

Next Step

A report on Board action
Cumberland County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
November 20, 2018

Recognition of Ex-Officio Members

Student Government leaders Cora Shaw from Westover High School and Regan Kraft from Jack Britt High School served as ex-officio members of the Cumberland County Board of Education. Ex-officio members are given the opportunity to make comments, ask questions, and give input on any topic brought before the Board.

Administrative Recommendations

Assistant Principal

J.W. Coon Elementary School Thema Glover

Principal

Reid Ross Classical School Felix Keyes

Superintendent's Office

Director of Internal Auditing Christine Jumalon

Board Approves 2018-2019 Calendar Revision

The following calendar revision for the current school year was approved by the Board: Wednesday, November 21, 2018, will serve as the make-up day for October 11, 2018, and be considered a Student/Teacher Instructional Day on the Traditional, Year-Round; A.B. Wilkins, Cross Creek, and Cumberland International High School; and Cumberland Polytechnic High School calendars.

Superintendent Presents *First 100 Days*, Strategic Plan Intro

CCS' Superintendent Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr., presented to the eight-member Board an update on his work since July 1. His 'First 100 Days' presentation highlighted his transition into the CCS and his engagement with district leadership, our 87 schools, local elected officials, and community members. Dr. Connelly completed 30 speaking engagements, attended 60 meetings with community agencies and groups, and held 10 meetings with elected officials. He also conducted a community listening tour (Connelly Listening to Cumberland County Citizens [CLC3]) with seven stops at our schools and on the campus of Fayetteville State University. CLC3 ran from August 13 through October 29.

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Superintendent

Dr. Marvin Connelly

With the assistance of Melody Chalmers, who is the assistant superintendent of District Transformation and Strategic Initiatives, and Dr. Angela Quick from Research Triangle Institute (RTI), Dr. Connelly introduced how feedback gathered during the CLC3 tour will help shape the CCS' strategic plan, core beliefs, mission and vision, and priorities. They also provided insight into how the 2018-2019 Strategic Planning Process will revolve around three phases of concentration, i.e., Phase I – Data Collecting and Staging, Phase II – Themes and Priorities, and Phase III – Plan Finalization. Each phase will involve additional feedback and engagement from principals, teachers, leadership, parents and community members. Plans are for a town hall meeting to be held in February with an expected completion date of the plan as June 2019. The district will begin implementing the new strategic plan during the fall of 2019 through 2024.

To see the *First 100 Days* and *An Introduction to Our 2018-2019 Strategic Planning Process* videos, visit CCS' Strategic Plan Web site at www.strategicplan.ccs.k12.nc.us.

County-wide Proclamations Adopted

Members of the Board pledged their support in recognizing November 1 – 31 as Career Development Month and November 14 as Career and Technical Education Facilitator Day in the Cumberland County Schools. The proclamation reminds us that “CTE Facilitators support CTE programming that contributes to increased student attendance and achievement; improves graduation rates; produces college and career-ready citizens, and contributes to the local economy and community vitality.”

The Board also joined NC Gov. Roy Cooper in proclaiming November 2018 as American Indian Heritage Month. This marks a time to honor and celebrate the history of American Indian people in North Carolina, who have lived in the state for more than 12,000 years. The proclamation also “encourages people to learn more about the sacred places important to American Indian culture in the state and commit to preserving the heritage and traditions for generations to come.” This year's North Carolina American Indian Heritage Month theme is “*Sacred Places: Gifts of Our Land.*”

Through the Red Ribbon Week in Cumberland County Proclamation (October 23-31), the Board solidified its support in encouraging all citizens to pledge themselves to living healthy drug-free lifestyles and establishing and/or maintaining drug-free communities.

Name Changes Approved for School's Gym, Basketball Court

The Board approved the E.E. Smith High School Improvement Team's (SIT) recommendation of naming their auxiliary gymnasium The Coach Ike Walker Gymnasium in memory of the late Isaiah Walker, Sr., who served as a teacher, community leader and coach at the school for over 30 years. The SIT's recommendation of naming the basketball court in the main gymnasium The Coach Dee Hardy Court was approved by the Board as well. This name change comes to recognize the outstanding achievements of retired E.E. Smith High School Teacher and Coach Latanya 'Dee' Hardy.

Board Recognitions

Betty Musselwhite, the associate superintendent of School Support Services, introduced the following honorees to the Board to be recognized:

October's 2018 Amazing Acts of Character Award Recipient – Student Honoree Peter Adeleye from Gray's Creek Middle School was recognized for displaying 'acts of good character' above and beyond expected behavior. Members of the Board extended personal congratulations to Peter.

National Blue Ribbon School Award Recipient – Recently, Eastover-Central Elementary School was recognized in Washington, DC, by the U.S. Department of Education as one of 349 schools across this nation to receive the coveted National Blue Ribbon School distinction. This honor is bestowed upon "Exemplary High-Performing" schools that have their state's highest achieving students (the top 15 percent), as measured by state assessments.

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