



Regular Meeting

Cumberland County Board of Education

August 9, 2022

Superintendent Updates the Board

Dr. Connelly began his monthly update with words of optimism for the coming school year. He welcomed Year-Round and Early College students and staff back to school with the idea that “this year, we’re focused more than ever on working together to produce the best outcomes for young people. Together, We Will Rise!”

The Superintendent shared the following updates:

Recruitment Update

The Superintendent shared that Cumberland County Schools (CCS) has vacant positions for every interest and skill set. The district is currently hiring for positions in transportation, Prime Time Before & After School Care, Child Nutrition, elementary and secondary education and more. CCS is partnering with the North Carolina Education Corps to recruit paid, high-impact, part-time literacy tutors who will serve in selected elementary schools this fall. Anyone interested in any of these employment opportunities can find more information on the CCS website.

Safety & Security Update

With the safety of every student and employee as one of CCS’ top priorities, Dr. Connelly shared that the district will continue to work closely with local law enforcement and emergency agencies. He reminded everyone that CCS’ Safety and Security office has opportunities for getting parents and volunteers back into our schools through the School Angels Watch Program. These individuals will be trained and equipped to support school Safety and Security measures on school campuses.

Mental Health Update

Dr. Connelly reminded everyone that in addition to physical security, our district is committed to the social-emotional health and development of every student. We have multiple tiers of support in place to help them navigate the stresses and dangers of today’s post-2020 world. From counseling services to our Say Something Anonymous Reporting System, CCS is here to ensure every student graduate capable, confident and successful.

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Superintendent Updates the Board cont'd -- Committed Community Partners

Throughout the county, several community partners have joined forces to gather school supplies for our students. Recently, the district received a donation of 5,000 backpacks filled with supplies from the Carolina Panthers. CCS will be working with local community partners to distribute them in the coming weeks.

Dr. Connelly concluded his comments by introducing the district's *Together We Will Rise!* video and wishing every Successful Student, Premier Professional, Valued Family Member and Committed Community Member a happy 2022-2023 School Year.

Board Approves Renewal of Inter-local Agreement with the Town of Hope Mills Over Parks & Rec

The Board approved renewing an inter-local agreement with the Town of Hope Mills where through their Parks and Recreation Department, the following schools will be available for community recreation activities: Hope Mills Middle School, South View Middle School, South View High School, Ed V. Baldwin Elementary School, C. Wayne Collier Elementary School and Rockfish Elementary School.

Renewal of SRO Services Agreement OK'd

Approval was given by the Board to renew the services of School Resource Officers (SRO) between the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department and CCS for the 2022-2023 SY. According to the Agreement, "the goals and objectives of the SRO program include (1) minimizing the potential for crimes and violence on school campuses; (2) reducing conflict among students in the school; (3) providing assistance to school faculty and staff on safety and violence prevention; and (4) increasing communication between law enforcement and the school community."

High School Football Field Named After Former Coach

Members of the Board approved a request to name the football field at Terry Sanford High School (TSHS) "The Bill Yeager Field," after former TSHS Teacher and Coach William "Bill" Yeager. According to Royvell Godbolt, the principal at the high school, Yeager "has poured his heart and soul into Cumberland County [Schools] Football. He has impacted thousands of students and athletes ... To this day, he continues to 'show-up' to every summer workout and practice for none other than the love of football and to positively impact young minds."

Cooperative Agreement 'Gets Thumbs Up'

The 2022-2023 Cooperative Agreement between the Cumberland County Board of Education and the North Carolina Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services received approval. The agreement will help provide vocational rehabilitation services for eligible students to assist in their transition from school to work.

Board Approval Given to 2022-2023 Lottery Applications

The Board approved Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Lottery Applications for a joint request from the Cumberland County Commissioners and the Board of Education for a release of funds from the Public-School Building Capital Fund (Lottery Distribution) of debt payments in the amounts of \$1,192,500.00, \$839,620.67, and \$1,224,868.84.

Approval Granted for Instructional Supply Bid Recommendations

Members of the Board approved the Finance Committee's recommendation for the award of contracts for instructional supplies for the 2022-2023 SY to the following bidders: Blick Art

Materials, LLC; Forms & Supply, Inc.; Contract Paper Group; Kaplan Early Learning; TRR Services, LLC; School Specialty; S&S Worldwide; and Pyramid School Products. Based on estimated order quantities, the total value of the contracts is \$700,223.00.

Payment of Accreditation Membership, Network Fees OK'd

Payment of the accreditation membership and network fees for CCS through Cognia for the 2022-2023 SY were approved by the Board. Cognia is a global network that “embraces a holistic approach to continuous improvement with tools and resources, research-based standards, online differentiated professional development for school staff, and accreditation and certification.”

2022-2023 School Fees and Dues Approved

The Board has approved CCS Fees and Dues for the 2022-2023 SY. The list highlights specific dues and fees that can be requested of students in the district’s elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and athletic programs.

Board Gives ‘Thumbs Up’ for Instructional Services, Goods

Members of the Board approved Academic Services’ 2022-2023 Purchase Agreements for the following services and/or goods, covered using ESSER and remediation funds, include the following:

BetterLesson – Provides continued coaching and professional development for all middle school math teachers, instructional coaches, and school administrators. The job-embedded coaching is designed to support standards-aligned mathematics instruction.

Instructure: Mastery Connect - Requested services are an extension of the master contract to include a Desmos item bank and increased student licenses.

National Training Network – Provides coaching and professional development for all high school math teachers. The job-embedded coaching is designed to support standards-aligned mathematics instruction.

Mastery Prep - Provides curriculum, coaching, and practice assessments to all juniors at each of the high schools. Schools will receive two sessions each.

Powerschool Unified Insights - Continuation of the data dashboard that provides a comprehensive longitudinal data warehouse to groom a variety of data sources accessible by district, schools, and classroom staff. The goal is to promote and accelerate student achievement.

Paxton Patterson - Provides College Ready Labs and Learning Management Systems to engage students in problem-based, real-world technology. This unique program supports CTE pathways in STEM, Health Sciences Careers, Architecture and Construction.

Administrative Recommendations

Principals

Cumberland Mills Elementary
Massey Hill Classical High

Amy McDowell
Dr. Douglas Massengill

Principal Transfers

E.E. Smith High School
Reid Ross Classical Middle/High

Larry Parker
Tyson Johnson

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Board Recognitions

Dr. Lindsay Whitley, the associate superintendent of Communications and Community Engagement, introduced the following honorees to the Board to be recognized:

Special Olympics USA Triple Bronze Medalist

Alexander “Jett” Chilton, a student at Terry Sanford High School, represented North Carolina at the Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando, FL, in June. The high school junior brought home Bronze medals in all of his Powerlifting competitions.

2022 North Carolina CTE Teacher of the Year

Amber House, a Career & Technical Education teacher at Gray’s Creek Middle School, was recently announced as the North Carolina Association of Career & Technical Education’s (NCACTE) 2022 Teacher of the Year. House teaches multiple courses at Gray’s Creek Middle that include Computer Science, Discoveries, Computer Science III and the Introduction to Office. Recipients of the award must have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique and novel programs that are serving to improve and promote career and technical education.

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