

Against: Jones, McKellar, Musgrave and Sutton

**11. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Curriculum Committee Report – Donna Vann**

**12. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Personnel Committee Report – Nathan Warfel**

**13. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Legislative Committee Report – Judy Musgrave**

**14. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

**15. CLOSING ITEMS**

**15.01 Board Member Update** – Mrs. Chisolm and Mrs. Vann both shared recent positive experiences at CCS events, specifically the CTE Fair and the jersey retirement of a former student, now professional baseball player. Ms. Sutton added that she had received a text from a county commissioner reminding us that masks are required in county buildings.

**14.02 Chairman's Update**

Mr. West again acknowledged our student officers and thanked them for their participation and comments.

Mr. West thanked everyone for attending tonight's board meeting and thanked our Public Speakers for their input.

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

**14.03 ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

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Dr. Marvin Connelly, Superintendent