

The Cumberland County Board of Education met in virtual session on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 8:30 am with the following board members present: Alicia Chisolm, Greg West (left at 10:45), Deanna Jones, Susan Williams, Carrie Sutton, Joseph Sorce, Judy Musgrave (left at 11:15), Charles McKellar and Donna Vann.

Others present were Superintendent Marvin Connelly, Associate Superintendents, Mary Black, Ron Phipps, Betty Musselwhite, Lindsay Whitley, Ruben Reyes, Joe Desormeaux and Clyde Locklear; Board Attorney Nick Sojka.

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Mrs. Chisolm called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Mrs. Chisolm welcomed our newest Board Member, Mrs. Deanna Jones. Mrs. Jones will represent the previously vacant District Two seat.

1.02 CONSIDER a Motion pursuant to Board Policy Codes 2300 and 2450, effective for this meeting only, to waive any requirements that board members participate in the meeting in-person, and to ratify and formally adopt the virtual meeting format described in the Meeting Notice. Upon a motion by Greg West, seconded by Susan Williams, the board unanimously approved item 1.02.

2. Superintendent's Update / District Highlights - Dr. Marvin Connelly

2.01 Superintendent's Update - Dr. Marvin Connelly

Dr. Connelly briefly shared the tremendous work by CCS employees to close out another school year and highlighted the work done to supply meals, devices and serve the needs of our community.

Dr. Connelly shared our commitment to equity and eliminating disparities that exist, stating that we remain committed to promoting diversity, equity, inclusion and excellence in education.

In closing, Dr. Connelly congratulated our approximately 3,500 graduates. In spite of it all, he has no doubt that they will go on and do great things in the world and make us proud.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Board Clerk, Pete Horne read 2 submissions for Public Comment submitted by:
Debra Soto Sue Cockrell

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

5. APPROVE the CONSENT AGENDA.

Upon a motion by Susan Williams, seconded by Carrie Sutton, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

5.01 CONSIDER Approval of the Minutes of the May 12, 2020 Board Meeting

5.02 CONSIDER Approval of Student Release List (Student approved to attend school outside of Cumberland County)

6. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Auxiliary Services Committee Report – Donna Vann Associate Superintendent Joe Desormeaux presented Auxiliary Services items

6.01 CONSIDER Renewal of our Countywide Dumpster Service Contract from GFL

Upon a motion by Joseph Sorce, seconded by Susan Williams, the Board unanimously approved the Countywide Dumpster Service Contract.

6.02 CONSIDER Renewal of our Countywide Chiller Equipment Service Contract from Brady Trane

Carrie Sutton made a motion to approve the Countywide Chiller Equipment Service Contract. Susan Williams seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

6.03 CONSIDER Approval of the CNS Contract Extensions for 2020-2021

Donna Vann made a motion to approve the CNS 20-21 Contract Extensions. Greg West seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

6.04 CONSIDER Approval of the 2020-2021 Agreement for SRO Services between Cumberland County Sheriff's Dept and CCS

Upon questions from several Board members, it was agreed that a presentation of SRO duties and training would be shared at an upcoming Auxiliary Services Committee meeting. Mr. West made a motion, seconded by Charles McKellar, to approve the 20-21 Agreement for SRO Services. The Board approved unanimously.

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

7.01 RECEIVE CC School Closure Survey

Ron Phipps presented the CC School Closure Survey results and answered any questions shared by the Board.

7.02 CONSIDER Approval of Public Consultant Group, INC (PCG) and Cumberland County Board of Education MOA

Upon a motion by Donna Vann, seconded by Susan Williams, the Board unanimously approved the PCG MOA as presented by Dr. Black.

7.03 CONSIDER Approval of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and Cumberland County Board of Education MOA

Upon a motion by Carrie Sutton, seconded by Greg West, the Board unanimously approved the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt MOA as presented by Dr. Black.

7.04 CONSIDER Approval of Alternative Accountability Models

Greg West made a motion to approve the Alternative Accountability Models as presented by Ron Phipps. Joe Sorce seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

7.05 CONSIDER Approval of New Verbiage Added to the 20-21 Student Code of Conduct

Upon a motion by Greg West, with a second by Judy Musgrave, the Board unanimously approved the 2020-2021 verbiage added to the Code of Conduct as shared by Dr. Black.

**8. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Budget/Finance Committee Report – Greg West
Associate Superintendent Clyde Locklear presents Finance Committee Items**

8.01 CONSIDER Approval of Budget Amendments

Upon a motion by Carrie Sutton, seconded by Susan Williams, the Board unanimously approved the Budget Amendments. Mr. Locklear shared that part of the transfers were for the purchase of Chromebooks and for the CARES Act

8.02 CONSIDER Approval of FY 2021 Continuing Budget Resolution

Joseph Sorce made a motion to approve the FY 2021 Continuing Budget Resolution.

Donna Vann seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

8.03 RECEIVE FY 2021 Budget Update

Mr. Locklear presented the FY 2021 Budget Update/Overview to the Board. He shared the County budget is relatively flat and the pandemic has resulted in revenue deficits. He also expects a shortfall from the state as well. Mr. Locklear addressed Board questions/concerns to include COVID related expenses and mental health funding. Mr. West spoke to the County Commissioners at their most recent meeting and he shared briefly, some of the comments with our Board that he shared with the County Commissioners

9. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Policy Committee Report –Joseph Sorce

9.01 CONSIDER Approval of Revised Policy 7410 (Recommended for immediate, temporary approval in response to COVID-19 school closures, and for First Reading approval in anticipation of permanent adoption)

Upon a motion by Susan Williams, with a second by Donna Vann, the Board unanimously approved the Revised Policy 7410 as presented by Nick Sojka.

Mr. Sorce added that he would like to see 3-5 year teachers receive longer contracts. Mr. Sojka reiterated the intent of the Policy presented today, given the current circumstances.

10. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Curriculum Committee Report – Donna Vann

10.01 RECEIVE CCS Re-Entry Task Force Information

Melody Chalmers-McClain provided the Board with an overview of the work being conducted by the Re-Entry Task Force groups. She shared the purpose, core values, membership, structure, learning plan and next steps.

10.02 CONSIDER Approval of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Application

Upon a motion by Greg West, seconded by Susan Williams, the Board unanimously approved the CTE application as presented by Chip Lucas.

10.03 CONSIDER Approval of K-12 Virtual School

Jane Fields presented the K-12 Virtual School plan on behalf of Stacey Wilson-Norman. Several Board members stated their appreciation for the great job everyone involved has done with this thus far. Upon a motion by Joseph Sorce, seconded by Alicia Chisolm, the Board members present unanimously approved the K-12 Virtual School. (Mr. West left at 10:45)

10.04 RECEIVE Summer Program 2020 Information

Mellotta Hill presented the Summer Program 2020 Information with the Board members present.

10.05 CONSIDER Approval of Revised 2020-2021 Calendars

Betty Musselwhite presented the REVISED 2020-2021 Calendars. Upon a motion by Donna Vann, seconded by Susan Williams, the Board members present unanimously approved the Revised 2020-2021 calendars. Mr. McKellar shared that he was glad to see the changes and that we were not being restricted by concerns involving the state tourist season.

11. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Personnel Committee Report - Carrie Sutton

Associate Superintendent Ruben Reyes presented the Personnel items

11.01 CONSIDER Approval of Personnel

Susan Williams made a motion to approve the Personnel list presented. Donna Vann seconded the motion and the Board members present approved unanimously.

11.02 CONSIDER Approval of Leaves of Absence and Special Leaves of Absence

Donna Vann made a motion to approve the Leaves of Absence and Special Leaves of Absence list presented. Judy Musgrave seconded the motion and the Board members present approved unanimously. (Mr. Sorce recused himself due to a family member being presented on this item)

11.03 CONSIDER Approval of Enterprise Programs – Market Rate Adjustments

Carrie Sutton made a motion to approve the Market Rate Adjustments presented. Joseph Sorce seconded the motion and the Board members present unanimously approved. (Mrs. Musgrave left at 11:15)

11.04 CONSIDER Motion to go into CLOSED SESSION to preserve the confidentiality of matters protected from disclosure pursuant to G.S. 115C-319 N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) and to preserve the attorney-client privilege pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3).

Carrie Sutton made a motion to go INTO Closed Session. Joseph Sorce seconded the motion and the Board members present unanimously approved.

11.05 CONSIDER a Motion to come OUT of Closed Session

Susan Williams made a motion to come OUT of Closed Session. Alicia Chisolm seconded the motion and the Board members present unanimously approved.

11.06 CONSIDER Approval of Administrative Recommendations as presented by Dr. Connelly.

Joseph Sorce made a motion to approve the recommendations of Dr. Connelly. Alicia Chisolm seconded and the Board members present approved unanimously.

12. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Legislative Committee Report – Charles McKellar

Charles McKellar shared that there are four bills currently going through legislation dealing with education. He encouraged everyone to follow the bills.

13. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS - None

14. CLOSING ITEMS

14.01 Board Members' Update (Limited to comments regarding school system business and school systems events only) Mr. Sorce sent best wishes to our 2020 graduates.

14.02 Chairman's Update

Mrs. Chisolm share, on behalf of this Board of Education, we sincerely thank our tremendous premier professionals and the supportive families and committed community during the 2019-2020 school year. We value the hard work of every premier professional for helping our students to achieve their goals.

She also congratulated our graduates and wished them the very best as they move forward with their lives.

Mrs. Chisolm thanked everyone for attending today's virtual meeting. Our next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on August 11, 2020 and we look forward to being with you again in August.

14.03 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 pm.

Dr. Marvin Connelly, Superintendent