

NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2017

The New Hanover County Board of Education met for its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the BOE Center, 1805 S. 13th Street.

Regular Meeting
March 7, 2017

At 5:32 p.m., Chairman Edward Higgins called the meeting to order and offered the invocation. John T. Hoggard High School JROTC cadets Posted the Colors and the Myrtle Grove Middle School Choir sang the National Anthem. The following were present:

Called to Order

Edward B. Higgins, Chairman	Dr. Tim Markley, Superintendent
Jeannette S. Nichols, Vice Chairwoman	Dr. Rick Holliday, Deputy Superintendent
Janice A. Cavanaugh, Board Member	Wayne Bullard, General Counsel
Donald S. Hayes, Board Member	
Lisa Estep, Board Member	Tabitha Adams, Administrative Assistant
Bruce T. Shell, Board Member	
David L. Wortman, Board Member	

Under Approval of the Agenda, Board Member Donald Hayes moved for approval. Board Member Janice Cavanaugh seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of the
Agenda

Under Approval of the Minutes, Board Vice Chairwoman Jeannette Nichols moved to approve the Special Meeting minutes from November 3, 2016, December 6, 2016, December 21, 2016, January 13, 2017, January 21, 2017, February 1, 2017 and the Regular Meeting minutes from February 7, 2017. Board Member Donald Hayes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of the
Minutes

Under Recognition, Chief Communications Officer Valita Quattlebaum recognized the following:

Recognition

- Board Vice Chairwoman Jeannette Nichols who earned the Diploma of Honor for over 500 cumulative hours of training as a school board member;
- Board Chairman Edward Higgins who earned the Bronze Award for completing over 600 hours of training as a school board member;
- Board Member Donald Hayes who earned the Silver Award for completing over 700 hours of training as a school board member;
- Lindsey McDermott as the 2017 Rookie Teacher of the Year;
- Southeast Regional Scholastic Writing Award winners – Brianna Cunliffe, Mina Yakubu, Madison Lee, Claudia Opper, Abby Scholer, Callista Scholer, Ashley Thackston and Rose Trimpey-Warhaftig; and
- Yaminah Lewis for achieving the highest award in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award.

Under Call to the Audience, The following spoke regarding Appendix S Benefits Provider: Douglas Faulk, Chris Pierce, James Moore, and Hank Hurd.

Call to the
Audience



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Under Administrative Personnel, Item A, Appendix A, Superintendent Dr. Tim Markley recommended:

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Administrative
Recommendation
Approved

- Shemeka Shufford as the Career-Technical Supervisor. Board Member Donald Hayes moved for approval. Board Member Janice Cavanaugh seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- Dr. Edith Skipper as the principal of the Southeast Area Technical High School. Board Member Janice Cavanaugh moved for approval. Board Member Lisa Estep seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Under Administrative Contract Renewals, Item B, Appendix B, Superintendent Dr. Tim Markley recommended the contract renewal for Deputy Superintendent Dr. Rick Holliday, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Academic Accountability Dr. La Chawn Smith and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. John Welmers. Board Vice Chairwoman Jeannette Nichols moved for approval. Board Member Janice Cavanaugh seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Administrative
Contract
Renewals
Approved

Under Head Start, Item A, Appendix C, Head Start Liaison Bruce Shell shared the Liaison Report and introduced Johnson Pre-k Center Principal Rachel Greer and a teacher from Johnson, Sarah Donnelly. The duo presented a PowerPoint that followed a student, Dea Yion's, through his school day.

Head Start

Under Head Start, Item B, Appendix D, Head Start Liaison Bruce Shell reviewed the Expenditure Report.

Under Information, Item A, Appendix E, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. John Welmers stated that his department would be implementing a new online employment application process. He added all current and new applicants will be required to create a new online application beginning the week of March 6, 2017.

Personnel
Approved

Under Information, Item B, Appendix F, Chief Technology Officer Dawn Brinson outlined the process the school system will undergo when switching printers to copiers and the financial savings that will take place.

Copiers

Under Information, Item C, Appendix G, Assistant Superintendent Dr. John Welmers reviewed the timeline established for the transferring of teachers and the renewal of contracts. These procedures may be found on the Human Resources website.

Certified Staff



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Under Information, Item D, Appendix H, Assistant Superintendent of Operations Eddie Anderson proposed the naming of the building that houses all of the Paint/Grounds team members after Gene Rackley. Mr. Rackley served the school system from 1998 till his untimely death while on the job on October 27, 2015. Chief Communications Officer Valita Quattlebaum will place this item on the NHCS website for public comments for a six month period. After that time, she will submit that information to the Superintendent who will forward to the Board.

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Naming of Paint
Grounds
Building

At 7:00 p.m., Chairman Edward Higgins called a recess.

Recess

At 7:15 p.m., Chairman Edward Higgins called the meeting to order.

Meeting to
Order

Under Superintendent's Report, Item A, Appendix I, Superintendent Dr. Tim Markley introduced Special Education Director Julie Askew who presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the NHCS Special Education and Vocational Rehabilitation model of collaboration that is essential for the success of students and the community.

Vocational
Rehabilitation

Under Consensus Items, Item A, Appendix J, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resource Dr. John Welmers requested approval of the Personnel List. Board Member Janice Cavanaugh moved for approval. Board Member Donald Hayes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Personnel
Approved

Under Consensus Items, Item B, Appendix K, Chief Financial Officer Mary Hazel Small requested approval of Budget Amendment #7. Board Member Janice Cavanaugh moved for approval. Board Member Donald Hayes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Budget
Amendment
Approved

Under Consensus Items, Item C, Appendix L, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Rick Holliday requested approval of the Change of School Assignments. Board Member Janice Cavanaugh moved for approval. Board Vice Chairwoman Jeannette Nichols seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Change of
School
Assignments
Approved

Under Old Business, Item A, Appendix M, Policy Committee Chairwoman Jeannette Nichols requested approval of the revision to Policy 1234 Board of Education Committees/Representatives. Board Member Janice Cavanaugh moved for approval. Board Member Donald Hayes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mrs. Nichols requested approval of the revision to Policy 7552 Field Trips. Board Member Janice Cavanaugh moved for approval. Board Member Donald Hayes seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1 with Bruce Shell voting "No".

Policies for
Second Reading
Approved



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Under Old Business, Item B, Appendix N, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Academic Accountability Dr. LaChawn Smith requested approval of the addition of the Career Management Courses to the Curriculum Course Guide. Board Member Lisa Estep moved for approval. Board Vice Chairwoman Jeannette Nichols seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Curriculum
Course Guide
Approved

Under New Business, Item A, Appendix O, Chief Financial Officer Mary Hazel Small requested approval of the Audit Contract with Cherry Bekaert LLP., in the amount of \$55,000 for audit services. Board Vice Chairwoman Jeannette Nichols moved for approval. Board Member Bruce Shell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Audit Contract
Approved

Under New Business, Item B, Appendix P, Assistant Superintendent of Operations Eddie Anderson requested approval of Change Order No. 6 in the amount of \$306,471.41 to the Construction Management at Risk Agreement for electrical switchgear replacement at Laney High School. Board Member Janice Cavanaugh moved for approval. Board Vice Chairwoman Jeannette Nichols seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Change Order
No. 6
Approved

Under New Business, Item C, Appendix Q, Assistant Superintendent of Operations Eddie Anderson requested approval of the Transit Easement Agreement with the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority at Laney High School. Board Member Janice Cavanaugh moved for approval. Board Vice Chairwoman Jeannette Nichols seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Easement
Approved

Under New Business, Item D, Appendix R, Assistant Superintendent of Operations Eddie Anderson requested approval of the Polling Place Usage Agreement with the New Hanover County Board of Elections. Board Member Janice Cavanaugh moved for approval. Board Member Donald Hayes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Polling Place
Usage
Approved

Under New Business, Item E, Appendix S, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resource Dr. John Welmers requested approval of Mark III as the NHCS Flexible Benefits provider. Board Member Bruce Shell moved for approval. Board Member Lisa Estep seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mark III
Approved

Under New Business, Item F, Appendix T, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Academic Accountability Dr. LaChawn Smith requested approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the school system and Cape Fear Community College for the Marine Science Academy at Ashley High School. Board Member Janice Cavanaugh moved for approval. Board Vice Chairwoman Jeannette Nichols seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Marine Science
Approved



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Under New Business, Item G, Appendix U, Chief Technology Officer Dawn Brinson requested approval for the recommendation to award a five year lease to Sea Glass Leasing, Inc., in the amount of \$344,235.05 per year for copiers for the system. Board Member Janice Cavanaugh moved for approval. Board Member Lisa Estep seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Copiers Lease
Approved

Under New Business, Item H, Appendix V, Chief Technology Officer Dawn Brinson requested approval of the cable service contract with Interconnect in the amount of \$113,971.21 for cabling at Laney High School. Board Member Janice Cavanaugh moved for approval. Board Member Bruce Shell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Cable Service
Approved

Under New Business, Item I, Appendix W, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Rick Holliday requested approval of the Cooperative Innovation High School Program renewal for Isaac Bear Early College High School. Board Vice Chairwoman Jeannette Nichols moved for approval. Board Member Janice Cavanaugh seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

IBECH
Approved

Under Call to the Audience – No one spoke.

Call to the
Audience

Under Correspondence, Chairman Edward Higgins shared the following information from the Legion Stadium Committee meeting:

Correspondence

- Matt Perry is in the process of acquiring the Sharks. Mr. Perry has met New Hanover High School Coach Richard Foy and looks forward to working with him regarding the schedule for Legion Stadium.
- Easter Carolina Sharks, a semi-pro football team, will be playing its 2017 season at Legion Stadium. There are no scheduling conflicts.
- There is a proposal to construct an indoor baseball facility to serve New Hanover High School; funded by Trot Nixon's father, William Nixon.
- The committee will bring to their Boards a request to pay \$2,166 each to cover the lost cost of the Hammerheads contribution. This will not exceed the commitment of \$35,000. (This was acceptable to the Board.)
- A Gator may be needed to escort injured players from the field.




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Under Announcements, Chairman Edward Higgins shared the following:

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Announcements

- The New Hanover County Board of Education will attend New Hanover County Schools' Best Foot Forward on Friday, March 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- The New Hanover County Board of Education will meet in a Special Meeting on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at 9:45 a.m. in the BOE Center. The only item on the agenda is a Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (2).
- The New Hanover County Board of Education will hold a Budget Meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at the BOE Center, 1805 S. 13th Street.
- The New Hanover County Board of Education will hold a Budget Meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, 6410 Carolina Beach Road.
- The New Hanover County Board of Education will attend the following Superintendent's Student Advisory Council Meetings. Dates and times are listed on the NHCS website
- The next Regular meeting of the New Hanover County Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the BOE Center, 1805 S. 13th Street.

At 8:42 p.m. Board Member Janice Cavenaugh moved to adjourn. Board Member Doanld Hayes seconded the motion, which carried unanimous Adjournment


Edward B. Higgins, Chairman
NHC Board of Education


Dr. Tim Markley, Secretary
Superintendent of NHCS

