



Regular Meeting

Cumberland County Board of Education

September 13, 2022

## Superintendent Updates the Board

Dr. Connelly began his monthly update with words of optimism about how successfully the traditional school year began on Aug. 29. He also recognized Cumberland County Schools (CCS) new Teacher of the Year Talicia Smith and Beginning Teacher of the Year Tonya McGill. Both were announced during last night's annual CCS' Teacher and Beginning Teacher of the Year Celebration.

The Superintendent shared the following updates:

### 2021-2022 Data Celebrations

With the 2021-2022 State Data Assessment results, he expressed how incredibly proud the district is with the progress that was made which is affirming our 'Great Comeback' efforts. Dr. Connelly shared that 98.9% of schools in the district increased their composite proficiency scores on state-mandated assessments, and the district composite increased by more than 10 points. He further shared that the district's data indicates that students are maintaining and increasing student achievement thanks to "the collaborative efforts of educators, excellent students and our committed community; however, we are not finished. The journey continues as we strive to provide equitable access to engaging learning for every student."

### Summer ICON

Dr. Connelly began his Summer ICON Update by sharing that a key component to fulfilling CCS' Successful Students strategic priority is to establish and align clear pathways for ever-evolving careers that address future global challenges. He said that an innovative example of this priority is the district's Career and Technical Education ICON (Innovative Career Opportunities Now) summer internship program. In partnership with local businesses and government agencies, this program provides work-based experience for high school students ages 16 and older. According to Dr. Connelly our ICON program, which gives students exposure to the real world of work that relates to their Career and Technical Education pathway, boasts 20 students who completed 2,042 hours of on-the-job work experience this past summer. He said our business partners included Blue Ridge Power, Public Works Commission (PWC), The Chemours Company and the Town of Hope Mills.

Dr. Connelly concluded his comments by sharing his Superintendent's Focus video that shared a different perspective about the first day of school.

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### **Administrative Recommendations**

#### *Assistant Principals*

Pine Forest High  
Cape Fear High  
Seventy-First Classical Middle

Marcus Stewart  
Alicia Copeland  
Virginia Jicha

### **Board Approves Finance Committee's Recommendations**

Members of the Board approved the following Finance Committee recommendations:

- Custodial Supply Bid for Fiscal Year 2023; and
- 2022 Needs-Based Public-School Capital Fund Grant Application.

### **Board Gives 'Thumbs Up' to Three MOAs**

The following Memorandums of Agreements (MOA) were approved by the Board:

- Fayetteville State University (FSU) and the Board regarding the operations of Cumberland International Early College High School and Cross Creek Early College High School on the campus of FSU;
- Garner Design, LLC, Construction Development Services, Inc., and the Board for the E.E. Smith Concession Stand donation as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee; and
- Communities in Schools of North Carolina and Cumberland County Schools for 2022-2023 school year.

### **Meals Provided for Students on FSU Campus**

The Board agreed to the 2022-2023 contract between them and Fayetteville State University to provide meals for students attending Cross Creek Early College High School and Cumberland International Early College High School, which are both located on the campus of FSU.

### **Partnership with Education Corps 'Gets a Nod'**

Members of the Board approved the 2022-2023 Participation Agreement between them and the North Carolina Education Corps per the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee.

### **Four Interlocal Agreements and MOU Accepted**

The Board agreed to the following interlocal agreements:

- Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) using the Pauline Jones building as an extension of their Continuing Education Program;
- FTCC using Cumberland County School facilities for Continuing Education classes;
- FTCC using the Mae Rudd School building as an extension of the Continuing Education Program; and
- FTCC regarding the operation of Cumberland Polytechnic High School, located on the campus of FTCC.

Also, the Board unanimously voted to accept the 2022-2023 Memorandum of Understanding between FTCC and the CCS Fire Academy.

### **Board Approves Services, A Disbursement and A Contract**

Board members approved the following services, disbursement and contract:

- Master Services Agreement for HVAC Controls Upgrades;
- 2022-2023 Professional Services Agreement with Equal Eyes Vision Services, LLC;
- 2022-2023 Academic Services' Purchase Agreements;
- Request for Lottery Disbursements; and

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- 2022-2024 Contract between the Partnership for Children and the CCBOE for the NC Pre-Kindergarten Program.

### **Board Recognitions**

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

#### High School National Accomplishments

Jack Britt High School students Luke Frassel and Afifah Amjad were recognized for placing third in the Mechatronics category at the SkillsUSA National Leadership Conference in Atlanta in June. Both students were awarded bronze medals.

#### Extra Mile Award Winners

Terry Sanford High School (TSHS) Counselors Dr. Tracy Rowland and Emonique Grevel were selected as the district's most recent Extra Mile Award recipients. According to TSHS Assistant Principal Jennifer Walker, who nominated the duo, both worked tirelessly during the majority of the 2021-22 school year as the ONLY two counselors in their comprehensive high school. Walker noted that they managed to thoroughly complete all tasks assigned and during the summer months, worked to ensure that all students' schedules had been audited and EACH student had a schedule to start the school year. Ms. Walker further shared the following in her nomination: "Many days you could see the frustration and exhaustion in their eyes but they pushed through and made it happen without complaining. Their work ethic is superb! They are a dynamic duo that any school would be lucky to have. We are very blessed that they call Terry Sanford home."

The Extra Mile Award is designed to acknowledge employees who demonstrate sustained high levels of performance and inspire others to do their best.

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