

Cumberland County Board of Education
Fayetteville, North Carolina
February 11, 2020

The Cumberland County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., in the Central Services Board Room, with the following board members present: Donna Vann, Alicia Chisolm, Susan Williams, Carrie Sutton, Charles McKellar, Joe Sorce, Judy Musgrave, and Greg West. (Porcha McMillan was not in attendance)

Others present were Superintendent Marvin Connelly, Associate Superintendents, Mary Black, Ron Phipps, Ruben Reyes, Betty Musselwhite, Lindsay Whitley, Joe Desormeaux, and Stacey Wilson-Norman; Board Attorney Nick Sojka. Representatives of the principals association, district PTA representative, representatives of the NCAEOP, NAACP, CCAE, Child Nutrition Services, Retired School Personnel, representatives of various fraternities and sororities and representatives of the teacher assistants association were also in attendance.

Mrs. Chisolm recognized Judge Robert Steihl and Chief District Court Judge Edward Pone. On behalf of the Board, she thanked both for their support of Cumberland County students and their tireless work on the Cumberland County School Justice Partnership. Dr. Connelly presented both with a CCS Challenge Coin.

1. OPENING ITEMS

Chairman Alicia Chisolm called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Joseph Sorce led our Pledge of Allegiance, followed with the invocation by Susan Williams.

2. RECOGNITIONS

The Board RECOGNIZED Student Ex-Officio Officers, William Pryor, Student Government Officer from South View High School and Kyndall Ray, Student Government Officer from E.E. Smith High School. William and Kyndall were given the opportunity to address the Board on a topic of their choice.

The Board RECOGNIZED Extra Mile Award Winner, Heather Gum, from T.C. Berrien Elementary.

The Board RECOGNIZED Gray's Creek Middle School RAMP Award Winners, Lauren Folsom, Lori Leigh, and Samantha Oxendine.

The Board RECOGNIZED Westover Middle School Staff Members, Christopher Clack and Joshua Torres for their heroic efforts in saving the life of a student.

The RECOGNIZED Cumberland County Register of Deeds, Mr. Lee Warren, as the recipient of the Committed Community Support Award.

3. Superintendent's Update / District Highlights

Dr. Marvin Connelly Superintendent Dr. Connelly shared the following update with the Board:

Recent Grant Awards:

- The district recently received grants that will help CCS students succeed in an exceptional and safe environment. As part of security enhancements in schools, CCS received a School Safety grant for more than \$187,000 from NCDPI. The funds will be used to purchase and install specialized door locks for interior doors, e.g., cafeteria, front office, and media center, in our schools that must remain unlocked during the day.
- CCS was one of 15 districts statewide to receive a Coding and Mobile App Development Grant from NCDPI for \$77,000 to help schools develop computer science, coding and mobile app development programs for middle and high school students.
- A \$1.5 million Innovative Partnership Grant through NCPDI was announced and will be used to implement an authentic choice program at Alger B. Wilkins High School.

February Observances:

- During February, schools throughout the district are observing the “Love the Bus” campaign during Bus Driver Appreciation Week, National Black History Month celebrating the heritage and significant accomplishments of African Americans, and CTE Month highlighting career and technical education.

North Carolina School Public Relations Award:

- The North Carolina School Public Relations Association recently announced that Cumberland County Schools received 13 statewide Blue Ribbon Awards for excellence in school communications in the areas of marketing, special events, videography, and writing. The district also earned a “Best of the Best” Award in the marketing category for its Standout Seniors campaign, which is the top honor in the State for effective school marketing.

DPI’s Mental Health Personnel Report:

- Last week, the district received a Mental Health Personnel Report from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. In CCS, based on a comparison of payroll data on December 31, 2018, and December 31, 2019:
 - The number of psychologists increased by 0.41 of a position (26.05 total),
 - the number of counselors increased by 1.04 positions (147.17 total),
 - the number of social workers increased by 0.37 of a position (66.91 total),
 - the number of nurses on CCS’ payroll decreased by 2.17 positions.

This does not account for school nurses on Cumberland County’s payroll. (15.04 total not including those on the county's payroll)

Dr. Connelly shared a thorough background and stressed the continued importance of Brown v. Board of Education.

Dr. Connelly said that investing in the whole child remains a priority, and the district will continue to invest in personnel to support the diverse needs of its students. We have a committed community supporting us and several local educational institutions working with us. We often engage our community to listen to them and develop solutions with them to the challenges in public education. We have held 9 Town Hall type meetings this year and last Tuesday held our 10th Town Hall event in

collaboration with other educational institutions in Cumberland County with our State of Education event.

Superintendent's Focus Video

The Superintendent concluded his comments with a video that featured the recent State of Education in Cumberland County event which was attended by nearly 500 citizens.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Three citizens spoke tonight: Carmella McKeller-Smith, Joyce Malone and Eronomy Mohammed.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Greg West, seconded by Joseph Sorce, the Board members present adopted the agenda unanimously.

6. Chairperson Alicia Chisolm called for a motion to APPROVE the CONSENT AGENDA.

Upon motion by Donna Vann, seconded by Carrie Sutton, the Board members present unanimously approved the **CONSENT AGENDA**.

6.01 CONSIDER Approval of the Minutes of the January 14, 2020 Board Meeting

6.02 CONSIDER Approval of Release of Certain Students

6.03 CONSIDER Approval of Personnel as recommended by the Personnel Committee

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

6.05 CONSIDER Approval of Administrative Recommendations as recommended by the Personnel Committee

6.06 CONSIDER Approval of CTE Month Proclamation as recommended by the Curriculum Committee

6.07 CONSIDER Approval of University Instructors Tutoring Services as recommended by the Curriculum Committee

6.08 CONSIDER Approval of Resolution for National School Breakfast Week as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee

6.09 CONSIDER Approval of NC Proclamation Bus Driver Appreciation Week (February 10-14) as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee

6.10 CONSIDER Approval of NCDEQ Air Quality Station at the District 7 Elementary site as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee

6.11 CONSIDER Approval of Opportunity Culture Contract with IPG as recommended by the Student Support Services Committee

6.12 CONSIDER Approval of Cumberland County School Justice Partnership MOU as recommended by the Student Support Services

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

6.14 CONSIDER Approval of Three Bid Recommendations as recommended by the Finance Committee

6.15 CONSIDER Approval of New / Revised Policy 4240-7312 as recommended by the Policy Committee

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Auxiliary Services Committee Report - Porcha McMillan (not present)

8. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Student Services Committee Report – Susan Williams

9. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Budget/Finance Committee Report - Greg West

10. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Policy Committee Report – Joseph Sorce

11. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Curriculum Committee Report – Donna Vann

12. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Personnel Committee Report – Carrie Sutton

13. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Legislative Committee Report – Charles McKellar

14. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

14.01 CONSIDER 2020 NCSBA Legislative Committee Nomination

Donna Vann made a motion to select Joseph Sorce as our 2020 NCSBA Legislative Committee Nominee.

Carrie Sutton seconded the motion.

With no other nominations presented, the Board voted as follows:

Voting in favor of Mr. Sorce as our 2020 NCSBA Legislative Committee Nominee were Alicia Chisolm, Greg West, Charles McKellar, Joseph Sorce, Carrie Sutton, Donna Vann, Greg West, and Susan Williams.

Voting in opposition was Judy Musgrave.

Mrs. Chisolm thanked Mr. Sorce for his willingness to serve.

14.02 CONSIDER Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1) and (6) to discuss the qualification of prospective public officers and prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged under NCGS 115C-319

Upon a motion by Greg West, seconded by Carrie Sutton, the Board members present voted unanimously to go into CLOSED SESSION at 7:33 pm.

Upon a motion by Greg West, seconded by Carrie Sutton, the Board members present voted unanimously to come out of CLOSED SESSION at 8:03 pm.

15. CLOSING ITEMS

15.01 Board Members' Update (Limited to comments regarding school system business and school systems events only)

15.02 Chairman's Update

Mrs. Chisolm again thanked our students and citizens for attending the meeting this evening. She congratulated all that were recognized for their achievements. Mrs. Chisolm asked for all speakers to be honest and truthful when speaking to or about the Board. In closing, she invited all to join our next meeting to be held on March 10, 2020.

14.04 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Dr. Marvin Connelly, Superintendent
MC/ph