

Next Step

A report on Board action
Cumberland County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
October 9, 2018

Recognition of Ex-Officio Members

Student Government leaders Graham West from Terry Sanford High School and Dan Follett from Massey Hill Classical 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 Recommendation Principal

E.E. Smith High School Donell Underdue, Jr.

Kindness Awareness Month Proclamation Adopted

Members of the Board pledged their support in recognizing October as Kindness Awareness Month in the Cumberland County Schools. The proclamation “reminds all of us of the need to remember that Respect, Dignity, Compassion, and Humility are four essential ingredients in the creation and maintenance of a safe and productive school environment.” The observance further acknowledges that “through random acts of kindness, we can promote healthy behaviors and positive dynamics within our community” to make a difference.

Board Approves Make-Up Days from Recent Hurricane

Because of Hurricane Florence, students in the Cumberland County Schools lost several days of valuable classroom instruction. Earlier in the week, the State provided the CCS with calendar flexibility, which eliminated the requirement for the school system to make up all of the days missed because of the hurricane; however, in the interest of preserving instructional time for students, the Board voted to approve the following make-up days as full instructional days for students. Previously, some of the days were teacher workdays and two-hour early release days.

Traditional 10-Month Calendar

September 26
October 22
October 31
November 21
December 21

Board of Education

Carrie Sutton
Chair
District #3

Donna Van
Vice-Chair
District #4

Judy Musgrave
At-Large

Rudy Tatum
At-Large

Greg West
At-Large

Alicia Chisolm
District #1

Porcha McMillan
District #2

Susan Williams
District #5

Peggy Hall
District #6

Superintendent
Dr. Marvin Connelly

Year-Round 10-Month Calendar

November 6
November 21
December 14

A.B. Wilkins, Cross Creek, and Cumberland International High Schools Calendar

November 6
November 21
December 12

Cumberland Polytechnic High School 10-Month Calendar

November 6
November 21
December 18

“Hurricane Florence caused our young people to lose some valuable instructional time,” said CCS’ Superintendent Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr. “As we work daily to raise student achievement, we are committed to making certain that our students get the education they deserve. These make-up days will provide our teachers with additional time to cover essential content with our students.”

Board Approves Getting Employee Supplement in November

The Board unanimously approved waiving a portion of [Board Policy 7450](#) for the 2018-2019 school year, which will allow all eligible employees to receive 40 percent of their End-of-Year local supplement on November 15. To be eligible to receive the remaining portion of the local supplement (60 percent), individuals must be employed at the end of the 10th month, in accordance with Board Policy 7450. “In the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, we know that many of you were impacted in some way due to the enormity of the storm, and some of you are still recovering from the effects of the storm,” said School Board Chair Carrie Sutton. “As a Board, we are concerned about your well-being and wanted to do our part to provide support to you during this challenging time.” For questions regarding local supplements, including eligibility requirements, contact CCS’ Business Operations Department at 910.678.2360.

School Improvement Plans Get Approved

The Board approved the 2018-2019 School Improvement Plans for all 87 schools in the district. To view the School Improvement Plans, visit individual school Websites.

Football Field at Hope Mills Middle School Gets New Name

Members of the Board approved renaming the Hope Mills Middle School (HMMS) football field after the school’s former football coach, Michael Burks, whose life was lost as the result of a motorcycle accident in November 2016. “... we reflected on the good works of Coach Burks and thought that it would be only fitting that the place that he gave his heart to hundreds, maybe even thousands of young people, be memorialized by renaming our football field to “Michael Burks Field” in his honor,” said HMMS Principal Yolanda Epps.

The school plans to officially name the field on November 1 football game against South View Middle School.

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