

Cumberland County Board of Education
Fayetteville, North Carolina
March 12, 2019

The Cumberland County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., in the Central Services Board Room, with the following board members present:

Donna Vann, Alicia Chisolm, Greg West, Porcha McMillan, Susan Williams, Judy Musgrave, Carrie Sutton, and Charles McKellar. Peggy Hall was not in attendance this evening. Others present were Associate Superintendents, Mary Black (Acting Superintendent), Ron Phipps, Clyde Locklear, Ruben Reyes, Betty Musselwhite, Lindsay Whitley, Joe Desormeaux and Stacey Wilson-Norman; Board Attorney Nick Sojka; representatives of the principals association, Ft. Bragg Liaison, district PTA representative, representatives of the NCAEOP, NAACP and representatives of the teacher assistants association. A media representative was also present.

OPENING ITEMS

Chairman Donna Vann called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Our Pledge of Allegiance was led by Susan Williams, followed with the invocation by Alicia Chisolm.

RECOGNITIONS

The Board RECOGNIZED Student Representatives Ashilyn Burgos, Student Government representative from Gray's Creek High School and Walker Shearin, Student Government Representative from Pine Forest High School. Ashilyn and Walker were given the opportunity to address the Board on a topic of their choice.

The Board RECOGNIZED our Amazing Acts of Character Award Recipients: Danielle Carlson, Elizabeth Harris-Willette and Nasir Mixon

The Board RECOGNIZED South View High School Men's Bowling Team – State Champions Hunter Hicks, Jordan Hicks, Joshua Hicks, Joshua Packer, Isaac Palakawognese, Nicholas Roberson, Connor Schneider, Jaycee Wynne, Nichylas Riley and Shaakir Williams

The Board RECOGNIZED State Wrestling Champions Dallas Wilson, Jared Barbour and Madajah Trapier

PUBLIC FORUM

Two citizens spoke tonight: Carmella McKellar-Smith

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Greg West, seconded by Susan Williams, the agenda, as presented, was adopted unanimously by the Board members present.

Chairman Donna Vann called for a motion to APPROVE the CONSENT AGENDA.

Upon motion by Carrie Sutton, seconded by Alicia Chisolm, the following Consent Agenda items were approved by the following vote:

Voting in favor of Approval of the Consent Agenda were: Donna Vann, Alicia Chisolm, Carrie Sutton, Greg West and Susan Williams

Voting against Approval of the Consent Agenda were: Charles McKellar, Porcha McMillan and Judy Musgrave

5.01 CONSIDER Approval of the Minutes of the February 12, 2019 Board Meeting

5.02 CONSIDER Approval of Release of Certain Students

5.03 CONSIDER Approval of Personnel as recommended by the Personnel Committee

5.04 CONSIDER Approval of Leaves of Absence and Special Leaves of Absence as recommended by the Personnel Committee

5.05 CONSIDER Approval of Administrative Recommendation as recommended by the Personnel Committee

5.06 CONSIDER Approval of Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation as recommended by the Student Support Services Committee

5.07 CONSIDER Approval of Budget Amendments as recommended by the Finance Committee

5.08 CONSIDER Approval of New / Revised Policies

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION AGENDA: Auxiliary Services Committee Report – Porcha McMillan

DISCUSSION AGENDA: Student Services Committee Report – Susan Williams

DISCUSSION AGENDA: Budget/Finance Committee Report - Greg West

DISCUSSION AGENDA: Policy Committee Report – Judy Musgrave

DISCUSSION AGENDA: Curriculum Committee Report – Peggy Hall

DISCUSSION AGENDA: Personnel Committee Report – Carrie Sutton

11.01 CONSIDER Approval of Administrative Recommendation Upon a motion by Greg West, seconded by Carrie Sutton, the Board voted to approve the Administrative Recommendation as follows:

Voting in favor of Approval of the Administrative Recommendation were: Donna Vann, Alicia Chisolm, Carrie Sutton, Greg West and Susan Williams

Voting against Approval of the Administrative Recommendation were: Charles McKellar, Porcha McMillan and Judy Musgrave

DISCUSSION AGENDA: Legislative Committee Report – Charles McKellar

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

13.01 RECEIVE Strategic Plan Development Update - presented by Melody Chalmers

Ms. Chalmers updated the Board on the success of the Town Hall event. From the Town Hall feedback, the top five focus areas were identified. Ms. Chalmers shared that an email was sent to the Board with information regarding the next planning meeting. The Board was invited to share their discussion topics with development team members, Alicia Chisolm or Susan Williams. Additionally, the meeting is open to the public if Board members wish to attend.

CLOSING ITEMS

14.01 Superintendent's Update - Dr. Mary Black on behalf of Dr. Marvin Connelly

Dr. Black shared the Board Forecast for March – June 2019. Dr. Black thanked the vital Child Nutrition staff as we celebrated School Breakfast Week. Additionally, last week was School Social Work week. We thank our Social Workers for the work they do to help our students on a daily basis. We are currently celebrating Arts in Schools Month. Dr. Black invited everyone to visit exhibits at Cross Creek Mall as well as the Arts Council of Fayetteville. In closing, Dr. Black shared a video highlighting the Academy of Health Sciences at Westover High School.

14.02 Board Members' Update

Mrs. Musgrave shared that her daughter had four national commercials to come out this month.

14.03 Chairman's Update

Mrs. Vann thanked our students, representatives and a citizens for attending tonight's meeting and again congratulated those individuals recognized tonight. She publicly thanked everyone for their support for our Superintendent, sharing that Dr. and Mrs. Connelly wish to convey their deepest appreciation for your prayers and continued encouragement—they have been overwhelmed by the tremendous support shown by our school system and community. Please continue to keep Dr. Connelly and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Our next regular Board Meeting will be held on April 9, 2019. We look forward to seeing everyone again next month.

14.04 ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Dr. Mary Black on behalf of
Dr. Marvin Connelly, Superintendent
MC/ph