

The Dare County Board of Education met in **special session** on Monday, February 13, 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, and Carl Woody. David Twiddy was unable to attend.

Chairman Payne called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then requested a motion to approve the agenda. Susan Bothwell made a motion that the Board approve the agenda as requested. The motion was seconded by Carl Woody and approved 6 to 0 by the Board.

Next, Chairman Payne made the following announcement as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-318.11(a)(3).

On September 20, 2022, a petition for a contested case hearing was filed in the Office of Administrative Hearings on behalf of Dare County Schools' student "G.L." by his mother ("L.L.") and his father ("J.L."). On Monday, January 10, 2023, the Dare County Board of Education approved a settlement agreement in this matter that was fully executed on January 11, 2023. The anticipated cost of the settlement agreement is approximately \$11,000, including attorney's fees and costs related to the student.

Following the announcement, Barry Wickre made a motion that the Board go into closed session to consult with the Board of Education attorney in closed session in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege as provided in N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3); to consider confidential personnel matters as provided in N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6); and to consider confidential student matters as provided in N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99). The motion was seconded by Mary Ellon Ballance and approved 6 to 0 by the Board. The Board went into closed session at 4:34 p.m. and returned to open session at 4:55 p.m.

No action was taken following closed session, and with there being no further business, Mary Ellon Ballance made a motion that the Board adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Susan Bothwell and approved 6 to 0 by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Ron C. Payne, Board Chairman

Steve Basnight, Secretary