

NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2020

The New Hanover County Board of Education met for its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the BOE Center, 1805 S. 13th Street.

Regular Meeting
April 14, 2020

At 5:34 p.m., Chairperson Lisa Estep called the meeting to order. A moment of reflection was offered. The National Anthem was sung. The following were present:

Called to Order

Lisa Estep, Chairperson
Nelson Beaulieu, Board Member

Dr. Del Burns, Interim Superintendent

The following participated via ZOOM:

David Wortman, Vice Chairperson

Stefanie Adams, Board Member

Judy Justice, Board Member

Jeannette Nichols, Board Member

Bill Rivenbark, Board Member

Deborah Stagner, General Counsel

Tabitha Adams, Administrative Assistant

Closed Session from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Closed Session

Pursuant to NCGS § 143-318.11 (a) (1), (a) (3), (a) (6)

Board Member Nelson Beaulieu stated, "I move to go into closed session under the North Carolina Open Meetings Law, N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11 (a) (1), (a) (3), and (a) (6), to go into Closed Session to consider personnel matters and prevent the disclosure of personnel records rendered confidential under G.S. 115C-319 through -321, and to consult with the board's attorney to preserve attorney-client privileged information, including the case captioned New Hanover County Board of Education v. Stein, in the Supreme Court of North Carolina, Case No. 339A18." Board Member Stefanie Adams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

At 6:34 p.m., the Board returned to the Open Meeting.

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 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 Judy Justice moved for approval of the Regular Meeting minutes from March 3, 2020. Board Member Bill Rivenbark seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval of the Interim Meeting minutes from March 17, 2020. Board Member Stefanie Adams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of the
Minutes



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Under Call to the Audience. Two members of the community recorded statements.

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Call to Audience

Under Head Start, Head Start Liaison Nelson Beaulieu presented the Liaison Report.

Head Start

Under Superintendent's Report, Interim Superintendent Dr. Del Burns gave an update on how the district is working together to support teachers and students during the pandemic. He thanked staff for their tireless effort.

Superintendent's Report

Under Board Chairperson's Report, Chairperson Lisa Estep thanked the district. She shared information regarding the superintendent's search and announced that the next Policy Committee meeting would take place on April 21, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Chairperson's Report

Under Consensus Items, Interim Superintendent Dr. Del Burns recommended extending Assistant Superintendent Eddie Anderson's contract for one year. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval. Board Member Bill Rivenbark seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Interim Superintendent Dr. Del Burns recommended extending Deputy Superintendent Dr. LaChawn Smith's contract for one year. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval. Board Member Bill Rivenbark seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 to 1 with Board Member David Wortman voting no. Interim Superintendent Dr. Del Burns recommended approval of the consensus list. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval. Board Member Stefanie Adams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Administrative Recommendations and Consensus Items Approval.

At 7:09 p.m., David Wortman left the meeting.

Under Consensus Items, Chief Financial Officer Mary Hazel Small recommended approval of the Budget Amendments. Board Member Judy Justice moved for approval. Board Member Jeannette Nichols seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Budget Amendments Approved

Under Old Business, Interim Superintendent Dr. Del Burns recommended to revise the current NCSBA Policy Services contract to include a start date of April 15, 2020. He stated that funding is available in the current budget to pay the fee of \$29,900 plus additional costs and services not to exceed \$35,000 in total.

Revised NCSBA Policy Services Contract Approved

Under Old Business, Chief Financial Officer Mary Hazel Small recommended approval of the 2020-2021 County Budget Request. Board Member Judy Justice moved for approval. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

County Budget Request Approved



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Under New Business, Interim Superintendent Dr. Del Burns recommended approval of the COVID 19 Extra-Duty Teacher Stipend. For the duration of the COVID-19 event and teachers working remotely, it is recommended the Board of Education approve providing classroom teachers the following stipend when covering classes for teachers who will be absent for extended periods of time of one week or more: • Up to 10 students - \$100/week • 11 - 20 students - \$150/week • 21+ students - \$200/week Principals are authorized to approve two weeks or less. For leaves longer than 10 days, principals must consult with Human Resources. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval. Board Member Jeannette Nichols seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Extra-Duty
Teacher Stipend
Approved

Under New Business, Assistant Superintendent Eddie Anderson recommended to award the contract for construction to TEAM Construction, LLC in the amount of \$1,058,500 for SEA-Tech High School Phase III Renovations. Board Member Nelson Beaulieu moved for approval. Board Member Bill Rivenbark seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

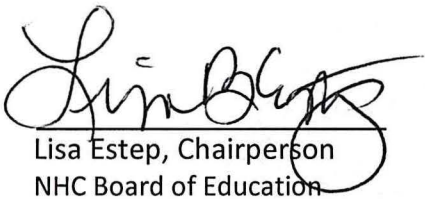
SEA-Tech Phase
III
Approved

Under Announcements, Board Chair Lisa Estep shared that the next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the BOE Center.

Announcement

At 7:22 p.m., 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. Del Burns, Secretary
Interim Superintendent of NHCS

