

The Cumberland County Board of Education met on June 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM with the following board members present: Alicia Chisolm, 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: Ron Phipps, Betty Musselwhite, Joe Desormeaux, Lindsay Whitley, Mary Black, Ruben Reyes, Stacey Wilson-Norman, and Clyde Locklear.

Others Present:

Media Representative from Ft. Bragg – Shevelle Godwin

Media Representative from City View Magazine – Michael Futch

### **1. OPENING ITEMS**

1.01 Greg West called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charles McKellar and the Invocation by Alicia Chisolm.

### **2. RECOGNITIONS**

2.01 RECOGNIZED Anna Piland - 3A NC State Doubles Champion

2.02 RECOGNIZED Cumberland County Schools' Future Educator (Cohort 4) - Zoie Stokes

2.03 RECOGNIZED Cabinet Members' Retirement

### **3. Superintendent's Update**

3.01 Superintendent's Remarks - Dr. Marvin Connelly, Jr.

Dr. Connelly began with It's a GREAT day to be a part of Cumberland County Schools!

#### **End-of-Year Review**

- Over the past two weeks, we witnessed more than 3,000 successful students in the Class of 2022 walk across the stage and receive their diplomas.
- Graduation season marked the end of another successful school year.
- This year, despite the challenges we experienced with COVID-19, our Successful Students and Premier Professionals, in collaboration with our Committed Community, soared!
- The accomplishments are too numerous to name, but I am Cumberland County proud of what we have accomplished this year. From national accolades to local honors, it has truly been remarkable to see the Cumberland Commitment in action before our very eyes.

### **Summer Update**

- As you know, Summer Break never slows us down.
- Child Nutrition Services is providing free meals to children 18 years and younger at elementary schools and recreational centers throughout the county. Detailed information can be found on our district website.
- Our Summer Camp 2022 began this week at schools throughout the county.
- Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is open now and new CCS families can explore all of our educational offerings on our website.
- Our operations teams are taking care of our facilities and prepping each classroom, hallway and common area for when students return in the fall.
- The journey continues...

### **Dedication and Service**

- Dr. Connelly took a moment to recognize some exceptional individuals who have dedicated countless hours to seeing every student succeed. I am talking about our Cabinet members and other premier professionals who are about to enjoy a well-earned retirement.
- Over two years ago, before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, several members of our district's senior leadership team were eligible to retire. When the pandemic threw CCS into unknown territory, they chose to stay aboard and see our district through one of the most challenging times in public education, and for that, we will forever be grateful.
- While we will miss them, we wish them all the best. We will rest easy knowing that we can still count on them as strong supporters of public education.

Dr. Connelly ended his comments with a short video about our district's most recent graduates and their notable achievements as they continue forward to attend college, begin their careers, and join the military.

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

We received 2 speakers for Public Comment this evening:  
Michele Ornelas and Heather Middlebrooks

#### **5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Donna Vann, seconded by Alicia Chisolm, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Nathan Warfel, seconded by Donna Vann, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda.

6.01 CONSIDER Approval of the Minutes of the May 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

6.02 CONSIDER Approval of Release of Certain Students

6.03 CONSIDER Approval of a Contract Extension for Produce as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (*Exhibit A*)

6.04 CONSIDER Approval of Bid Awards for Food Contracts for Child Nutrition Services as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (*Exhibit B*)

6.05 CONSIDER Approval of Meal Prices for the 2022-23 School Year as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (*Exhibit C*)

6.06 CONSIDER Approval of Contract Transportation Services with A. Walker Transportation and Kelly Transit as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (*Exhibit D*)

6.07 CONSIDER Approval of the 2022-23 Bell Schedule Change Request as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (*Exhibit E*)

6.08 CONSIDER Approval of Track Improvement Contracts for Gray's Creek High and Seventy-First High School as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (*Exhibit F*)

6.09 CONSIDER Approval of Post-Fire Building Cleaning Contract for the Central Office Building as recommended by the Auxiliary Services Committee (*Exhibit G*)

6.10 CONSIDER Approval of the Let's Go Learn Contract as recommended by the Student Support Services Committee (*Exhibit H*)

6.11 CONSIDER Approval of Continuing Budget Resolution 2022-2023 as recommended by the Finance Committee (*Exhibit I*)

6.12 CONSIDER Approval of Technology Bid for Chromebooks for Students as recommended by the Finance Committee (*Exhibit J*)

6.13 CONSIDER Approval of Technology Bid for Microsoft Software Licensing as recommended by the Finance Committee (*Exhibit K*)

6.14 CONSIDER Approval of Technology Bid for Installation Services of the Clear Touch® Displays as recommended by the Finance Committee (*Exhibit L*)

6.15 CONSIDER Approval of Budget Amendments as recommended by the Finance Committee (*Exhibit M*)

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

6.17 CONSIDER Approval of the Academically/Intellectually Gifted Local Plan Revision 2022-2025 as recommended by the Curriculum Committee (*Exhibit O*)

6.18 CONSIDER Approval of the CTE Local Application and Program Highlight as recommended by the Curriculum Committee (*Exhibit P*)

6.19 CONSIDER Approval of the 2022-2023 Year-Round and Early College Calendar as recommended by the Curriculum Committee (*Exhibit Q*)

6.20 CONSIDER Approval of Personnel as recommended by the Personnel Committee (*Exhibit R*)

6.21 CONSIDER Leave of Absence Requests as recommended by the Personnel Committee (*Exhibit S*)

6.22 CONSIDER Qualified Observer Recommendations as recommended by the Personnel Committee (*Exhibit T*)

6.23 CONSIDER 2022 Insurance Renewal as recommended by the Personnel Committee (*Exhibit U*)

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

7.01 CONSIDER Approval of School Closure for Lillian Black Elementary (*Exhibit V*)

Susan Williams made a motion to approve the School Closure for Lillian Black Elementary. Charles McKellar seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

7.02 CONSIDER Approval of School Closure for Ireland Drive Middle (*Exhibit W*)

Deanna Jones made a motion to approve the School Closure for Ireland Drive Middle. Charles McKellar seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

**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 6:43 PM.

Upon a motion by Nathan Warfel, seconded by Alicia Chisolm, the Board voted unanimously to come OUT of Closed Session at 7:59 PM.

Mr. West called on Dr. Connelly for Administrative Recommendations.

Dr. Connelly shared the following changes:

Associate Superintendent of School Support – Dr. Jane Fields

Associate Superintendent of Business Operations - Jay Toland  
Associate Superintendent of Student Support Services - Melody Chalmers  
Associate Superintendent of Auxiliary Services - Kevin Coleman  
Executive Director of Data & Accountability - Kimberly Nash  
Executive Director of Federal Programs - Maria Pierce Ford

Principals

Brentwood Elementary - Casey Yates  
EE Miller Elementary - Catherine Abraham Johnson  
Elizabeth Cashwell - Tiffany Eakins  
Howard Learning Academy - Ayanna Richard  
Ponderosa Elementary - Waylinda Williams  
Raleigh Road Elementary - Elizabeth Blue  
Seventy-First Classical Middle - Queesha Tillman  
Sunnyside Elementary - Anita McLaughlin

Additionally, there is a slate of recommendations for assistant principals being appointed as well.

Donna Vann made a motion to approve the Administrative Recommendations as presented by Dr. Connelly. Alicia Chisolm seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously. (8 present; Judy Musgrave departed during Closed Session)

**14. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

14.01 CONSIDER Approval of the Cumberland County Board of Education Seal (*Exhibit X*)  
Upon a motion by Donna Vann, seconded by Nathan Warfel, the board approved the Cumberland County Board of Education Seal by the following vote:  
***In favor:*** West, Jones, Chisolm, Sutton, Vann, Warfel and Williams  
***Opposed:*** Mr. McKellar  
(7:1)

14.02 CONSIDER Reappointment to the FTCC Board of Trustees (*Exhibit Y*)  
Carrie Sutton made a motion to approve the Reappointment to the FTCC Board of Trustees (Charles Koonce). Donna Vann seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

## 15. CLOSING ITEMS

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

Donna Vann mentioned how proud we are of Jeff Chilton, Terry Sanford High School student who participated in the Special Olympics USA games in Florida and came home with a Bronze award.

15.02 Chairman's Update

Mr. West congratulated all of tonight's recognitions including 5 of our associate superintendents retiring. Our next scheduled regular board meeting is August 9, 2022, but there will likely be a brief special board meeting in July to address personnel matters in regards to vacancies unfolded from tonight's recommendations. Mr. West expressed his thanks to the Board for a very productive and orderly meeting. In regards to all of the administrative recommendations; we're sad to see so many go, but we're excited about what the future holds for the new hires. It's summer time get some deserved and needed rest, so you can rejuvenate and power up for the 2022-2023 school year.

15.03 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

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Dr. Marvin Connelly, Superintendent

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