

Cumberland County Board of Education
Fayetteville, North Carolina
October 8, 2019

The Cumberland County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., in the Central Services Board Room, with the following board members present: Donna Vann, Alicia Chisolm, Porcha McMillan, Susan Williams, Carrie Sutton, Charles McKellar, Joe Sorce, Judy Musgrave and Greg West.

Others present were Superintendent Marvin Connelly, Associate Superintendents, Mary Black, Ron Phipps, Clyde Locklear, Ruben Reyes, Betty Musselwhite, 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, CCAE, Child Nutrition Services and representatives of the teacher assistants association.

1. OPENING ITEMS

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

Our Pledge of Allegiance was led by Susan Williams, followed with the invocation by Porcha McMillan.

2. RECOGNITIONS

The Board RECOGNIZED Student Representatives Jefferson Skinner, Student Government representative from Cross Creek Early College and Faith Pittman, Student Government Representative from Reid Ross High School. Jefferson and Faith were given the opportunity to address the Board on a topic of their choice.

The Board RECOGNIZED Beginning Teacher of the Year Award Finalists:

Jaclyn Hamilton
Kendra LoSapio
Shakira Hodges

The Board RECOGNIZED Beginning Teacher of the Year Award Winner:
Damaris Prieto

The Board RECOGNIZED Ellen Swinson as the Extra Mile Award Winner for this month.

The Board RECOGNIZED Cape Fear High School Student, Avery Pickett for receiving the Proclamation from Governor Cooper for Backpack Buddies Week.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Two citizens spoke tonight: Alexandra Arrendondo and Joyce Malone

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

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

Upon motion by Carrie Sutton, seconded by Joseph Sorce, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved by the Board.

5.01 CONSIDER Approval of the Minutes of the September 10, 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 Recommendations as recommended by the Personnel Committee

5.06 CONSIDER Approval of the 2019 National School Lunch Week Proclamation as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee

5.07 CONSIDER Approval of Y23 ERATE Agreement as recommended by the Finance Committee

5.08 CONSIDER Approval of Technology Bid Awards as recommended by the Finance Committee

5.09 CONSIDER Approval of Lottery Applications as recommended by the Finance Committee

5.10 CONSIDER Approval of New / Revised Policy as recommended by the Policy Committee

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Auxiliary Services Committee Report - Porcha McMillan

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

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

9. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Policy Committee Report – Judy Musgrave

10. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Curriculum Committee Report – Carrie Sutton

11. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Personnel Committee Report – Carrie Sutton

12. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Legislative Committee Report – Charles McKellar

(Mr. Sorce suggested that everyone keep their eye on SB 522)

13. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

13.01 CONSIDER Approval of Superintendent's Contract

Upon a motion by Susan Williams, seconded by Carrie Sutton, the Superintendent's Contract was approved by the following vote:

Voting to approve: Greg West, Susan Williams, Alicia Chisolm, Donna Vann, Joseph Sorce, and Carrie Sutton

Voting against: Porcha McMillan, Judy Musgrave, and Charles McKellar

14. CLOSING ITEMS

14.01 Superintendent's Update - Dr. Marvin Connelly

Dr. Connelly began his comments by thanking the Board for the opportunity to serve as the leader of our great school system.

Dr. Connelly acknowledged the October Celebrations:

National Hispanic Heritage Month

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

National Disability Awareness Month

National Principals Month

Dr. Connelly shared information regarding the Implementation Team Meetings planned for October and encouraged all to attend the meetings if their schedules allow.

Dr. Connelly congratulated the Board for receiving the Gold Bell Award for training excellence and commitment during the 2018-2019 'academy year'. The award was presented by the NC School Boards Association Academy of School Boardmanship.

In closing, Dr. Connelly shared a video highlighting the variety of educational choices available in CCS. He invited all to attend the Choice Fair where parents and families can explore the many options available for their children. The Choice Fair will be held on November 2.

14.02 Board Members' Update

None shared.

14.03 Chairman's Update

Mrs. Vann shared that CCS testing results show that we are outperforming the state in 26 of 28 achievement gap indicators. We realize we have room to grow and strive to continue to produce successful students and help them to reach their maximum potential; however, we are proud of these results.

Mrs. Vann thanked our Student Ex-Officio Officers, representatives and citizens for attending tonight's meeting and reminded everyone that our next regular Board Meeting will be held on November 12, 2019.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next month.

14.04 ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Dr. Marvin Connelly, Superintendent
MC/ph