

NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2020

The New Hanover County Board of Education met for its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the BOE Center, 1805 S. 13th Street.

Regular Meeting
January 7, 2020

At 5:30 p.m., Chairperson Lisa Estep called the meeting to order. A moment of reflection was offered. E. A. Laney AFJROTC cadets Posted the Colors. New Hanover High School Choir sang the National Anthem. The following were present:

Called to Order

Lisa Estep, Chairperson	Dr. Tim Markley, Superintendent
Stefanie Adams, Board Member	Dr. LaChawn Smith, Deputy Superintendent
Nelson Beaulieu, Board Member	Wayne Bullard, General Counsel
Judy Justice, Board Member	
Jeannette Nichols, Board Member	Tabitha Adams, Administrative Assistant

David Wortman and Bill Rivenbark, were not in attendance.

Under Approval of the Agenda, Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval of the agenda. Board Member Jeannette Nichols seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of the
Agenda

Under Approval of the Minutes, Board Member Jeannette Nichols moved to approve the Special Meeting minutes from December 10, 2019 and December 19, 2019. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Minutes
Approved

Under Recognition, Caress Clegg presented the following recognition items: Chick-Fil-A, Lake Forest Academy, and NJROTC Cadet.

Recognition

Under Call to the Audience – The following signed up to speak: Maggie Guggenheimer, Kim Hufham, Leslie Cohen, Monique Spool-Gause, Quaneisha White, Kristy Moore, Eva Morris, Evan Sco-Pollock, Stephanie Walker, Bill Baggett, Susan Bulluck and Dallas Brown.

Call to the
Audience

Under Administrative Personnel, Item A, Appendix W, Superintendent Dr. Tim Markley recommended Melanie Rhyne to serve as the Title I supervisor. Board Member Judy Justice moved for approval. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Admin.
Personnel
Approved

Under Head Start, Head Start Liaison Board Member Nelson Beaulieu presented the Liaison Report; as well as, the Expenditure Report.

Head Start

Under Head Start, Head Start Liaison Board Member Nelson Beaulieu requested approval of the Non-Competing Continuation Grant. Board Member Jeannette Nichols moved for approval. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.



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Under Old Business, Item A, Appendix D, Deputy Superintendent Dr. LaChawn Smith requested approval of the 2020-2021 Calendars. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval. Board Member Jeannette Nichols seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Calendars
Approval

Under Old Business, Item B, Appendix V, Board Chairperson Lisa Estep moved for approval of the mental health/first aide training. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval. Board Member Judy Justice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mental
Health/First Aide
Training
Approved

Under Information, Item A, Appendix T, Board Chairperson Lisa Estep introduced Natalie English. Ms. English gave an overview of the Leadership Visit to Apple and answered questions from the Board.

Apple Visit

Under Information, Item B, Appendix G, Deputy Superintendent Dr. LaChawn Smith introduced Shimeka Shufford who presented information regarding the CTE Program within New Hanover County Schools.

CTE

Under Information, Item C, Appendix I, Deputy Superintendent Dr. LaChawn Smith introduced Jacki Jethro who broke down federal funding at Title I schools.

Title I

At 8:33 p.m., Chairperson Lisa Estep called a recess.

Recess

At 8:42 p.m., Chairperson Lisa Estep called the meeting to order.

To Order

Under Information, Item D, Appendix S, Deputy Superintendent Dr. LaChawn Smith presented an Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Update.

EDI Update

Under Information, Item E, Appendix K, Chief Financial Officer Mary Hazel Small and Eddie Burke from Cherry Bekaert presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the Audit Report.

Financial and
Audit Report

Under Information, Item B, Assistant Superintendent of Operations Eddie Anderson presented the year 2019 list of exemptions to the formal qualifications based selection process for professional services.

Exemptions

Under Information, Item G, Appendix M, Assistant Superintendent of Operations Eddie Anderson presented the Change Order Summary Report.

Change Oder



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Under Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Dr. Tim Markley

- Board Member Jeannette Nichols moved to grant 8th grade privilege. Board Member Stefanie Adams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved to grant 5th grade privilege. Board Chairperson Lisa Estep seconded the motion, which carried 4 to 1 with Board Member Judy Justice voting no.
- Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved to grant sibling privilege. Board Chairperson Lisa Estep seconded the motion. The motion failed 2 to 3 with Board Members Stefanie Adams, Judy Justice and Jeannette Nichols voting no.

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Superintendent's
Report

5th and 8th Grade
Privilege
Approved

Sibling Privilege
Failed

Committee Reports were given by Family Communications Chair Stefanie Adams and Title IX Member Lisa Estep.

Report

Under Consensus Items, Item A, Appendix G, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. John Welmers requested approval of the Personnel List. Board Member Jeannette Nichols moved for approval. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Personnel
Approved

Under Old Business, Item A, Appendix E, The Board tabled the Immersion at Porters Neck Elementary School item.

Tabled

Under New Business, Item A, Appendix O, Assistant Superintendent of Technology Dawn Brinson requested approval of the Microsoft Enrollment for Education Services. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval. Board Member Jeannette Nichols seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Microsoft
Enrollment
Approved

Under New Business, Item B, Appendix P, Assistant Superintendent of Operations Eddie Anderson requested an amendment to the application for Public School Building Capital Fund North Carolina Educational Lottery for the SEA-Tech High School Phase III Renovations. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval. Board Member Jeannette Nichols seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Amend
Application
Approved

Under New Business, Item C, Appendix Q, Assistant Superintendent of Operations Eddie Anderson requested approval to award the contract to Harrelson Mechanical Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$532,600 for Laney High School Closed Circuit Cooler. Board Member Jeannette Nichols moved for approval. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Laney Circuit
Cooler
Approved

Under New Business, Item D, Appendix R, Chief Financial Officer Mary Hazel Small requested approval to surplus property deemed no longer necessary or desirable for public school purposes in accordance with Public School Law.

Surplus
Approved



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Under New Business, Item E, Appendix U, Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Julie Varnam presented information on Sexual Abuse and Sex Trafficking Training Program. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu stated, "I move that the Board authorize the Superintendent to adopt and implement a child sexual abuse and sex trafficking training program that includes all components required by 115C-375.20. The training program will include: __ *best practices from the field of prevention; *the grooming process of sexual predators; *the warning signs of sexual abuse and sex trafficking; *how to intervene when sexual abuse or sex trafficking is suspected or disclosed; *legal responsibilities for reporting sexual abuse or sex trafficking; and *available resources for assistance." Board Member Judy Justice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Sexual Abuse
and Sex
Trafficking
Training
Approved

Under Correspondence – Board Member Nelson Beaulieu spoke about provided census information to the students who would than share with their parents.

Correspondence

Under Announcements, Chairperson Lisa Estep announced that the next Regular Meeting of the New Hanover County Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the BOE Center.

Announcements

At 10:03 p.m., Board Member Jeannette Nichols moved to go into a Closed Session pursuant to 143-318.11 (a) (3) (6). Board Member Stefanie Adams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

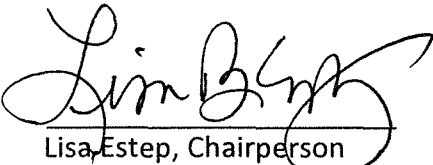
Closed Session


At 11:00 p.m., Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved to go out of Closed Session. Board Member Judy Justice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The door was open.

Open Meeting

Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved to adjourn. Board Member Judy Justice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Adjournment


Lisa Estep, Chairperson
NHC Board of Education


Dr. Tim Markley, Secretary
Superintendent of NHCS

