



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Fayetteville, North Carolina

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

*Generated by Pam Gallimore (Interim Board Clerk)*

#### **Board of Education Members Present:**

Jacquelyn Brown, Deanna Jones, Donna Vann, Alicia Chisolm, Judy Musgrave, Susan Williams, Greg West, Nathan Warfel \* Carrie Sutton(*absent*)

#### **Superintendent's Cabinet Present:**

Kevin Coleman, Lindsay Whitley, Ruben Reyes, Jane Fields, Jay Toland, Nick Sojka, Melody Chalmers McClain, Mellota Hill and Dr. Marvin Connelly Jr.

#### **Others Present:**

Dr. Shevelle Godwin (Ft. Liberty), Lexi Solomon (CityView News), and Cumberland County Principals Association (Reps.)

### **1. OPENING ITEMS**

Chairwoman Jones requested a moment of silence to be taken to honor the memory of two former Board of Education members, Milton Yarboro and Helen Hooks Farrior, who recently passed away. Also, one of our successful students, Jerel McGeachy (Mic-gay-hay) Jr. a superstar 4th grader at Rockfish Elementary who died at an early age.

**1.01** Chairwoman Deanna Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Donna Vann and the Invocation was given by Susan Williams. (*Procedural*)

### **2. RECOGNITION**

**2.01** RECOGNIZE Exceptional Children's Student Representative (*Recognition*)

- Victor Demons is a senior at Cross Creek Early College who shared a brief overview of his academic success.

**2.02** RECOGNIZE Student Ex-Officio Representatives (*Recognition*)

- Sherry Brown, a sophomore at Douglas Byrd High School, and Nicole Wetzberger, a senior at Pine Forest High School, both shared a few of the academic exposures that have groomed them into the successful students they are today.

Dr. Whitley recognized the following:

**2.03** RECOGNIZE ASCA National Model Program (*Recognition*)

- Lenora Chandler and Jacqueline Ordonez from Hope Mills Middle School as well as Kimberly Carroll from Stedman Primary were recognized for earning the American School Counselor Association Model Program (RAMP) status. The RAMP designation recognizes schools that are committed to delivering an exemplary school counseling program.

**2.04** RECOGNIZE Future Farmers of America (FFA) State Winners (*Recognition*)

- The following winners competed in the State Livestock Judging Career Development Event (CDE).
  - State Champions - Gray's Creek High School FFA Senior Livestock Judging Team - Ziomara Rivera, Alana Hodges, Kylie Green, and Summer Dowdy
  - 3rd Overall in the State - Gray's Creek High School FFA Junior Team: Erick Hayes, Kaitlyn Dee, Lily Robinson

**2.05** RECOGNIZE Courtroom Artist State Champion (*Recognition*)

- Erica Oliver from Terry Sanford High School won the Regional Mock Trial Courtroom Artist Competition, the state-level competition at Campbell Law School, and goes on to compete in nationals coming up in Delaware next month.

**2.06** RECOGNIZE Extra Mile Award Winner (*Recognition*)

- Olivia Culbreth from Armstrong Elementary was recognized for saving the life of a student through the issuance of the Heimlich maneuver.

**2.07** RECOGNIZE Committed Community Support Award Winner (*Recognition*)

- Samuel Council (Chapter 555th PIA) provides 50+ \$1,000 scholarships to Cumberland County Schools for high school seniors who have a 2.5 - 3.0 GPA and are from single-income households.

### **3. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

**3.01** Superintendent's Remarks - Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr. (*Information/Report*)

Dr. Connelly updated the Board on various notable points of pride:

- Events & Observances
  - National Assistant Principals' Week
  - Child Abuse Prevention Month
  - Month of the Military Child (Purple Up! Day – April 19)
  - School Library Month
  - National Autism Awareness Month
  - National Volunteer Week
  - National Administrative Professionals' Day

- Good News
  - Congratulations were extended to the 2024 STARward STEM Expo Design Challenge winners. Twenty student teams from nine elementary and middle schools competed at Douglas Byrd High School recently for the chance to see if their design-challenge experiment would be chosen to travel to the International Space Station.
  - Last month, South View High School students participated in the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Program by publishing books that shared their reflections about the program. Students Shayvonta Shoulars and Xykiron Hobbs presented their published books to Dr. Connelly.
  - Pine Forest High School Intermediate Art students collaborated to write a book titled "Trojan Tales of Terror," which is also being published. Each student wrote a one-page story accompanied by an illustration.
  - Kudos to the Gray's Creek High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) Senior Livestock Judging team for earning first-place honors in the state during the championship competition. The junior team placed as well, earning third overall in the state.
  - Vanstory Hills Elementary School Teacher Jean Pelezo and District 7 Elementary School Teacher Becky Walker have been named 2024 State Finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). This is considered the most prestigious award among math and science teachers in the United States.
- CCS Alumni Spotlight
  - Dr. Connelly concluded his update to the Board with a video clip of this month's CCS Alumni Spotlight, which featured E.E. Smith High School graduate and Retired Fayetteville Fire Chief Benjamin Major.

#### **4. PUBLIC FORUM**

- 4.01** The Board Clerk will invite registered speakers to the microphone. Speakers will need to follow the protocol shared during registration. (*Procedural*)
- No public speakers

#### **5. Adoption of Agenda**

- 5.01** CONSIDER Adoption of Agenda (*Action*)
- Motion to Adopt the Agenda
  - Motion by Susan Williams, second by Donna Vann.
  - Final Resolution: Motion Carries
  - **Yea:** Jacquelyn Brown, Alicia Chisolm, Deanna Jones, Judy Musgrave, Donna Vann, Nathan Warfel, Greg West, Susan Williams
  - **Not Present at Vote:** Carrie Sutton

#### **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 6.01** CONSIDER Approval of the Consent Agenda (*Action (Consent)*)
- Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda
  - Motion by Donna Vann, second by Alicia Chisolm.
  - Final Resolution: Motion Carries
  - **Yea:** Jacquelyn Brown, Alicia Chisolm, Deanna Jones, Judy Musgrave, Donna Vann, Nathan Warfel, Greg West, Susan Williams
  - **Not Present at Vote:** Carrie Sutton

Action (Consent), Minutes: 6.02 CONSIDER Approval of the Minutes of the March 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Action (Consent): 6.03 CONSIDER Approval to Award M & E Contracting the 2024 HVAC & Window Upgrade Project at Cliffdale Elementary School as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee

Action (Consent): 6.04 CONSIDER Approval to Award Carolina Construction of Fayetteville the 2024 HVAC & Window Upgrade Project at Ponderosa Elementary School as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee

Action (Consent): 6.05 CONSIDER Approval of Duke Energy Permanent Utility Easement for EV Charging Station at Ponderosa Elementary School as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee

Action (Consent): 6.06 CONSIDER Approval of 2024 School Library Month Proclamation as recommended by the Curriculum Committee

Action (Consent): 6.07 CONSIDER Approval of 1 Year Extension with SAVVAS enVision and myPerspectives Purchase Agreements for 2024-2025 as recommended by the Curriculum Committee

Action (Consent): 6.08 CONSIDER Approval of Purchase Agreements with Curriculum & Associates and Emerald Education for Enrichment Programs as recommended by the Curriculum Committee

Action (Consent): 6.09 CONSIDER Approval of Personnel as recommended by the Personnel Committee

Action (Consent): 6.10 CONSIDER Approval of Leave of Absence Requests and Special Educational Leave of Absence Requests as recommended by the Personnel Committee

Action (Consent): 6.11 CONSIDER Approval of Administrative Recommendations as recommended by the Personnel Committee

Action (Consent): 6.12 CONSIDER Approval of Superintendent's Non-Renewal Recommendations as recommended by the Personnel Committee

Action (Consent): 6.13 CONSIDER Approval of The Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month as recommended by the Student Support Services Committee

Action (Consent): 6.14 CONSIDER Approval of The Proclamation for The Month of the Military Child as recommended by the Student Support Services Committee

Action (Consent): 6.15 CONSIDER Revised Policy 4600, "Student Fees" (2024) (1st Reading) as recommended by the Policy Committee

#### **7. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Auxiliary Services Committee Report - Nathan Warfel**

#### **8. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Student Support Services Report - Donna Vann**

#### **9. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Policy Committee Report - Susan Williams**

#### **10. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Curriculum Committee Report - Judy Musgrave**

#### **11. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Legislative Committee Report - Alicia Chisolm**

#### **12. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Personnel Committee Report - Greg West**

#### **13. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Budget/Finance Committee Report - Carrie Sutton**

- 13.01** RECEIVE Superintendent's Recommended Budget 2024-2025 (*Discussion*)

- Dr. Connelly and Jay Toland, Associate Superintendent of Business Operations presented the Superintendent's Budget for 2024-25 and took questions from the Board. The budget will come back for Board approval during May's Board meeting. Once approved it will be adopted as the Board's Budget for 2024-25 to go before the County Commissioners.

#### **14. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

- None

#### **15. CLOSING ITEMS**

##### **15.01** Board Members' Update (Limited to comments regarding school system business and school systems events only)

- Mr. Warfel shared a few spring middle school sports he attended as well as Career Day at Ben Martin Elementary.

##### **15.02** Chairwoman's Update

- Ms. Jones shared highlights from the recent CCS School Bus Roadeo. Ms. Musgrave was recognized for the abundance of math materials she donated to CCS teachers. In closing, Ms. Jones encouraged CCS to finish strong for the 2023-24 School Year.
- Adjourned @ 6:50 P.M.
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