

Cumberland County Board of Education  
Fayetteville, North Carolina  
January 15, 2019

The Cumberland County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., in the Central Services Board Room, with the following board members present: Greg West, Susan Williams, Porcha McMillan, Donna Vann, Carrie Sutton, Judy Musgrave, and Alicia Chisolm. Peggy Hall was unable to attend tonight. 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 and representatives of the teacher assistants association.

## **OPENING ITEMS**

Chairman Donna Vann called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Our Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charles McKellar, followed with the invocation by Carrie Sutton.

## **RECOGNITIONS**

The Board RECOGNIZED Student Representatives Emma Wright, Student Government representative from Cape Fear High School and Elena Cousin, Student Government Representative from Douglas Byrd High School. Emma and Elena were given the opportunity to address the Board on a topic of their choice.

The Board RECOGNIZED Amazing Acts of Character Award Recipients: Keyana Henry – Spring Lake Middle School and Austin Hunt – Cape Fear High School

The Board RECOGNIZED NC Finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching - Rebecca Criste

The Board RECOGNIZED Title I School of Distinction - Beaver Dam Elementary

The Board RECOGNIZED John Griffin Middle School for Re-designation as an NC School to Watch

The Board RECOGNIZED Grantees for the Stephen Shane Fincher Memorial Foundation Grant:

Patricia Strahan - E.E. Smith High School  
Denise Renfro - Douglas Byrd High School  
Deborah Dowd - Glendale Acres Elementary School

Wendy Soltero - Brentwood Elementary School  
Tracy Call - Rockfish Elementary School  
Sylvia Caldwell - Westarea Elementary School  
Jennifer Jordan - Walker-Spivey Elementary School

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**PUBLIC FORUM**

Four citizens spoke tonight: Scott Slinde, Rodney Jackson, Mark Yarboro, and 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 Greg West, seconded by Susan Williams, the following Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously by the Board members present:

- 5.01 CONSIDER Approval of the Minutes of the December 11, 2018 Board Meeting
- 5.02 CONSIDER Approval of Personnel as recommended by the Personnel Committee
- 5.03 CONSIDER Approval of Leaves of Absence and Special Leaves of Absence as recommended by the Personnel Committee
- 5.04 CONSIDER Approval of Administrative Recommendation as recommended by the Personnel Committee
- 5.05 CONSIDER Approval of 2019 School Counseling Proclamation as recommended by the Student Support Services Committee
- 5.06 CONSIDER Approval of Budget Amendments as recommended by the Finance Committee
- 5.07 CONSIDER Approval of New / Revised Policies, 2130, 7510, 7530, 7900, 7930 (Second Reading) as recommended by the Policy Committee
- 5.08 CONSIDER Approval of Policy 2123 Board Members Opportunities for Development (Second Reading)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

DISCUSSION AGENDA: Auxiliary Services Committee Report - Porcha McMillan

- 6.01 CONSIDER Approval of Resolution Designating an Agent for the purpose of applying for Federal/State Disaster Funds

Mrs. McMillan called for a motion to approve 6.01

Upon a motion by Susan Williams, seconded by Carrie Sutton, the Board members presented

voted unanimously to approve the Resolution Designating an Agent for the purpose of applying for Federal/State Disaster Funds

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 Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential under N.C.G.S. 115C-319 and 143-318.11(a)(3) and (6), including discussion of the Leandro Case

Upon a motion by Carrie Sutton, seconded by Greg West, the Board members present voted unanimously to go INTO Closed Session at 7:29 pm.

Upon a motion by Greg West, seconded by Susan Williams, the Board members present voted unanimously to come OUT of Closed Session at 8:25 pm.

No action taken in Closed Session.

DISCUSSION AGENDA: Legislative Committee Report - Charles McKellar

### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

13.01 RECEIVE Strategic Plan Development Update - presented by Melody Chalmers

Ms. Chalmers presented a Strategic Plan Update with focus on development with community and the building of the team working on the plan.

13.02 CONSIDER Approval of Resolution Supporting Local Control of School Calendars

Upon a motion by Greg West, seconded by Carrie Sutton, the Board members present voted unanimously to approve the Resolution Supporting Local Control of School Calendars

### **CLOSING ITEMS**

14.01 Superintendent's Update - Dr. Marvin Connelly

Dr. Connelly began by thanking our Board for their tremendous work they do on behalf of the children of Cumberland County throughout the year. Dr. Connelly then shared

recent assistance received through grants and donations from the Carolina Panthers, through Bank of America as well as a donation from VIF for continued relief efforts from recent hurricanes.

Dr. Connelly reminded everyone of the Choice application timeline and invited everyone to the Choice Fair to be held on February 2, 2019 at E.E. Smith High School.

Dr. Connelly closed by sharing a video highlighting the wonderful work taking place through mentoring.

#### 14.02 Board Members' Update

#### 14.03 Chairman's Update

Mrs. Vann thanked everyone for attending our meeting tonight. She again congratulated all of our students and employees recognized tonight for their achievements. In observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, Mrs. Vann reminded everyone that CCS offices and schools will be closed on January 21, 2019. Mrs. Vann invited everyone to our next Board meeting held on February 12, 2019.

14.04 ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

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Dr. Marvin Connelly, Superintendent  
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