

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 6, 2018

The meeting was held as scheduled with all members present except for Mr. King who was absent due to illness. Chairman Jones called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following addendums to personnel and requests for out-of-county reassignments, the agenda was approved by general consensus.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board for June/July on June 28, 2018, and the special joint meeting with the Commissioners on July 23, 2018.

A motion by Vice Chairman Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the request from Chad and Sarah Martin, who reside in Ashe County, to allow their sons to attend school in Watauga County effective the 2018/19 school year.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by the Vice Chairman gave unanimous approval to the request from Sarah Sherbert, who resides in Ashe County, to allow her son to attend school in Watauga County effective the 2018/19 school year.

A motion by the Vice Chairman and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the request from Erika Testerman, who resides in Ashe County, to allow her son to attend school in Alleghany County effective the 2018/19 school year.

A motion by the Vice Chairman and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the request from Allen and Jessica Barker, who reside in Ashe County, to allow their daughter to attend school in Alleghany County effective the 2018/10 school year.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to the request from Genal West, who resides in Ashe County, to allow her daughter to attend school in Watauga County effective the 2018/19 school year.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by the Vice Chairman gave unanimous approval to the price increases in adult meals for 2018/19. The adult breakfast increased from \$1.25 to \$1.50 and the adult lunch increased from \$3.50 to \$4.00.

A motion by the Vice Chairman and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the following personnel recommendations.

CERTIFIED

Teachers

- Employment of Jennifer Miller as science teacher at Ashe High effective August 13, 2018 (prior approval)
- Employment of Jessica Lancaster as regular classroom teacher at Blue Ridge effective August 13, 2018 (prior approval)
- Employment of James Burgess as CTE teacher at Ashe High effective August 13, 2018 (prior approval)

- Reassignment of Dalton Lewis from substitute teacher to temporary interim science teacher at Ashe Middle effective August 13, 2018
- Resignation of Caitlyn O'Donnell as regular classroom teacher at Mountain View effective June 12, 2018
- Resignation/retirement of Linda Bennett, teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High, effective July 31, 2018
- Resignation of Michael Gore, PE teacher at Ashe High, effective July 31, 2018
- Employment of Rita Southern as teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High effective August 28, 2018 contingent upon pre-employment screening (prior approval)
- Employment of Jennifer Chandler as teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High effective August 13, 2018 contingent upon pre-employment screening (prior approval)
- Promotion of Alex Miller from receptionist at Ashe High to teacher for exceptional children at Westwood effective August 13, 2018 (prior approval)

Substitute Teachers

- Addition of Lucinda Dunagan, Kathryn Leslie, Julie McGunegle and Frances Holland to the approved substitute list

Employee Leaves

- Request from Mary Greene for a medical leave of absence beginning August 1, 2018 and ending on January 2, 2019

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Certified staff to begin the 2018/19 school year
- Substitute teachers
- Teacher assistant for the Literacy Express for the 2018/19 school year (grant funded)

CLASSIFIED

Bus Driver Substitute

- Addition of Tina Shepherd to the approved bus driver substitute list effective August 20, 2018

Cafeteria

- Resignation of Tammy Jones as cafeteria assistant at Ashe High effective August 1, 2018
- Resignation of Ginger Sheets, part-time cafeteria assistant at Blue Ridge, effective July 31, 2018

Custodians

- Employment of Mason Wagoner as custodian (1st shift) at Blue Ridge—effective date to be determined
- Resignation/retirement of William “Bill” Howell, custodian at Mountain View, effective August 1, 2018
- Transfer of Jimmy Thompson, Jr. from custodian at Blue Ridge to custodian at Mountain View—effective date to be determined

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Classified staff to begin the 2018/19 school year
- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute cafeteria assistants

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by the Vice Chairman gave unanimous approval to the revised 2018/19 coaching assignments at Ashe High as presented by Athletic Director David Koontz.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by the Vice Chairman gave unanimous approval to the 2018/19 coaching assignments at Ashe Middle as presented by Athletic Coordinator Mitchell Mash.

Marcia Elledge, Liaison for the Ashe County Board of Education Endowment Committee, gave an update on the 17th Annual Golf Tournament held at Jefferson Landing on July 11, 2018. This year's tournament had good participation—140 players, 22 hole sponsors, 7 team sponsors, 5 corporate sponsors and 55 businesses/individuals provided supplies, door prizes and monetary donations. The number of players necessitated both morning and afternoon start times. After all expenses are paid, the Endowment should clear approximately \$9,000. The balance in the Endowment Fund as of June 30 was \$219,837.41.

The Superintendent gave an overview of the Administrator Retreat held in preparation for the upcoming school year on August 7, 2018 in the community room at Blue Ridge Electric. A training session for Board members was scheduled for Wednesday, September 5, beginning at 6:00 pm in the annex—dinner will begin at 5:30 pm. Training will center around the 2018/19 curriculum initiatives.

The following information items were shared with the Board.

- Monday-Friday, August 13-17—required teacher workdays
- Wednesday, August 15—county-wide convocation at ACHS—breakfast beginning at 7:15 am—program from 8:00-11:30
- Monday, August 20—first day for students
- Due to Labor Day, the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, September 10, at 7:00 pm in the annex.

At 7:36 pm, the Board took a short recess prior to going into closed session at 7:42 pm for the purpose of considering a personnel action that involves an officer or employee of this Board [N.C. General Statute /143.318.11(a)(6)] and real estate [N.C. General Statute /143.318.11(a)(5)].

Upon return to regular session at 9:44 pm, a motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to adding \$10,000 to the local budget to employ Dr. Betsy Rosenbalm to serve as a coach for beginning teachers. The previous funding source, Federal Title II, was cut significantly for the current fiscal year, leaving only enough to cover the salaries for two teachers. Recognizing the value of this resource, the Board felt it important to retain a coach for beginning teachers.

There being no further business, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned.