

CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
February 28, 2022

The Caswell County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building of Caswell County Schools. Members present: Chairman Wayne Owen, Vice Chair Gladys Garland, Mel Battle, Vennie Beggarly, Tracy Stanley, Trudy Blackwell, and Donna Hudson. Others present included Superintendent Dr. Sandra Carter, Andrew Tyrrell, Nicole McGhee, Joel Lillard, and Board Attorney Ron Bradsher. Connie Kimrey recorded the minutes. Meeting was livestreamed via Zoom. (*others may have been in attendance, but did not sign in.*)

I. A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Owen. A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gladys Garland moved, seconded by Vennie Beggarly, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 regular meeting and February 21, 2022 special called meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

I. C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Carter recommended approval of agenda as presented. Donna Hudson moved, seconded by Trudy Blackwell, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

I. D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Carter shared that the Center or Disease Control (CDC) has changed its stance on mandatory masking on school buses. Effective immediately masks are no longer required while riding a bus in Caswell County Schools. A message was sent home to parents earlier today and information has been posted on the website.

Dr. Carter recognized honors from the North Carolina School Boards Association in recognition of cumulative hours of training. Those include:

- Vennie Beggarly, Certificate of Merit (31-100 hours)
- Mel Battle, Certificate of Distinction (401-500 hours)
- Gladys Garland, Bronze Certificate (601-700 hours)

Dr. Carter thanked the board for their commitment to training and receiving their required hours which consist outside of board meetings.

I. E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

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II. REPORTS

Nelson Showalter, Exceptional Children Director, shared an update of the special education department.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dr. Carter recommended removing the policies listed below from the table. Mel Battle moved, seconded by Gladys Garland, to remove policies from the table for second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

Policies:

- 2010 – Board and Superintendent Relations
- 2300 – Board Meetings
- 2310 – Public Participation at Board Meetings
- 1740/4010 – Student & Parent Grievance Procedure
- 1750/7220 – Grievance Procedures for Employees
- 610 – Curriculum & Instruction – Student Assessment

Dr. Carter reviewed the minor changes as recommended by the board at the January 24th meeting. Those updates have been included for second reading and approval.

Concerns were shared with Policy # 2010 and the wording in the second paragraph.

Dr. Carter recommended approval of Policy # 2010, Board and Superintendent Relations as presented. Gladys Garland moved, seconded by Donna Hudson, to approve Policy # 2010 as presented. The motion carried 6-1 with Battle voting “No.”

Dr. Carter recommended approval of the following policies:

- 2300 – Board Meetings
- 2310 – Public Participation at Board Meetings
- 1740/4010 – Student & Parent Grievance Procedure
- 1750/7220 – Grievance Procedures for Employees
- 610 – Curriculum & Instruction – Student Assessment

Tracy Stanley moved, seconded by Donna Hudson, to approve the policies as listed above for second reading as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

(Updated policies will be posted on the district website).

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IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

- Request for Transfer
- Drone Purchase (Grant funded)

Dr. Carter recommended approval of the consent agenda as presented. Gladys Garland moved, seconded by Tracy Stanley, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Questions were asked regarding the drone class and how many students are enrolled. Dr. Carter shared that both classes are full and was aware that there were 40 at one time. The purchase of 150 drones pays for the supplies for the classes and noted that the main supplies are the drones; however, there is bookwork required prior to using the actual drone. Concerns shared included the date of the quote and asked if the quote was still valid as it was beyond the 30 days. Dr. Carter shared the quote was just submitted to her and was not aware of any issues or delays to instruction.

Upon no further questions, the motion made by Gladys Garland, seconded by Tracy Stanley, to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

Request for Transfer
2022-2023

Vernon, Colin Rice	Caswell	to	Alamance-Burlington (12 th)
Vernon, Sarah Michelle	Caswell	to	Alamance-Burlington (8 th)

2021-2022 (New request)

Winn, Ayden	South	to	Oakwood (K)
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Drone Purchase = Nine Ten Drones	Grant Funded		
(2901 Hollow Springs Court, Fayetteville, NC 28311)			
DJI Robomaster	150	\$239.00	\$35,850.00
DJI Tello Battery	450	\$20.00	9,000.00
DJI Tello Charging Hub	150	\$24.00	3,600.00
Sub Total:			\$48,450.00
Tax:			3,391.51
Total:			\$51,841.51

V. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

Dr. Carter shared information regarding the extra funding received through ESSER funds and one portion of that is a teacher supplemental allotment. Dr. Carter shared each district received amounts

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relative to their district and based on low wealth. The amount for Caswell is \$771,838 and will be recurring from the state. Each district is obligated to come up with a formula for yearly supplements to school based certified teachers. Currently Dr. Carter is in the process of drafting a plan to bring to the board meeting in March but would like input from the board. Dr. Carter shared she discussed this and asked for input in the teacher advisory meeting. This year payment will be in one lump sum; however, going forward the formula will need to be created and carried out.

Discussion took place. Dr. Carter was asked to follow-up with the board at the next meeting with a breakdown of numbers at each school and by category. It was noted that the amount could vary each year based on the number of positions we have.

Dr. Carter will bring information back to the March meeting for more discussion.

Dr. Carter shared information regarding an athletic facilities grant which is available. Each district has an "up to amount" that may be received. The plan is to renovate the temporary classroom building into an athletic field house with two separate locker rooms designed for all sports along with a concession stand. If funding allows it would also include upgrades to outside areas at the Page Gym. Discussion took place regarding the funding when the temporary classroom building was built. The board discussed plans with the Board of County Commissioners; however, they did not agree to fund athletic facilities or athletic upgrades. Board Attorney shared that the board could go back to discuss this in the future with commissioners.

Dr. Carter also shared information regarding the masks being optional now which she felt would allow flexibility in opening up the Caswell County Civic Center for rental of the large auditorium. All board members were in agreement.

VI. OBSERVATIONS

- What is the outlook for students eating in the cafeteria now that masks are optional? Dr. Carter shared that we are still following the NC Strong Schools Toolkit which includes spacing and hope to move in the direction of eating in the cafeteria soon. A state update of the NC Strong Schools Toolkit is set for March 7, 2022.
- Title IX training was very informative and felt that it should be shared with bus drivers and cafeteria workers as it included very good information.
- Follow-up to the webinar "Sixty Minutes on Minutes" included contracts being a part of the minutes. Dr. Carter shared that with the North Carolina School Boards Association working with us to update our policies that this will be discussed when we get to the 7000 section, as it is not a legislative requirement.
- Reminder to RSVP to the Signature School Breakfast if you are planning on attending on March 24, 2022.

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VII. CLOSED SESSION

Gladys Garland 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 after a ten-minute break. Tracy Stanley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. OPEN SESSION

Donna Hudson made a motion to return to open session. Gladys Garland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. PERSONNEL LISTING

Dr. Carter recommended approval of the personnel listing as presented. Tracy Stanley made a motion, seconded by Vennie Beggarly to approve the personnel listing as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Employment	
Bartlett Yancey Sr. High School	Angela Kelly, Custodian (Currently serves as a bus driver) = Eff. 2/15/22
Child Nutrition Department	Laura Miles-Chandler, Office Support III: School Nutrition Bookkeeper/Program Eligibility = Eff. TBD
Substitute	
	Julia Jessup, Office Support = Eff. 3/1/22
	Luanne Nichols, Office Support = Eff. 3/1/22

X. COMMUNICATIONS

- March 3-4, 2022 = Spring Law Conference

XI. ADJOURN

Vennie Beggarly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m., Gladys Garland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on March 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Caswell County Schools Administration Building.

Wayne Owen
Chairman

Dr. Sandra Carter
Superintendent