

The Cumberland County Board of Education met on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 6:00 PM with the following board members present: Greg West, Deanna Jones, Susan Williams, Nathan Warfel, Charles McKellar, Judy Musgrave, Carrie Sutton and Donna Vann.

Others present were Superintendent Marvin Connelly and Board Attorney Nick Sojka. Associate Superintendents: Jane Fields, Kevin Coleman, Lindsay Whitley, Melody Chalmers-McClain, Ruben Reyes, Stacey Wilson-Norman.

Others Present: Media Representative from Ft. Bragg – Shevelle Godwin

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Greg West called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Donna Vann and the Invocation by Carrie Sutton.

2. RECOGNITIONS

2.01 RECOGNIZED Jett Chilton - Special Olympics USA Triple Bronze Medalist

2.02 RECOGNIZE Amber House - 2022 North Carolina CTE Teacher of the Year

3. Superintendent's Update

3.01 Dr. Connelly began his comments with - Good evening, Board members. I am happy to once again say: it is a GREAT day to be a part of Cumberland County Schools! I hope everyone has had a productive summer. I know you all are as ready as I am for the start of our traditional calendar school year. Back-to-School season — It's the BEST time of year! So many possibilities and so many opportunities!

Beginning of the Year

In the last few weeks, we have welcomed our year-round students to campus and new teachers and student services employees to the district. Just this morning, our Early College students began their fall semester. With this school year underway, we are continuing traditions of excellence while adapting and preparing for the future. We are continuing to navigate through new and lingering effects of a global pandemic, but this year we're focused, more than ever, on working together to produce the best outcomes for our young people. Together, We Will Rise!

Recruitment

As you all know, supporting the success of every student takes a village, and we have an incredible village of premier professionals who can address nearly any

need in the district. And we are growing our village! We have positions for every interest and skill set. We are hiring for positions in transportation, Prime Time Before & After School Care, Child Nutrition, elementary and secondary education — and more! In addition to recruiting, we are continuing to integrate resources and strengthening partnerships to give extra support to those students who need it. We are 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 our website.

Safety & Security

As we return to traditional operations, I want to make sure we acknowledge one of our most important priorities: the safety of every student and employee. In addition to working closely with local law enforcement and emergency agencies, our Safety and Security office has opportunities for getting our parents and volunteers back into our schools. We invite our community to spend a few minutes each day and make a difference in the School Angels Watch Program where you will be trained and equipped to support school Safety and Security measures.

Mental Health

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, we are here to ensure every student graduates capable, confident and successful. I call on you to learn more about resources such as School Angels and the Say Something system by visiting our website.

Committed Community Partners

Throughout the county, several community partners have joined forces to gather school supplies for our students. And we recently received a donation of 5,000 backpacks filled with supplies from the Carolina Panthers. We will be working with local community partners to distribute them in the coming weeks. We are truly blessed in Cumberland County to have a supportive community that looks after our young people.

Dr. Connelly ended his comments with a brief video about how our district is ready to conquer whatever the future brings because — Together, we will rise!

4. PUBLIC FORUM

We received 1 speaker for Public Comment this evening: Julissa Jumper

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA *(with amendment of consent agenda)*

Upon a motion by Susan Williams, seconded by Donna Vann, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Greg West, seconded by Nathan Warfel, the board voted to approve the Consent Agenda with the agreement to pull item 6.16 for a separate vote. The Board voted unanimously.

6.01 CONSIDER Approval of the Minutes of the June 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

6.02 CONSIDER Approval of the Minutes of the July 20, 2022 Special Board Meeting

6.03 CONSIDER Approval of Release of Certain Students

6.04 CONSIDER Renewal of Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Hope Mills regarding use of Cumberland County Schools' facilities for recreational purposes as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (*Exhibit A*)

6.05 CONSIDER Renewal of a Three-Year Lease Agreement with the Cumberland County Sheriffs Department regarding use of the Fuller Building as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (*Exhibit B*)

6.06 CONSIDER Renewal of the SRO Services Agreement between Cumberland County Sheriff's Department and Cumberland County Schools for 2022-23 School Year as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (*Exhibit C*)

6.07 CONSIDER Approval of Request to Name the Terry Sanford Football Field "The Bill Yeager Field" as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (*Exhibit D*)

6.08 CONSIDER Approval of the 2022-2023 Cooperative Agreement between the Board of Education and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services as recommended by the Student Support Services Committee (*Exhibit E*)

6.09 CONSIDER Approval of FY 2022-23 Lottery Applications as recommended by the Finance Committee (*Exhibit F*)

6.10 CONSIDER Approval of Serenic Software Renewal for SunPac Subscription 2022-2024 as recommended by the Finance Committee (*Exhibit G*)

6.11 CONSIDER Approval of Instructional Supply Bid Recommendation for FY 2023 as recommended by the Finance Committee (*Exhibit H*)

6.12 CONSIDER Approval of Cognia Accreditation Membership and Network Fees 2022-2023 as recommended by the Finance Committee (*Exhibit I*)

6.13 CONSIDER Approval of Budget Amendments as recommended by the Finance Committee (*Exhibit J*)

6.14 CONSIDER Approval of 2022-2023 School Fees and Dues (*Exhibit K*)

6.15 CONSIDER Approval of 2022-2023 Academic Services' Purchase Agreements as recommended by the Curriculum Committee (*Exhibit L*)

~~6.16 CONSIDER Approval of Personnel as recommended by the Personnel Committee~~

6.17 CONSIDER Leave of Absence Requests as recommended by the Personnel Committee (*Exhibit M*)

6.18 CONSIDER Approval of Revised Policy 6420, Contracts with the Board (Second Reading) as recommended by the Policy Committee (*Exhibit N*)

6.16 CONSIDER Approval of Personnel as recommended by the Personnel Committee (*Exhibit O*)

Upon a motion by Donna Vann, seconded by Susan Williams, the board voted by the following vote:

In favor: Sutton, Jones, Musgrave, Vann, Warfel, Williams, and McKellar

Abstained: West (*due to family member present on personnel list*)

7. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Auxiliary Services Committee Report - Deanna Jones

8. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Student Services Committee Report - Susan Williams

9. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Budget/Finance Committee Report - Carrie Sutton

10. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Policy Committee Report - Charles McKellar

11. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Curriculum Committee Report - Donna Vann

12. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Legislative Committee Report - Judy Musgrave

13. DISCUSSION AGENDA: Personnel Committee Report - Nathan Warfel

13.01 CONSIDER Motion to go into CLOSED SESSION to preserve the confidentiality of matters protected from disclosure pursuant to G.S. 115C-319 and 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)

Upon a motion by Nathan Warfel, seconded by Donna Vann, the Board voted unanimously to go into Closed Session at 6:23 PM.

13.02 CONSIDER Motion to come out of CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Susan Williams, seconded by Nathan Warfel, the Board voted unanimously to come OUT of Closed Session at 6:51 PM

13.03 CONSIDER Administrative Personnel Recommendations (*Exhibit P*)

Mr. West called on Dr. Connelly for Administrative Recommendations. Dr. Connelly shared the following principal recommendations:

- Cumberland Mills Elementary - Amy McDowell
- Massey Hill Classical High - Dr. Douglas Massengill

In addition, Dr. Connelly shared the following principal transfers:

- EE Smith High School - Larry Parker
- Reid Ross Classical Middle/High - Tyson Johnson

Upon a motion by Susan Williams, seconded by Donna Vann, the board voted unanimously to Approve the Administrative Personnel Recommendations.

14. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: None

15. CLOSING ITEMS

15.01 Board Members' Update: None

15.02 Chairman's Update

Mr. West thanked those in attendance of tonight's Board meeting. All teachers will be back in the building on Monday, August 15th, followed by our Districtwide Convocation celebration for all employees on Tuesday, August 16th. We welcome and look forward to seeing all students back in school on Monday, August 29th.

15.03 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Dr. Marvin Connelly, Superintendent

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