

# Next Step

A report on Board action  
Cumberland County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
**December 10, 2019**

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## **2020 Board Chair & Vice Chair Named**

Members of the Board elected Alicia Chisolm as the chair and Greg West as the vice-chair of the Cumberland County Board of Education. Both will serve a one-year term. Special recognition for exemplary leadership along with a gavel and plaque were presented to the outgoing chair, Donna Vann, and vice-chair, Alicia Chisolm, respectively.

## **Recognition of Ex-Officio Members**

Student Government leaders Cristal Chamorro from Alger B. Wilkins High School and Melissa Chuy 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 Principals  
Gray's Creek High School - Melanie Myrtle  
Cape Fear High School - Brooke Griffie

Principal  
Ben Martin Elementary School - Corine Warren

Curriculum Specialist ELA  
Secondary Education - Martina Graham

## **Board Agrees to Renew GPS Transportation Contract for Nearly 600 Vehicles**

The Board approved renewing the Synovia GPS Transportation contract which will allow real-time tracking, mapping, reporting and alerting of the district's 492 yellow buses, 62 activity buses and 42 Transportation service vehicles. The software platform will provide GPS access to parents through HERECOMESTHE BUS.com so that they can be aware of when the bus will arrive at their child's stop. According to CCS' Executive Director of Transportation Dianne Grumelot, this feature will be piloted in the spring with all schools on board by the 2020-2021 school year. Grumelot said that the GPS system will also allow the Transportation Office to do a comparative analysis of time and attendance so that they can see what "a bus driver is actually doing

## **Board of Education**

**Alicia Chisolm**  
Chair  
District #1

**Greg West**  
Vice-Chair  
At-Large

**Judy Musgrave**  
At-Large

**Charles McKellar**  
At-Large

**Porcha McMillan**  
District #2

**Carrie Sutton**  
District #3

**Donna Vann**  
District #4

**Susan Williams**  
District #5

**Joseph Sorce**  
District #6

**Superintendent**  
Dr. Marvin Connelly

versus what he/she is assigned to do.” The Board approved a 60-month agreement with Synovia Solutions, LLC.

## **Board Recognitions**

Betty Musselwhite, the associate superintendent of School Support Services, shared the following recognitions with the Board:

### **October 2019’s Amazing Acts of Character Award Recipient**

October’s Student honoree **Patience Weddel** 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 her.

### **December’s Extra Mile Award Recipient**

**Sharon Bowden**, a school counselor at **Cumberland Mills Elementary School**, was recognized as December’s Extra Mile Award recipient. Bowden was nominated by Latonya Brewington, a teacher at Cumberland Mills Elementary, who praised her for creating a mentoring program in collaboration with the Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office that helps so many children at their school. The Extra Mile Award recognizes the contributions of the district’s premier professionals to the overall mission and core values of Strategic Plan 2024.

### **National Board Certification Candidates**

CCS’ Teachers **Kelly Arnold** from **Stoney Point Elementary School**, **Henrietta Corbett** from **Lake Rim Elementary School**, **Andrea Farr Peart** from **Walker-Spivey Elementary School**, **Marta Godo DeLucas** from **Cape Fear High School**, **Nikole McCoy** from **Lake Rim Elementary School**, **Jennifer Nance** from **Gallberry Farm Elementary School** and **Asteria Roseboro** from **Walker-Spivey Elementary School** were recognized by the Board for completing the rigorous process of National Board Certification. Each National Board candidate received a \$500 stipend for the completion of the process. The seven teachers anxiously await their results.

### **Superintendent’s Update**

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

### **Successful Students Highlight**

Congratulations were extended to **Caleb Krings**, an offensive lineman from **Cape Fear High School**, and **Ezemdi Udoh**, a tight end from **Terry Sanford High School**, for being added to the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas roster representing North Carolina. Additionally, **Rodney Brewington**, the head coach at **South View High School**, has been selected as an assistant coach for the North Carolina team in the Dec. 21 Bowl game, which is against South Carolina.

### **Premier Professionals Highlights**

In the New Year, CCS is launching the **Leading Beyond the Classroom** pathway which is a way for teachers who are interested in leadership opportunities to receive additional training and support.

Congratulations were extended to **CCS’ 2020 Teacher of the Year Maureen Stover** for recently being named the 2020 Sandhills Regional Teacher of the Year winner. The **Cumberland International**

**Early College High School** science teacher will compete against eight other regional winners for the state title.

### **Exceptional Environment Highlight**

CCS was granted the Going the Distance Award by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for the district's outstanding strategy and increased participation in the Summer Meals Program. During the summer of 2019, CCS' Child Nutrition Services' served more than 100,000 free meals to children throughout the community.

### **Committed Community**

Last week, the district hosted another successful community forum in partnership with the NAACP and other local organizations. Gratitude was expressed for the district's committed community partners and their efforts to support CCS students.

The Superintendent concluded his comments with a video that highlighted **South View High School's FFA (Future Farmers of America) students** and a unique new venture that's sweeping the nation: *Farm To Table*. Through the innovative learning experience, the young farmers have partnered with Circa 1800 restaurant, located in Downtown Fayetteville.

The school system will close for Winter Break on December 20 and remain closed through January 3. All employees were encouraged to use this break to relax and recharge for the New Year.

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