

<b>Academic Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Date: October 30, 2019</b> <b>Location: District Educational Services Center</b>
Members Present	Chair: Tricia Fidrych, Melvin Campbell, and Cathy Robine
Others Present	Christina Gwozdz, Earl Campbell, John Dowling, Staff: Mary Stratos, Wendy Cartledge, Ashley Hutchison, and Melissa Murray, Community members: Amanda Walrad, Jody Surtek
	Meeting called to order at 3:00 om
Action Item	<b>Motion to Approve the Agenda</b>
Highlights	<b>Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 3/0.</b>
Action Item	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>
	➤ <b>October 16, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes</b>
Highlights	<b>Mr. Melvin Campbell made the motion to approve the October 16, 2019 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 3/0.</b>
Action Item	<b>Public Comments</b>
	➤ The community members asked questions and participated throughout the meeting.
Action Item	<b>Discussion of Birth – Grade 5 Literacy</b>
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ashley Hutchinson and Melissa Murray presented a Continuum of Children’s Literacy Development in Early Reading and Writing. They continued the presentation that they gave October 2, 2019</li> <li>➤ The chart goes from Birth-Toddler through Fifth Grade.</li> <li>➤ Mrs. Hutchinson also addressed the funding mechanism for the program.</li> <li>➤ Mrs. Murray also addressed how children are measured from Birth – Toddler thru Fifth Grade and the various strategies and assessments that are being used.</li> <li>➤ The presentation was extensive. Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Murray will be placed on a future agenda to continue the discussion.</li> </ul>
Action Item	<b>Review of Administrative Regulations</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>IS-39 Virtual Learning</b></li> <li>➤ <b>IS-49 Graduation Requirements &amp; Diplomas</b></li> </ul>
Highlights	<b>Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to table the discussion of the Administrative Regulations until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 3/0.</b>
Action Item	<b>Discussion of School Start Date Waiver</b>
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The committee discussed applying for a waiver for the School Start Date.</li> <li>➤ Cathy and Tricia shared that Pickens County was granted a waiver for School Start Date.</li> <li>➤ In their researched, they stated that the statue only allows you to apply if you are a school of choice.</li> <li>➤ There is on-line process to request a waiver. The waiver has to be filed 60 days out from the State Dept’s next meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to recommend to the full Board that they direct the Superintendent to request a waiver for an early start for opening schools prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in August. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 3/0.</b></p>
Information	Determine Date and Time of Next Meeting
Action	The topics for the next meeting will be the Administrative Rules, PE 1.2, and PE 1.9. The meeting will be held at McCracken on November 20 <sup>th</sup> starting at 4:30.
Adjournment	<b>Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 3/0. meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.</b>

(Signature on Official File Copy \_\_\_\_\_)

Date: November 20, 2019

Tricia Fidrych, Board of Education Academic Committee Chair  
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