



Regular Meeting

Cumberland County Board of Education

December 14, 2021

Superintendent Updates the Board

Dr. Connelly began his update by congratulating the district's Successful Students and Premier Professionals for completing the second nine-week period of the traditional school year. Afterward, he shared the following information:

Successful Students in the Arts

CCS Arts Education program has experienced an incredible month showcasing talented students during the 2021 Fall Evening of Dance, the 2021 All-County Band, Orchestra and Chorus concerts, and the NC School Boards Association Student Contest, which was entered by many CCS students. He also noted Massey Hill Classical High School's theatre group received multiple awards for their performance during the NC Theatre Conference.

Choice Program

CCS Choice Programs launched its application period on November 29 and hosted the Virtual Choice Fair on December 4. Scores of families attended the event to learn about the uniquely tailored educational experiences and opportunities the program has to offer. The Choice application period for the 2022-2023 school year will continue through January 31.

We Remain #Cumberland Strong

During the weekend, a small fire caused minor smoke damage in the main Central Services building, located at 2465 Gillespie Street. No one was harmed. CCS Staff are working closely with external fire and smoke restoration personnel to begin the clean-up process and to assess the area impacted by the fire. In the interim, a majority of Central Services staff have been relocated to office buildings and schools across the district. Even so, staff will continue to provide service to the public and support our schools each week as mentors, tutors, answering phones, etc. Members of the public can continue to call the main switchboard at 910-678-2300 for assistance with district inquiries. Individuals who need to drop off paperwork to Central Services can do so in the Human Resources building, located at 2465 Gillespie Street at the rear of the property.

Winter Break

Winter break is fast approaching. CCS will shut down at the end of the day on Friday, December 17 and remain closed through January 1, 2022. Staff will return to work on January 3 in order to prepare for the return of students on January 5.

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Superintendent
Dr. Marvin Connelly

Planning and Construction Coordinator
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An Agreement Reached to Take No Action on Policy

The Board voted 8–1 to not act on and remove from the agenda *Policy 3620 -- Extracurricular Activities, Cocurricular Activities and Student Organizations*.

Current Masking Policy Continues

The Board voted 7-2 to retain the existing masking policy (COVID-19 Face Coverings Policy Code: 6141). As required by North Carolina Session Law 2021 -130 (Senate Bill 654), “the Board shall vote at least once per month either to maintain this policy in its current form or to modify it.”

2020 & 2021 Chair, Vice Chair Receive Special Recognition

The 2020 and 2021 Board Chair Alicia Chisolm and Vice Chair Greg West received special recognition for successfully serving two terms in their respective positions. For their years of service leading the nine-member Board, Chisolm was given a gavel-plaque and West received a framed certificate presented by Board member Deanna Jones.

“I have mostly enjoyed being the Chairman,” Chisolm said during the monthly Chairman’s Update. “I have three more years of service on the Board, and I just want to thank you for allowing me this time to serve.”

2022 Board Chair & Vice Chair Named

Members of the Board elected Greg West as the 2022 Chair and Deanna Jones as the 2022 Vice Chair of the Cumberland County Board of Education. One year will be the length of their terms in these positions.

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