

The Dare County Board of Education met in **regular session** on Monday, January 9, 2023, at the Dare County Board of Commissioners Meeting Room in Manteo, NC. Members in attendance were Board Chairman Ron Payne, Vice-Chairman Barry Wickre, Mary Ellon Ballance, Susan Bothwell, Matt Brauer, David Twiddy, and Carl Woody.

Chairman Payne called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and requested a moment of silence. He then recognized Commissioner Rob Ross and thanked him for attending the meeting.

Next, Susan Bothwell provided the official welcome on behalf of the Board and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the Pledge, Chairman Payne requested a motion to amend the agenda in order to revise the Personnel Consent Agenda as discussed in closed session. Carl Woody made a motion that the Board amend the agenda as requested. The motion was seconded by Barry Wickre and approved 7 to 0 by the Board.

Chairman Payne then requested a motion to approve the amended agenda. Carl Woody moved that the Board approve the amended agenda as requested. The motion was seconded by Matt Brauer and approved 7 to 0 by the Board.

Next, Board Attorney Brian Shaw opened the floor for *Public Comment*. The Board heard comments from Olivia Sugg, Erica Rohrbacher, Macey Chovaz, and Susie Walters. Topics included concerns about the school district's regulations regarding school-sponsored publications; the participation of home-school students in Dare County Schools' sports and activities; equal educational rights for all students; and a request for board meeting agendas and supporting documents to be posted on the Dare County Schools Website for public access and transparency. A complete recording of all comments can be heard online at <https://www.daretolearn.org/board-of-education/board-meetings> under the January 9, 2023, Board of Education Meeting.

Under Announcements, Assistant Superintendent Steve Blackstock announced that the DCS Transportation Department received a surprise inspection by staff from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Transportation Office earlier during the day, and that the department received a score of 9.75. Mr. Blackstock noted that the DCS Transportation Department has received first place in the state for multiple years; however, this was the best rating the department has ever received.

Next, Chairman Payne requested a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda. Carl Woody made a motion that the Board approve the consent agenda as requested. The motion was seconded by Barry Wickre approved 7 to 0 by the Board.

Personnel

Recommend the Board approve the personnel consent agenda as presented.

Minutes

Recommend the Board approve the Board meeting minutes for December 12, 2022.

Other

Recommend the Board accept the donation of funds in the amount of \$8,100 from the Knights of Columbus for the Exceptional Children Program as requested.

Under *Reports and Items for Information*, Mr. Blackstock announced that the North Carolina School Boards Association recently awarded our former Board a *Silver Bell Award* for actively working towards their 12 hours of required training during the 2021-2022 school year.

Next, the Board moved to *Unfinished Business*, however, there were no items discussed under this agenda item.

Under *New Business*, Board Attorney Brian Shaw presented the first reading of the following proposed policy manual updates for the Board's consideration. No action was required. The policies will be presented for second reading and approval at the February Board Meeting.

- NEW Policy 3220, Technology in the Educational Program
- Revised Policy 3225/7320, Technology Responsible Use
- Revised Regulation 3225/7320-R, Technology Responsible Use Regulations
- Revised Form 3225/7320-R, Student E-Mail Parent Permission Form
- Revised Form 3225/7320-R, Acceptable Use of the Internet Form
- Revised Form 3225/7320-R, Information Technology Resource Acceptance Form
- NEW Policy 3228/7323, Use of Personal Technology to Conduct School Business
- Repeal Policy 3229, Digital Learning
- Revised Regulation 3229-R, Student Laptop User Agreement
- Revised Form 3229-R, Annual Student and Parent/Guardian Authorization Form
- Revised Policy 7360/8225, Crowdfunding
- Revised Policy 7241: Drug and Alcohol Testing of Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators
- New Policy 4720: Surveys of Students
- NEW Policy 3105: Part-Time Admission of Home School Students
- Revised Policy 3620: Extracurricular Activities and Student Organizations

Next, Mr. Shaw presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Dare and the Dare County Board of Education for the County's use of the athletic fields behind the First Flight schools. After the presentation, Mr. Shaw opened the floor questions and discussion by the Board. Following the Board's discussion, Mary Ellon Ballance made a motion that the Board approve the MOU for use of the athletic fields as presented. The motion was seconded by Susan Bothwell and approved 7 to 0 by the Board.

For the third item under New Business, Mr. Blackstock presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Dare and the Dare County Board of Education for the school district's use of county-owned and operated fueling stations. The floor was then opened for questions and discussion by the Board. Following the Board's discussion, Susan Bothwell made a motion that the Board approve the MOU for use of the fueling stations as presented. The motion was seconded by Mary Ellon Ballance and approved 7 to 0 by the Board.

For the final item under New Business, Mr. Blackstock presented a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Dare County Board of Education and the Town of Southern Shores for placement of a School Resource Officer at Kitty Hawk Elementary School. The floor was then opened for questions and discussion by the Board. Following the Board's discussion, Matt Brauer made a motion that the Board approve the MOA between the Dare County Board of Education and the Town of Southern Shores. The motion was seconded by Carl Woody and approved 7 to 0 by the Board.

Following *New Business*, Chairman Payne opened the floor for comments from the Board. No action was required.

With there being no further business, Carl Woody made a motion that the Board adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Barry Wickre and approved 7 to 0 by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Ron C. Payne, Board Chairman

Steve Basnight, Secretary



PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA
January 9, 2023

The Superintendent recommends the following ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Steve Blackstock	Interim Director of Finance	Central Office	1/3/2023
Denise Fallon	Director of Secondary Education	Central Office	TBD

Inform the Board of the following RESIGNATIONS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Wendy Cortez	DLI TA 1st Grade	FFES	11/22/22
Kimberly McGee	EC TA/ISS	FFMS	1/2/23
Chris Davenport	CTE / Carpentry Teacher	MHS	1/2/23
Hilaire Baxley	Spanish Teacher	MHS	1/25/23

effective date updated

Inform the Board of the following LEAVE of ABSENCE:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sara Patton	PE Teacher	FFES	1/10/23-1/27/23
Colby Voight	EC Specialist	FFMS	1/11/23-2/22/23

Inform the Board of the following INTERNAL TRANSFERS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
John Randy Peacher	Custodian FFES/FFMS split	Custodian FFMS	12/12/2022
Louella LePage	DCS Sub Teacher	Behavior Support Asst / FFMS	TBD
Justin Orgsbon	Administrative Asst to Testing Dept	ASEP	1/9/23

Recommend the Board approve the following personnel for EMPLOYMENT for the 2022-23 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brian Kennedy	ESL Teacher	FFHS	01/08/2023
Fiara Fischer	5th Grade Teacher	MES	1/30/2023
Jade Irving	Media TA	FFHS	TBD
Jennifer Lambert	DLI TA 1st Grade	FFES	1/3/2023
Katie Weaver	EC TA	FFES	1/9/2023
Katy O'Neal	TA	CHES	1/3/2023
Morgan Hattich	EC TA	FFES	1/3/2023
Robert Etheridge	Bus Garage Mechanic	Transportation	1/3/2023
Wendy Cortez	DLI TA Kindergarten	NHES	1/3/2023

Recommend the Board approve the following SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS for the 2022-23 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>
Christy Mode	Curvonte Blue
Elizabeth Smoak	Tod Gene Ray
Jessica Sulewski	
Judith Fearing	
Savannah Wallace	

Recommend the Board approve the following SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS/MONITORS for the 2022-23 school year:

<u>Name</u>
Amy Moore

Recommend the Board approve the following COACHES for the 2022-23 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Benjamin Holcomb	Assistant Boys Basketball	FFMS
Christian Hanburger	VOL Assistant Boys Basketball	CHSS