



Regular Meeting

Cumberland County Board of Education

June 14, 2022

### Superintendent Updates the Board

Dr. Connelly began his monthly update by acknowledging that the 2021-2022 school year ended with more than 3,000 students successfully walking across the stage to receive diplomas. He also mentioned that many of this year's graduates received local honors as well as national accolades.

The Superintendent shared the following updates:

### Summer Update

Child Nutrition Services is providing free meals to children 18 years and younger at elementary schools and recreation centers across the county. Additional information about the Summer Meals Program can be found on the CCS Website ([cn.ccs.k12.nc.us](http://cn.ccs.k12.nc.us)).

Summer Learning 2022 started this week at schools throughout the district. Students will participate in three weeks filled with instruction.

Registration for next school year is open. Dr. Connelly encouraged all new families to visit the CCS Website to explore the numerous educational opportunities the district has to offer.

### Dedication and Service

Dr. Connelly acknowledged "... some exceptional individuals who have dedicated countless hours to seeing every student succeed. I am talking about our Cabinet Members and other premier professionals who are about to enjoy a well-earned retirement." He went on to laud, Dr. Mary Black, the associate superintendent of Student Support Services; Joe Desormeaux, the associate superintendent of Auxiliary Services; Clyde Locklear, the associate superintendent of Business Operations; Betty Musselwhite, the associate superintendent of School Support; and Ron Phipps, the associate superintendent of Evaluation & Testing. He thanked them for their stellar leadership during the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic, which he feels was one of the most challenging times in public education.

Dr. Connelly concluded his update by introducing a short video about the district's most recent graduates and their notable achievements.

### 2022-23 Meal Prices Approved

The Board approved the following proposed meal prices for Non-CEP School Students for the 2022-23 school year:

All Grades – On Free Meals	Free
All Grades – On Reduced Pay Meals	\$.40

### Board of Education

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Dr. Marvin Connelly

Elementary Full-Pay Meals	\$2.65
Middle/High Full-Pay Meals	\$2.75

CCS' Child Nutrition Services said they continue to experience substantial increases in the cost of operating expenses that includes food, supplies, and labor. For this reason, a meal price increase of \$.50 for the full-pay student was approved. The last meal price increase was in 2017.

### **2022-23 Bell Schedule Gets 'Thumbs Up'**

Because of bus transportation adjustments, the Board approved bell schedule changes for the following schools in the Terry Sanford Attendance Area: Alma Easom, Vanstory Hills, Glendale Acres and Ashley elementary schools. According to Auxiliary Services, the adjustment of time will improve the service levels of transportation for schools and families. In an effort to align all high schools on the same bell schedule, Gray's Creek High School and Cape Fear High School will start school five minutes later. Also, the latter school will begin dismissal five minutes earlier in the fall.

### **Board OKs 2 High School Track Improvements**

The Board approved Auxiliary Services' requests to improve the running tracks at Gray's Creek and Seventy-First high schools. Improvements at Gray's Creek High include all the materials and labor needed to install an eight-lane running track at the cost of \$556,061.00. Seventy-First High's track improvements which includes the installation of a six-lane track and a sidewalk in front of the visitors' side bleachers totals \$482,863.00. The improvements will be made by Diamond Constructors, Inc.

### **Post-Fire Building Cleaning Contract Approved**

The Board approved CCS Plant Operations moving forward with the post-fire cleaning of the CCS Central Services Building by The Contents Team from Garner, NC. The remediation project totals \$146,569.22 and includes all labor and materials along with HEPA vacuuming, and cleaning and rinsing to remove soot from all ceilings, walls and floors, per recommendations made by an industrial hygienist.

### **Board Approves EC Services Contract for Online Research-Based Diagnostic Tool**

The Board approved the *Let's Go Learn* contract for Exceptional Children's Services. The research-based tool for online diagnostic assessments, instruction and progress monitoring shares data, pinpoints students' strengths and weaknesses as well as helps increase student achievement.

### **Continuing Budget Resolution 2022-23 Ok'd**

Members of the Board approved authorizing Dr. Connelly to continue the operations of CCS for the 2022-23 fiscal year as it pertains to the current expense, capital outlay, enterprise fund and competitive grant budgets. According to the Continuing Resolution, the district is "approved to expend up to, but not to exceed, 85 percent pro rata basis of the expenditure level of the 2021-22 budget year, except for salaries." The resolution will continue to be in effect until the Board adopts a formal budget.

### **First Reading of Revised Board Policy Approved**

The Board voted to approve the first reading of revised Policy 6420 -- Contracts with the Board, as recommended by the Policy Committee.

### **AIG Local Plan Revision 2022-25 Gets ‘Two Thumbs Up’**

Approval was given to the Academically/Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Local Plan Revision 2022-25. To align with district initiatives and State AIG Program Standards, the top three priorities for the 2022-25 Local Plan Cycle will be student identification, comprehensive programming, and program accountability. The revised plan will be geared toward early identification, equitable talent development and the dissemination of data.

### **Board Approves CTE Local Application, Program Highlight**

The Board approved Career and Technical Education’s (CTE) local application and program highlights. Components of the application include data/indicators of performance that includes determined levels of performance, comprehensive local needs assessment to rate what is working and/or needed, and narratives that give a clear description of career pathway strategies and activities.

### **Calendars for Y/R and Early Colleges Approved**

Approval by the Board was given for the 2022-23 Year-Round Schools and Early College High Schools calendars, per the Curriculum Committee’s recommendation. The calendars will be posted on the CCS Website in the coming days.

### **Closure of Two Schools Gets Board Approval**

Members of the Board approved closing Lillian Black Elementary School and Ireland Drive Middle School. Students who attend Lillian Black Elementary will go to W.T. Brown Elementary School in the fall. Those who went to Ireland Drive Middle will be attending Douglas Byrd Middle School.

### **New Cumberland County Board of Education Seal OK’d**

Members of the Board voted to approve the proposed new seal design. Elements in the new seal include the lamp of learning, which represents the Board’s commitment to the success of every student and their quest to ensure each student has equitable access to engaging learning that prepares them to be collaborative, competitive and successful.

### **Koonce Reappointed to FTCC Board of Trustees**

Members of the Board agreed to reappoint Charles Koonce as the CCS representative to Fayetteville Technical Community College’s (FTCC) Board of Trustees.

### **Board Recognitions**

Dr. Lindsay Whitley, the associate superintendent of Communications and Community Engagement, introduced the following honorees to the Board to be recognized:

#### High School State Championship Athlete

Cape Fear High School

Anna Piland - Won the 3A NC State Doubles Tennis Championship

#### CCS’ Future Educator (Cohort 4)

Zoie Stokes, a 2022 E.E. Smith High School graduate, was recognized as a Cohort 4 participant in CCS’ Future Educators Program. As a participant, she will receive the following: (1) Annual summer professional development with a \$1,000 stipend, starting the summer following her freshman year of college through the summer of her senior year; (2) An early employment contract with CCS for three years; and (3) The opportunity to develop a professional network with CCS staff and peers. The Future Educators Program is a

recruitment initiative aimed at developing the district's internal student talent. Future Educators participants are local high school graduates who intend to pursue careers in education and who plan to commit to teaching in CCS upon the completion of their educator preparation program.

Retiring Cabinet Members

Dr. Connelly and members of the Board of Education formally recognized the following senior district administrators for their 163 collective years of educational service to the success of children: Dr. Mary Black, the associate superintendent of Student Support Services; Joe Desormeaux, the associate superintendent of Auxiliary Services; Clyde Locklear, the associate superintendent of Business Operations; Betty Musselwhite, the associate superintendent of School Support; and Ron Phipps, the associate superintendent of Evaluation & Testing.

**Administrative Recommendations**

*Associate Superintendent of School Support*  
Superintendent's Office

Dr. Jane Fields

*Associate Superintendent of Business Operations*  
Superintendent's Office

Jay Toland

*Associate Superintendent of Student Support Services*  
Superintendent's Office

Melody Chalmers McClain

*Associate Superintendent of Auxiliary Services*  
Superintendent's Office

Kevin Coleman

*Executive Director of Data & Accountability*  
Academic Services

Kimberly Nash

*Executive Director of Federal Programs*  
Student Support Services

Maria Pierce-Ford

*Driver's Education Coordinator*  
Transportation

Morris Hargrove

Principals

Brentwood Elementary  
E.E. Miller Elementary  
Elizabeth Cashwell Elementary  
Howard Learning Academy  
Ponderosa Elementary  
Raleigh Road Elementary  
Seventy-First Classical Middle  
Sunnyside Elementary

Casey Yates  
Catherine Abraham-Johnson  
Tiffany Eakins  
Ayanna Richard  
Waylinda Williams  
Elizabeth Blue  
Dr. Queesha Tillman  
Anita McLaughlin

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Principal Transfers

Exceptional Children's Assessment Consultant  
Instructional Materials Facilitator  
Principal on Loan (Add'l support to PACE Schools)  
Seventy-First High  
Transportation Supervisor  
Warrenwood Elementary

Allen Hines  
Reggie Pinkney  
Kim Robertson  
Niesha Witherspoon  
Myron Williams  
Todd Yardis

Assistant Principals

Brentwood Elementary  
College Lakes Elementary  
Cross Creek Early College High  
Cumberland Road Elementary  
Douglas Byrd Middle  
Gray's Creek High  
Howard Hall Elementary  
Lewis Chapel Middle  
Pine Forest Middle  
Ponderosa Elementary  
Ramsey Street High  
Seventy-First High  
Sunnyside Elementary  
Terry Sanford High  
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Danielle Bell  
Sheral Raines  
Lakeisha Bradley  
Ashantee McKelley  
Stephen Hall  
Tracy Hill  
Carrie Blanchard  
Emily Richards  
Onika Collington  
Leon Borders  
LaTara Ray  
Travis Greene  
Katelynn Lovette  
Jonathan Dent  
Quantisha Spencer

Assistant Principal Transfers

Howard Learning Academy Middle  
Lloyd Auman Elementary  
Cliffdale Elementary  
Walker-Spivey Elementary  
Warrenwood Elementary

Donald McAllister  
Heather Craven  
Tyrell Davis  
Latonica McDonald  
Timberly Jones

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