

JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Regular Business Meeting  
December 19, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.  
Central Office Boardroom

**AGENDA**

**I. JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

- A. Call to Order (Elizabeth Cooper, Chairperson)
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Approve Agenda

**II. SPECIAL RECOGNITION – (Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent)**

- 1. NCDPI Academic Progress Recognition
- 2. Ms. Ellie Miller, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at Smokey Mountain Elementary School – N.C. Flight Crew Program
- 3. Ms. Bryanna Rhoades, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade at Jackson Community School – National Student Leadership Academy
- 4. Emma Rowe, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade and Liangyu Zhao, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade at Smoky Mountain High School, National Rural and Small Town Award from The College Board
- 5. Superintendent’s Holiday Card Winners - Kayla Kopak – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade at Cullowhee Valley Elementary School and Jaxon Kern – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade at Blue Ridge School

**III. CONSENT ACTION AGENDA**

- A. [Open Session Minutes of Regular Meeting on November 14, 2023.](#)

**IV. INFORMATION**

- A. Superintendent’s Report (Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent)
- B. [Purchase of Digital Sign for Blue Ridge School and Blue Ridge Early College](#) (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent)
- C. Blue Ridge District 2023-2024 Calendar Adjustment (Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent)
- D. [Unaudited Financial Summary](#) (Kristie Walker, Chief Financial Officer)

**V. OPEN SESSION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sign up to speak before meeting. • Designed for school board to listen.  
Time to speak limited to 3 minutes • Complaints about individual employees or students prohibited

**VI. ACTION AGENDA**

- A. [Budget Amendments](#) (Kristie Walker, Chief Financial Officer)
- B. [2022-2023 Financial Statements](#) (Andy Deal of Anderson, Smith and Wike CCP)
- C. [Indian Education Policies and Procedures](#) Annual Approval (Brent Speckhardt, Director of Professional Development and Teacher Growth)
- D. [HIGHTS Memorandum of Agreement for 2024](#) (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent)
- E. [Chiller Replacement at Smoky Mountain High School](#) (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent)
- F. [Approval of Needs Based Grant](#) Submission (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent)
- G. [Purchase of HVAC replacement for JCS and SCES](#) (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Buchanan)
- H. Policy Updates (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent)  
Updates:
  - 1. [Operation of School Nutrition Services](#) (6220)
- I. Field Trips (Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent)
  - 1. [SMES, Grades 7 and 8 - NC State, Raleigh, NC, 01-18-24 to 01-20-24, TT8944.](#)

**VII. 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-319-321 and (a) (3) to discuss matters protected by the attorney-client privilege.**

**VIII. PERSONNEL ACTION AGENDA**

**Employee Recommendations:**

1. Bell, Tasha – Teacher, SMES
2. Brown, Dena – Custodian and Bus Driver, SMES
3. Crawford, Jamie – Part-time Custodian, Central Office
4. Dunn, Jennifer – Marching Band Staff and Winter Colorguard Coach, SMHS
5. Fulford, Kaley – Marching Band Staff, SMHS
6. Hensley, Amy – Custodian and Bus Driver, FES
7. Hoyle, Elizabeth – Homebound Speech Language Pathologist, FES
8. Mills, Jordan – Custodian for Youth Football Saturday, SMHS
9. Plaster, Sara – Bookkeeper, FES
10. Powell, Lindsey – Teacher, SCES
11. Weinzierl, Bobby – Custodian and Bus Driver, SMHS

**Employee Resignations:**

1. Beck, Tyler – School Nutrition Assistant, SMHS
2. Deal, Tyson – Teacher, CVES
3. Gonzales, Alexandra – Bookkeeper, FES
4. Leopard, Sara – Teacher, FES
5. Powell, Daniel Brady – Custodian, CVES
6. Serio-Cook, Lisa – Purchasing Specialist, Central Office
7. Watson, Katlin – Teacher Assistant, FES

**Employee Retirements:**

1. Cabe, Tamatha – Media Coordinator, CVES

**Employee Separations:**

1. Alvarez, Geisha – Instructional Support Assistant, CVES

**Staff, Non-Staff and Returning Coach Recommendations:**

1. Clark, Hannah – Assistant Coach Cheer, FES – Returning Non-Staff
2. Conway, Kayla – Assistant Coach Cheer, CVES – New Non-Staff
3. Hawk, Derrick – Assistant Coach District MS Men’s Basketball, SMHS – Returning Staff
4. Howell, Wendy – Assistant Coach Women’s Basketball, FES – New Staff
5. Woodard, Jeffery – Assistant Coach District MS Wrestling, SMHS – New Non-Staff

**Special Requests – Leave of Absence:**

1. Thompson, Julie – Teacher, FES

**IX. ACTION AGENDA**

- J. Approval of BSI Change Orders for FES and SMES (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent)

**The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Education is January 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the Board of Education Administrative Office, 398 Hospital Road, Sylva, NC.**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**