

Virtual Regular Meeting Cumberland County Board of Education October 13, 2020

Superintendent Updates the Board

Superintendent Dr. Connelly opened his update by sharing that October is a month filled with many recognitions and celebrations within the district and across the nation. He asked that we be mindful of the following: National Hispanic Heritage Month, Indigenous Peoples Day in North Carolina (October 12), Breast Cancer Awareness Month, National Principals Month, and Cumberland County Schools' Administrators of the Year (AOY) Virtual Celebration (October 19 at 6:30 p.m., via the district's YouTube channel). As we enter into the colder months of the year, Dr. Connelly emphasized the importance of following the 3W's (**W**ear masks, **W**ait 6 feet, **W**ash your hands) to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and the seasonal flu. He also thanked CCS students, educators, staff, families and community members for doing their part in helping every child be successful. Dr. Connelly ended his update with a short video that features the 2021 Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year finalists who will be honored during the Oct. 19 AOY Virtual Celebration.

Administrative Recommendations

Assistant Principals

Cumberland Virtual Academy K-5 (50%)	Estella Johnson
Cumberland Virtual Academy 6-12 (50%)	Estella Johnson
Gray's Creek Middle	Jennifer Jansinski

Board Approves New, Updated Policies

The nine-member Board approved new policy 4334/5035/7345 Use of Unmanned Aircraft (Drones) and Title IX policy 1710/4020/7320 Discrimination and Harassment Prohibited by Federal Law. Revisions to Policy Code: 8325 Daily Deposits were accepted where "regardless of the amount on hand, all funds must be deposited on the last business day of each month" instead of also depositing funds at the end of each school week.

Superintendent, Cabinet Contracts Extended

The Board approved extending the contract of Superintendent Dr. Marvin Connelly and that of his Cabinet for an additional year with no change to the financial terms of their contracts.

Board Members' Update

During the Board Members' update, it was agreed that an invitation would be extended to Cumberland County Health Director Dr. Jennifer Green to attend a Board Committee meeting in order to share an update about local COVID metrics. Board members said they felt this information would help them make informed decisions about the future of the district.

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Superintendent
Dr. Marvin Connelly

Board Recognitions

Betty Musselwhite, the associate superintendent of School Support Services, introduced the following honorees to the Board to be recognized before each shared words of 'thanks:'

2020 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year - Maureen Stover, a science teacher at Cumberland International Early College High School, was announced this summer at an awards luncheon in Cary as North Carolina's Teacher of the Year. Stover was selected from a field of nine finalists representing the state's eight education districts and charter schools.

North Carolina School Library Media Association's 2020 Media Coordinator of the Year – Recently during the virtual state conference of the North Carolina School Library Media Association, Pamela Sands, the media coordinator at New Century International Middle School, was announced as the 2020 Media Coordinator of the Year.

National Blue Ribbon School for 2020 – The staff, students and principal of Cross Creek Early College High School (CCECHS), Patsy Patrick, were acknowledged for recently being announced a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School. One of three schools recognized in North Carolina, CCECHS received the esteemed honor because of their overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

Dr. Samuel Houston Leadership Award – Dr. Samuel Houston Leadership Award recipient, Dr. Theresa Perry, the director of CCS' Professional Development, was acknowledged by the Board. This annual award is presented to a recent graduate of the N.C. School Superintendents' Association Aspiring Superintendent Program because of his/her commitment to continuous improvement, high standards of ethical conduct, strategic planning, improving student performance and meeting the needs of the 21st Century workforce.

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