

NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2020

The New Hanover County Board of Education met for its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the BOE Center, 1805 S. 13th Street.

Regular Meeting
March 3, 2020

At 5:30 p.m., Chairperson Lisa Estep called the meeting to order. A moment of reflection was offered. Hoggard High School Cadets Posted the Colors. Myrtle Grove Middle School Choir sang the National Anthem. The following were present:

Called to Order

Lisa Estep, Chairperson
David Wortman, Vice Chairperson
Stefanie Adams, Board Member
Nelson Beaulieu, Board Member
Judy Justice, Board Member
Jeannette Nichols, Board Member
Bill Rivenbark, Board Member

Dr. Del Burns, Interim Superintendent
Dr. LaChawn Smith, Deputy Superintendent
Wayne Bullard, General Counsel
Tabitha Adams, Administrative Assistant

Under Approval of the Agenda, Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval of the amended agenda. Appendix C Regional Skills will be placed as Item B under the first Information. Board Member Jeannette Nichols seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of the
Agenda

Under Approval of Minutes, Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval of the Regular Meeting minutes from February 4, 2020. Board Member Jeannette Nichols seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval of the Interim Meeting minutes from February 27, 2020. Jeannette Nichols seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of the
Minutes

Under Information, Item A, Chairperson Lisa Estep welcomed Lisa Brown and Tim Buckland from the New Hanover County Health Department. The team shared information regarding COVID-19.

Health
Precautions

Under Information, Item B, Chairperson Lisa Estep welcomed Meaghan Lewis from the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Lewis gave an overview of the Regional Skills Gap and welcomed the Board to take part in the skills assessment. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval to take part in the assessment. Board Vice-Chairperson David Wortman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Regional Skills
Gap

Under Recognition, Caress Clegg introduced Scott Whisnant from the New Hanover Regional Medical Center as this month's Community Partner. In addition, this month's School Showcase Holly Shelter Middle School sent a video, which was viewed.

Recognition

Under Call to the Audience – twenty-two community members signed up to speak.

Call to the
Audience



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At 7:45 p.m., Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved to go into a Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11 (a) (3) (6). Board Member Stefanie Adams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Board entered a nearby conference room.

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[Closed Session](#)

At 9:39 p.m., The door of the conference room was opened and Board Members proceed to their seats in the Board Room.

Interim Superintendent Dr. Del Burns stated, "Conversations have been held with New Hanover High School Coach Richard Foy. Coach Foy remains an employee of New Hanover County Schools. His current employment status is suspension without pay effective through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Coach Foy is in agreement with this action."

[Announcement](#)
[Foy](#)

Under Administrative Personnel, Item A, Appendix A, Interim Superintendent Dr. Del Burns recommended Ann Gibson to serve as the Chief Communications Officer. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval. Board Member Jeannette Nichols seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Dr. Burns recommended Anthony Manzo Jr. to serve as the Interim Director of Human Resources. Board Member Judy Justice moved for approval. Board Member Stefanie Adams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Dr. Burns recommended Dr. Bryan Martin to serve as the Interim Human Resources Investigator/Employee Relations. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval. Board Member Judy Justice seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

[Admin.](#)
[Personnel](#)
[Approved](#)

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

[Head Start](#)

Under Information Item A, Appendix D Assistant Superintendent Julie Varnam shared student safety initiatives that are taking place in the district.

[Safety Initiatives](#)

Under Information, Item B, Title IX Director Jarell Lewis gave a Title IX update that included a discussion regarding the survey that will be shared with parent this month and shared with the Board at its next Regular Meeting on April 14, 2020.

[Title IX](#)

Under Information, Item C, Appendix G, Chief Financial Officer Mary Hazel Small presented the Quarterly Budget Summary that ended on December 31, 2019.

[Quarterly](#)
[Budget](#)
[Summary](#)

Under Information, Item D, Board Members discussed Policy 5400.

[Policy 5400](#)

Under Board Chairperson's Report, Chairperson Lisa Estep called for an Interim Meeting to be held on March 17th, time to be determined.

[Interim Meeting](#)



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Under Consensus Items, Item A, Appendix H, Dr. Del Burns requested approval of the Personnel List. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval. Board Member Jeannette Nichols seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Personnel
Approved

Under Consensus Items, Item B, Appendix I, Chief Financial Officer Mary Hazel Small requested approval of the Budget Amendments. Board Member Judy Justice moved for approval. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Budget
Amendments
Approved

Under New Business, Item A, Appendix K, Deputy Superintendent Dr. LaChawn Smith requested approval of the June Summer School Proposal. Board Member Jeannette Nichols moved for approval. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Summer School
Approved

Under New Business, Item B, Appendix L, General Counsel Wayne Bullard requested approval of the school technology resolution. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval. Board Member Judy Justice seconded the motion. The motion called 6-1 with David Wortman voting no.

Resolution
Approved

Under Announcement, Board Chair Lisa Estep shared that the next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the BOE Center.

Announcements

At 10:37 p.m., Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved to adjourn. Board Member Jeannette Nichols seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Adjournment



Lisa Estep, Chairperson
NHC Board of Education



Dr. Del Burns, Secretary
Interim Superintendent of NHCS

