

CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

May 22, 2023

The Caswell County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building of Caswell County Schools. Members present: Chairman Mel Battle, Vice Chair Vennie Beggarly, Gladys Garland, Tracy Stanley, Joel Lillard, and Nicole Smith. Trudy Blackwell was absent. Others present include Superintendent Dr. Sandra Carter, Medina Jones, Carol Boaz, Jolandria Graves, Carla Murray, Nelson Showalter, and Brook Underwood. Board Attorney Ron Bradsher was present. Connie Kimrey recorded the minutes. *(Note: Others may have been present but did not sign the roster or names were not legible).*

I. A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mel Battle. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gladys Garland moved, seconded by Joel Lillard, to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023 regular meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

I. C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vennie Beggarly moved, seconded by Nicole Smith, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

I. D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Carter shared the art show is scheduled for this week with art viewing beginning at 4:30 p.m. and the award presentation at 6:00 p.m. Congratulations to the BETA Club inductees at Bartlett Yancey Sr. High School and thanks to Anna Foster for heading this up. Dr. Carter reminded everyone to review the school websites for the many end of year events that will be taking place and a reminder to parents for students to get plenty of rest as the EOG/EOC's will be taking place and it is the hope that all students will do well.

I. E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alexis Shively

Ms. Shively spoke in concerns with the bus situation that occurred last week in which her son was placed on the wrong bus. She still is confused as to how this was handled and noted her son arrived home after 6:00 p.m. She shared she called the school and received no assistance and the issue that occurred to her son while on the bus for so long. She thanked the board members who called her and finally was able to talk with the principal for a solution. She shared this has occurred multiple times over the last two to three months and is very alarming. She has since pulled her son from riding the bus and will now be a car rider.

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Dr. Carter shared this has been followed up on and should not happen again and hope that the trust will be reestablished so that her son can ride the bus.

Ms. Shively shared the day she was in the car rider line, which occurred two days later, the school had placed her son back on the bus rider line and he had to be removed from the bus while she was sitting in the car rider line. She shared there are still problems.

II. REPORTS

None at this time.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Carter recommended removing policies as listed from the table for second reading. Vennie Beggarly moved, seconded by Joel Lillard. The motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Policy # 6300, Goals of Student Transportation Services
- ❖ Policy # 6305, Safety & Student Transportation Services
- ❖ Policy # 6306, School Bus Idling
- ❖ Policy # 6310, Organization of Student Transportation Services
- ❖ Policy # 6315, Drivers
- ❖ Policy # 6320, Use of Student Transportation Services
- ❖ Policy # 6321, Bus Routes
- ❖ Policy # 6322, Student Assignment to Buses
- ❖ Policy # 6325, Parking Areas for Students
- ❖ Policy # 6330, Insurance for Student Transportation Services
- ❖ Policy # 6340, Transportation Service/Vehicle Contracts

Dr. Carter reviewed the policies for second read.

Policy # 6315, Page 2 (B3) was requested to be deleted for this section.

Policy # 6325 – Sentence was requested to be removed.

Upon no further questions or input, Dr. Carter recommended the policies as listed below for second reading. Gladys Garland moved, seconded by Vennie Beggarly, to approve second reading of the policies as listed with changes as noted. The motion carried unanimously.

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Rescind Policies

Dr. Carter recommended rescinding policies as listed below. Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Nicole Smith, to rescind policies as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

Rescind

- Policy # 910, School Bus Transportation
- Policy # 911, School Bus Idling
- Policy # 915, Use of School Buses to Transport Students to Other Events
- Policy # 920, Activity Buses
- Policy # 925, Bus Accidents/Drivers Violations

Policy # 6230, School Meal and Competitive Food Standards

Policy # 6410, Organization of the Purchasing Function

Chair Mel Battle shared that the next scheduled meeting is June 26th and suggested a work session on June 5th to review Policy # 6230 and Policy # 6410 along with others that have been pushed back to a work session. This will allow time for input to be included with school handbooks. It was requested that any board member who has items for the agenda to submit to Chair Mel Battle or Dr. Carter by June 1st. The work session is scheduled for June 5th at 3:00 p.m.

Policy # 6230 & Policy # 6410 will be discussed at the work session.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

Gladys Garland moved, seconded by Tracy Stanley, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Renewal / 2023-24

Bensen, Madelyn	Caswell	to	Alamance-Burlington (11 th)
Rone, Frederick	Caswell	to	Guilford (4 th)

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2. NCSBA Policy Updates

Dr. Carter shared these updates are for recently adopted policies and only minor wording changes have been made. These do not require a second read. Upon no questions, Dr. Carter recommended approval of the updates as presented. Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Tracy Stanley, to approve the updates as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Policy # 1610/7800 – Professional and Staff Development
- ❖ Policy # 3101 – Dual Enrollment
- ❖ Policy # 4023/7233 – Pregnant & Parenting Students and Employees
- ❖ Policy # 4310 – Integrity & Civility
- ❖ Policy # 5008 – Automated Phone and Text Messaging
- ❖ Policy # 5040 – News Media Relations
- ❖ Policy # 6402 – Participation by Historically Underutilized Businesses
- ❖ Policy # 4155 – Assignment to Classes
- ❖ Policy # 4334/5035/7345 – Use of Unmanned Aircraft (Drones)
- ❖ Policy # 5028/6130/7267 – Automated External Defibrillator

3. Policy # 6522, Use of Equipment, Materials, and Supplies by Non-School Groups

This policy was recently on the agenda for approval and pulled; however, due to correlation table with other adopted policies this will need to be included with the policy conversion. Dr. Carter recommended approval of first read of Policy # 6522 as presented. Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Nicole Smith, to approve first read of Policy # 6522 and for policy to lay on the table for second read. The motion carried unanimously.

V. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Carter shared County Manager Bryan Miller requested that an itemized listing of local funds be provided for the budget review. Mel Battle questioned if they wanted a listing for capital outlay and Dr. Carter shared that was not requested. Mel Battle shared that he concurred in which it gives an idea of where the money is going.

Nicole Smith questioned if the amount decreased for athletics and if the athletic director position is included. Brooke Underwood shared that the amount is less than what was shown on the budget the board received; however, this is the amount that we requested last year and the amount can change based on coaching supplements. Joel Lillard shared, in his opinion, that this is very confusing and needs to be self-explanatory. He requested that a column be added.

Discussion took place on the budget and it was shared that Bryan Miller cannot answer all the questions regarding the amount requested. It was requested that Dr. Carter share

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the date of when the budget will be presented to the Board of Commissioners so that the Board of Education members can attend.

Dr. Carter shared that Gladys Garland sent an email regarding bus drivers and contracting this out. Gladys Garland shared the concerns with the bus driver shortage. Mel Battle shared that some systems do not provide bus transportation and this may need to be looked into if we continue to see a decline in drivers. It was agreed to discuss this at the upcoming work session.

Joel Lillard also requested that the recess/PE practices be included on the work session agenda.

Dr. Carter shared the Senate recently passed the budget and now it is between the House and the Senate. A proposal for teacher pay is included as well as safety grants. Although we do not know the outcome it seems promising.

VI. BOARD MEMBER OBSERVATIONS

Joel Lillard shared he attended the End of Year Banquet and noted a great job was done by Connie Kimrey. It appeared the staff really enjoyed this event.

Gladys Garland shared she also attended the banquet and it was very well conducted and planned with a good flow. She also attended the retirement for Jerry Hatchett and thanked Connie Kimrey for planning this event.

Nicole Smith shared she attended the band and chorus concerts at the high school and both were very good and the music was excellent. The audience was very engaged. She attended the North Spring Fling which was awesome! She enjoyed the joint meeting with the Board of County Commissioners and meeting newly elected board member Ethyl Gwynn. She also attended the End of Year Banquet and thanked Connie Kimrey for handling this event noting it was very nice and thanks to all those that assisted Connie.

Mel Battle shared he attended the banquet and it was good to have this back. An outstanding job was done and felt the employees look forward to it.

Vennie Beggarly shared she was out of town but heard that the banquet was very nice. She also thanked Dr. Carter for allowing Farmer's Lake to share flyers on upcoming events in the school system. One request if possible was to try and not have so many events booked on the same day as it is difficult for parents who have multiple children in different grade levels to attend all that is planned.

Tracy Stanley shared she attended the End of Year Banquet and it was very nice. She also wished the students good luck on the upcoming end of year testing.

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VI. CLOSED SESSION

Joel Lillard made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of considering a personnel action that involves an officer or employee of this Board (NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6); and for the purpose of discussing information that is privileged, confidential or not a public record (NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1) and to confer with legal counsel. Gladys Garland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. OPEN SESSION

Vennie Beggarly made a motion to return to open session. Tracy Stanley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. PERSONNEL LISTING

Dr. Carter recommended approval of the personnel listing as presented. Tracy Stanley moved, seconded by Gladys Garland to approve the personnel listing as presented. The motion was defeated with a tie vote. (Stanley, Battle, Garland voted "Yes," Lillard, Smith, Beggarly voted "No" and Blackwell was absent).

Retirement	
Oakwood Elementary	Hattie Jeffreys, Teacher Asst. - Eff. 7/1/23
Resignation	
South Elementary	Amanda Caporicci, Music Teacher - Eff. 6/14/23
	Karen Barbieri, K-5 Teacher - Eff. 6/14/23
	Katherine Harris, K-5 Teacher - Eff. 6/14/23
	Morgan Gregory, K-5 Teacher - Eff. 6/14/23
Central Office	Jennifer O'Briant, Student Services Director - Eff. 7/7/23

Dr. Carter recommended approval of the summer school listing with exclusion of elementary classified individual on page 2 contingent upon student numbers. Joel Lillard moved, seconded by Nicole Smith, to approve personnel listed to work contingent upon student numbers with exception of individual listed on Page 2 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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Dr. Carter recommended approval of summer school classified employee (listed on Page 2) contingent upon student numbers. Gladys Garland moved. There was no second. The motion died.

Note: Summer school listing of staff working will be brought back and confirmed again once numbers for summer school are confirmed.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

X. ADJOURN

Gladys Garland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m., Vennie Beggarly Joel Lillard seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on June 26, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Caswell County Schools Administration Building.

Mel O. Battle
Chairman

Dr. Douglas N. Barker
Interim Superintendent