

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

The Cumberland County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, February 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, Peggy Hall, Carrie Sutton, and Charles McKellar. Others present were Superintendent Marvin Connelly, Associate Superintendents, Ron Phipps, Clyde Locklear, Ruben Reyes, Betty Musselwhite, Mary Black, 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 6:30 pm.

Our Pledge of Allegiance was led by Greg West, followed with the invocation by Donna Vann.

1.02 RECEIVE Signing of Code of Ethics by Board Members Donna Vann invited all Board Members, in the spirit of “one team, one Board” to publicly sign the Code of Ethics document displayed this evening. After signing, the document will be displayed in the Board Room. Porcha McMillan and Charles McKellar shared their reluctance to sign. Mrs. McMillan stated that the public display was the actual Oath of Office conducted after election. She wanted additional discussion on this topic. Mr. McKellar shared his thoughts of the document being poorly written and his concern over signing an inferior document.

Mrs. Vann stated, confirmed by Mr. Sojka, that the Code of Ethics is required by NC General Statute and has been adopted as one of our Board policies. All Board members have previously signed a code of ethics as part of joining the Board of Education. The following members signed the public document: Donna Vann, Alicia Chisolm, Greg West, Susan Williams, Peggy Hall and Carrie Sutton. Not signing the public document were: Porcha McMillan, Judy Musgrave and Charles McKellar.

RECOGNITIONS

The Board RECOGNIZED Student Representatives Nautia Carter, Student Government representative from South View High School and Dyamond Carr, Student Government Representative from E.E. Smith High School. Nautia and Dyamond were given the opportunity to address the Board on a topic of their choice.

The Board RECOGNIZED our CCS’ Communications and Public Relations Department for winning several NCSPRA Blue Ribbon Awards for their work.

PUBLIC FORUM

Two citizens spoke tonight: Eronomy Mohammed and Carmella McKellar-Smith

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Alicia Chisolm, seconded by Greg West, the agenda, as presented, was adopted unanimously by the Board.

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

- 5.01 CONSIDER Approval of the Minutes of the January 15, 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 Summer School 2019 as recommended by the Curriculum Committee
- 5.07 CONSIDER Approval of the 2019-2020, 2020-2021 School Calendars as recommended by the Curriculum Committee
- 5.08 CONSIDER Approval of Proclamation Career and Technical Education Month as recommended by the Curriculum Committee
- 5.09 CONSIDER Approval of One-Year Contract Extension for the Refrigeration & Cooking Equipment Repair Services as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee
- 5.10 CONSIDER Approval of a Contract Extension for the Dairy/Milk Contract for 2019-2020 School Year as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee
- 5.11 CONSIDER Approval of Granting a Permanent Utility Easement and Drainage Easement to NCDOT & Offer to Purchase due to the Acquisition of Right of Way and Damages by Seventy-First Schools as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee
- 5.12 CONSIDER Approval of CCS Month of the Military Child Proclamation as recommended by the Student Support Services Committee
- 5.13 CONSIDER Approval of School Social Work Month Proclamation as recommended by the Student Support Services Committee
- 5.14 CONSIDER Approval of Budget Amendments as recommended by the Finance Committee
- 5.15 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

8.01 RECEIVE FY2018 Annual Audit Report, presented by Cherry Bekaert, CPA
Mr. Burke shared the findings of the audit with the Board. Overall the system received a good report.

DISCUSSION AGENDA: Policy Committee Report - Judy Musgrave

DISCUSSION AGENDA: Curriculum Committee Report – Peggy Hall

DISCUSSION AGENDA: Personnel Committee Report – Carrie Sutton

DISCUSSION AGENDA: Legislative Committee Report – Charles McKellar

12.01 CONSIDER Approval of 2019 Legislative Breakfast Presentation to include Charter Schools Accountability and Transparency Alicia Chisolm made a motion to approve, seconded by Carrie Sutton. Voting to approve: Donna Vann, Alicia Chisolm, Greg West, Susan Williams, Peggy Hall and Carrie Sutton. Voting against: Porcha McMillan, Judy Musgrave and Charles McKellar. The motion passed and the 2019 Legislative Breakfast Presentation to include Charter Schools Accountability and Transparency was approved.

12.02 CONSIDER Local Bill Draft for School Calendar Flexibility - Cumberland County Only Upon a motion by Greg West, seconded by Susan Williams, the Board unanimously approved the Local Bill Draft for School Calendar Flexibility - Cumberland County Only

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

13.01 RECEIVE Strategic Plan Development Update - presented by Melody Chalmers Ms. Chalmers updated the Board on the status of the Strategic Plan / Process/ Timeline.

CLOSING ITEMS

14.01 Superintendent's Update - Dr. Marvin Connelly

Dr. Connelly shared information regarding The Kids Heart Challenge partnership with the American Heart Association. Dr. Connelly thanked loyal, dedicated bus drivers and acknowledged Bus Driver Appreciation Week. February is also Career and Technical Education Month. He thanked our partners throughout the community who are helping our students obtain skills to be college and career ready. Last week was National School Counseling Week. Dr. Connelly closed by sharing a video clip that highlights the important work that our school counselors do on a daily basis.

14.02 Board Members' Update

14.03 Chairman's Update

Mrs. Vann thanked everyone for attending our meeting tonight.

Mrs. Vann invited everyone to our next Board meeting held on March 12, 2019.

14.04 ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Dr. Marvin Connelly, Superintendent
MC/ph