

# Next Step

A report on Board action  
Cumberland County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
**October 10, 2017**

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## Administrative Recommendations Approved

### Assistant Principal

Hope Mills Middle

Kenneth Elliott

### Youth Development Coordinator

Student Support Services

Carl Blue

## Recognition of Ex-Officio Members

Student Government leaders Maya Morris from Cumberland Polytechnic High School and Hector Sanchez from Terry Sanford High School served as the ex-officio members of the Cumberland County Board of Education during the meeting. Ex-officio members are given the opportunity to make comments, ask questions, and give input on any topic brought before the Board.

## Board Members Did Not Approve a Policy Revision Proposed for Participating in ‘Extracurriculars’

The Board voted 3-6 to maintain the current *Policy Code 3620 Extracurricular Activities, Cocurricular Activities and Student Organizations* regarding student participation. The policy states that the requirement of “a 2.0-grade point average or a minimum average of 70 for the previous semester is required for students to participate in activities...”

## New E-mail Addresses Get ‘Thumbs Up’

Board members voted unanimously for new e-mail addresses, effective Oct.11. According to Board Attorney David Phillips, the new e-mail accounts will make it easier for the Board to stay compliant with North Carolina’s Open Meetings Law. The addresses, which will be posted on the CCS’ Website and in future publications, are as follows:

Greg West	<a href="mailto:gregwestboe@ccs.k12.nc.us">gregwestboe@ccs.k12.nc.us</a>
Donna Vann	<a href="mailto:donnavannboe@ccs.k12.nc.us">donnavannboe@ccs.k12.nc.us</a>
Judy Musgrave	<a href="mailto:judymusgraveboe@ccs.k12.nc.us">judymusgraveboe@ccs.k12.nc.us</a>
Rudy Tatum	<a href="mailto:rudytatumbue@ccs.k12.nc.us">rudytatumbue@ccs.k12.nc.us</a>
Alicia Chisolm	<a href="mailto:aliciachisolmboe@ccs.k12.nc.us">aliciachisolmboe@ccs.k12.nc.us</a>
Porcha McMillan	<a href="mailto:porchamcmillanboe@ccs.k12.nc.us">porchamcmillanboe@ccs.k12.nc.us</a>
Carrie Sutton	<a href="mailto:carriesuttonboe@ccs.k12.nc.us">carriesuttonboe@ccs.k12.nc.us</a>
Susan Williams	<a href="mailto:susanwilliamsboe@ccs.k12.nc.us">susanwilliamsboe@ccs.k12.nc.us</a>
Peggy Hall	<a href="mailto:peggyhallboe@ccs.k12.nc.us">peggyhallboe@ccs.k12.nc.us</a>

## Board of Education

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**Peggy Hall**  
District #6

**Interim  
Superintendent**  
Tim Kinlaw

### **2017 Kindness Awareness Proclamation Embraced**

The Board approved adopting October as Kindness Awareness Month in the Cumberland County Schools. The proclamation states that it is “a good time to remind all of us of the need to remember that Respect, Dignity, Compassion, and Humility are four essential ingredients in the creation and maintenance of a safe and productive school environment.” The document encourages the CCS “to cultivate caring, kindness, and compassion within our schools and community through our youth by teaching them to make a difference by completing random acts of kindness.” In line with the proclamation, CCS’ Anti-Bullying Task Force and the DoDEA Grant Project are challenging the students and staff at every school and Central Services building to complete at least 5,000 acts of kindness throughout October. ‘The kindest elementary, middle, and high school in Cumberland County’ will be recognized at the November Board of Education meeting. Kindness organizers hope this effort coupled with numerous others at each school will decrease the number of bullying claims and discipline referrals as well as make a difference in overall student interaction this school year. **#GoBeKindCCS**

### **6<sup>th</sup>-Grade Athletic Participation Gets Approved**

After much discussion, members of the Board voted 6-3 to approve sixth-grade students participating in sports. Through a survey, it was found that six local middle schools supported the move, while eight were against it citing safety, emotional, mental, and physical maturity as drawbacks. According to information from CCS’ Director of Student Activities Vernon Aldridge, 73 out of 101 school districts in North Carolina currently allow sixth graders to participate in school sports.

### **Superintendent Search Information Shared with Board**

A representative from the North Carolina School Boards Association, who has been contracted to assist the school system with selecting a new superintendent, shared initial draft documents with the Board that outlined the search timeline, vacancy advertisement, a sample application, and a sample community and staff survey. The timeline draft sets March 21, 2018, as the date for the announcement and introduction of the new superintendent.

### **Board Recognitions**

Betty Musselwhite, the associate superintendent of School Support Services, introduced the following honorees to the Board to be recognized:

### **September’s 2017 Amazing Acts of Character Award Recipients**

Student Honorees Jada Dockery from Loyd Auman Elementary School, Aubrey Burnette from District 7 Elementary School, and Alexis Michael from Mac Williams Middle School were recognized for displaying ‘acts of good character’ above and beyond expected behavior. Members of the Board extended personal congratulations to each student.

### **2017 National Gifted Coordinator Award Winner**

CCS’ Academically/Intellectually Gifted Program Coordinator Carrie Childers was acknowledged for recently being announced as the 2017 Gifted Coordinator of the Year by the National Association for Gifted Children. Childers was chosen because of her efforts to make a difference in supporting gifted children as they strive to achieve their personal best. She will be formally honored by the Association in November during its national conference in Charlotte, NC.

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