

**Jackson County Board of Education
Minutes of Special Called Meeting
Sylva, North Carolina
Central Office**

398 Hospital Drive

July 07, 2020

6:00 p.m.

The Jackson County Board of Education met in a Special Called Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 07, 2020, in the board room of the Central Office, 398 Hospital Road, Sylva, NC. The following members were present via telephone and/or online platform:

Ali Laird-Large, Board Chairperson
Elizabeth Cooper, Vice-Chair
Margaret McRae
Wes Jamison
Abigail Clayton

Also present were Dr. Kimberly Elliott, Superintendent; Jacob Buchanan, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Kevin Bailey, Executive Director of Human Resources; John Henning, Board Attorney; Jeremiah Jackson, Chief Technology Officer; and Cora Fields, Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER

Alison Laird-Large, Chairperson, called the work session to order.

Mrs. Laird-Large led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mr. Wes Jamison, the board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jackson County Public Schools provided live-streaming of the meeting and the opportunity for public questions and comments through a live chat. 197 comments were recorded. JCPS Administration is responding to questions and providing written guidance and Q and A's to address related issues.

ACTION AGENDA

Dr. Elliott welcomed everyone and stated that it was an honor for her to be in attendance. She said that she is proud of Jackson County Public Schools and the work that has been done to prepare the Preliminary Re-Entry Plans for the district. Dr. Elliott informed the board that we are waiting for the Governors next press conference in mid-July to be better able to prepare. Dr. Elliott introduced Mr. Jacob Buchanan, Assistant Superintendent, who provided information about the

Environmental and Safety procedures that are being put in place. She also introduced Ms. Angie Dills, Chief Academic Officer, for information about the Remote Learning Plans.

A. Agenda Item: Re-Entry Plans

Presenter: Mr. Jacob Buchanan, Assistant Superintendent, and Mrs. Angela Dills, Chief Academic Officer

Mr. Buchanan presented an overview of the Environmental and Safety components of the Re-Entry Plan that included:

- ES1. Cleaning and Sanitation
 - 1. Social Distancing
 - 2. Supplies and Equipment
 - 3. Cleaning and Maintenance
 - 4. Water
 - 5. Ventilation
 - 6. Training – Staff, Students and Parents
- ES2. Transportation
 - 1. Mask Policy
 - 2. Cleaning and Maintenance
 - 3. Social Distancing
 - 4. Screening
 - 5. Bus Monitors
 - 6. Training – Staff, Students and Parents
- ES3. Health and Safety
 - 1. Signage
 - 2. Training and Public Messaging
 - 3. Materials and Supplies
 - 4. Screening – Entering buildings
 - 5. Nursing and Health Care Staff
 - 6. Classroom Protocols
- ES4. School Nutrition
 - 1. In the classroom meals
 - 2. Discontinue self service
 - 3. Awaiting further guidance from DHHS and DPI

Mrs. Dills presented an overview of the Remote Learning components of the Re-Entry Plan that included:

- RL1. Curriculum and Instruction
 - 1. PLC's
 - 2. Communicating Learning Targets and Lesson Design
 - 3. Instructional Time, Practice and Application
 - 4. Remind App
 - 5. Auto-Rostering-Privacy
 - 6. Reporting Attendance
- RL2. Instructional Technology and Professional Development
 - 1. Increased Accountability

- 2. Consistent Learning Management System
- 3. Increased Number of Devices
- 4. Training and Support
- RL3. Human Resources
 - 1. Staff Roles for remote learning
 - 2. Instructional Support Personnel
- RL4. Data Collection and Research
 - 1. Surveys – Faculty and Staff, Parents, and Community Partners
- RL5. Special Populations and Student Services
 - 1. Remote Learning Contingency Plans for students with IEP, 504 plan, English Learners, Academically Gifted, McKinney Vento Services

Mr. Buchanan shared enrollment data and provided information for four re-opening options. Mr. Buchanan stated that due to the capacity requirements, Fairview Elementary School and Jackson County Early College will need to use additional school space to accommodate all students. The committee recommended for Pre-K through 5th Grade to attend face-to-face daily with parent option for remote learning, and 6th Grade through 12th Grade will follow A/B weekly schedule and asked for board approval.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Abigail Clayton, the board voted unanimously to approve the Jackson County Public Schools Re-Entry Plans.*

CLOSED SESSION

The board unanimously approved a motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mr. Wes Jamison, to enter into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11 for the following purposes: under subsection; (a) (1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-32 and (a) (3) to discuss matters protected by attorney-client privilege.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Abigail Clayton, the board voted unanimously to return to open session.

OPEN SESSION

No action was taken during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, Chairperson Alison Laird-Large adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Mrs. Alison Laird-Large, Chairperson

Dr. Kimberly Elliott, Secretary