

MINUTES  
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
June 28, 2018

The 5:15 pm dinner meeting was held as scheduled with all members present except Mr. King who was absent due to illness. Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm, welcomed those in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the addition of an addendum to personnel, the agenda was approved by general consensus.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board on June 4, 2018 and the special meeting held on June 21, 2018.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Vice Chairman Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the request from Lindsay Chandler, who resides in Ashe County, to allow her daughter to attend school in Alleghany County effective the 2018/19 school year.

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

**CERTIFIED**

**Literacy Express—College Intern**

- Employment of Madison Goodman, NC State college intern, to assist on The Literacy Express (prior approval—grant funded)

**Non-Instructional Support**

- Approval of two-year contract for Regan Perry as school nurse at Mountain View effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020
- Approval of two-year contract for Libby Matheson as school nurse at Westwood effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020
- Approval of one-year contract for Whitney Van Sant as mental health coordinator effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

**Teachers**

- Employment of Benjamin Thomas-Reid as English/theater teacher at Ashe High effective August 13, 2018 (prior approval)
- Promotion of Rachel Farley from substitute teacher at Ashe High to English teacher at Ashe High effective August 13, 2018
- Resignation of Wesley Rousseau, English teacher at Ashe High, effective June 12, 2018
- Resignation of Angela Brock, teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High, effective June 12, 2018
- Transfer of George Neil from science teacher at Ashe High to science teacher Ashe County Early College effective August 13, 2018
- Transfer of Julie Jones from school counselor at Ashe Middle to school counselor at Ashe County Early College effective August 13, 2018

### **Substitute Teachers**

- Addition of Stephanie Evans, Amber Lane and Hope LaPointe to the approved substitute list

### **Employee Leaves**

- Request from George Neil, science teacher at Ashe High, for a medical leave beginning on April 30, 2018 and ending on May 18, 2018 (FMLA = 3 weeks)
- Request from Cati Robinson, math and social studies teacher at Ashe Middle, for a parental leave beginning on May 28, 2018 and ending on January 2, 2019 (FMLA=12 weeks)
- Request from Katie Absher, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Blue Ridge, for a parental leave beginning August 13, 2018 and ending on October 4, 2018

### **Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions**

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

### **CLASSIFIED**

#### **Bus Drivers**

- Resignation of Tina Shepherd, regular route bus driver at Westwood, effective end-of-day June 1, 2018

#### **Bus Monitor (TSA)**

- Reassignment of Loretta Swafford from substitute bus monitor (TSA) at Ashe High to regular full-time bus monitor effective August 20, 2018

#### **Coaches**

- Addition of Kevin Jones as girls' varsity basketball assistant coach at Ashe High to the approved coaches list (paid)

#### **Cafeteria Assistants**

- Transfer of Mehida Ruth Roark from cafeteria assistant (full-time, 6 hours per day) at Ashe High to cafeteria assistant (full time, 6 hours per day) at Blue Ridge effective beginning of 2018/19 school year
- Transfer of Mary Steelman from cafeteria assistant (full-time, 6 hours per day) at Ashe High to cafeteria assistant (full time, 6 hours per day) at Westwood effective beginning of 2018/19 school year
- Transfer of Kristi Townsend from cafeteria assistant (part-time, 4 hours per day) at Ashe High to cafeteria assistant (part-time, 4 hours per day) at Blue Ridge effective beginning of 2018/19 school year
- Transfer of Teresa Ham from cafeteria assistant (part-time, 4.5 hours per day) at Blue Ridge to cafeteria assistant (part-time, 4.5 hours per day) at Mountain View effective beginning of 2018/19 school year
- Transfer of Linda Powers from cafeteria assistant (full-time, 6 hours per day) at Blue Ridge to cafeteria assistant (full-time, 6 hours per day) at Ashe High effective beginning of 2018/19 school year

- Transfer of Ruby Ham from cafeteria assistant (part-time, 4 hours per day) at Westwood to cafeteria assistant (part-time, 4 hours per day) at Blue Ridge effective beginning of 2018/19 school year
- Transfer of Angela Calhoun from cafeteria assistant (full-time, 6 hours per day) at Ashe Middle to cafeteria assistant (full-time, 6 hours per day) at Ashe High effective beginning of 2018/19 school year
- Transfer of Ruth Blair from cafeteria assistant (part-time, 4.5 hours per day) at Mountain View to cafeteria assistant (part-time, 4.5 hours per day) at Westwood effective beginning of 2018/19 school year
- Transfer of Mary Jane Cox from cafeteria assistant (part-time, 5 hours per day) at Blue Ridge to cafeteria assistant (part-time, 5 hours per day) at Ashe Middle effective beginning of 2018/19 school year
- Transfer of Darlene May from cafeteria assistant manager (full-time, 7 hours per day) at Blue Ridge to cafeteria assistant (full-time, 7 hours per day) at Ashe Middle effective beginning of 2018/19 school year

#### **Lifeguards**

- Re-employment of Jordan Avery as lifeguard at Ashe Middle effective May 8, 2018
- Re-employment of Lauren Robinson as lifeguard at Ashe Middle effective May 8, 2018
- Re-employment of Mason Shumate as lifeguard at Ashe Middle effective May 8, 2018
- Re-employment of Travis Hartsoe as lifeguard at Ashe Middle effective May 8, 2018
- Re-employment of Tanner Kilby as lifeguard at Ashe Middle effective May 8, 2018

#### **Office Support**

- Employment of Heather Resendiz as finance secretary at Ashe High effective June 1, 2018 (prior approval)
- Promotion of Jennifer Hart from receptionist at Ashe Middle to data manager at Ashe Middle effective July 1, 2018
- Resignation/retirement of Sharon Lucas, data manager at Ashe Middle, effective July 1, 2018
- Promotion of Tonya Greer from part-time teacher assistant for The Literacy Express to full-time administrative assistant at central support services effective July 1, 2018

#### **Teacher Assistant**

- Transfer of Pachia Wayt from teacher assistant for exceptional children at Mountain View to teacher assistant for exceptional children at Ashe Middle effective August 13, 2018

#### **Employee Leaves**

- Request from Amber Woodward, cafeteria assistant at Mountain View, for a parental leave of absence effective May 22, 2018 and ending on October 12, 2018 (FMLA = 12 weeks)

#### **Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions**

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

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by the Vice Chairman gave unanimous approval to awarding the produce bid for the Child Nutrition Program to Sysco as recommended by the Child Nutrition Director Martha Turner.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by the Vice Chairman gave unanimous approval to the 2017/18 budget amendments as presented by Finance Officer Amanda Coldiron.

***BE IT RESOLVED*** that the following amendments be made to the Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

#### **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

CODE NUMBER	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
5000	Instructional services		
6000	Support services		
7000	Ancillary services		
8000	Non-programmed charges	50,000	
9000	Land, buildings, renovations, vehicles, etc		
3000	Yellow buses, vehicles, QSCB (state funds)		
4000	Local revenues		50,000

#### **EXPLANATION**

- REALIGNMENT OF BUDGET TO EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	947,467
Amount of Increase/(Decrease) for Amendment	50,000

Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	997,467
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#### **LOCAL FUND 8**

CODE NUMBER	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
5000	Instructional programs		
6000	Supporting services	40,000	
7000	Ancillary		
8000	Non-programmed charges		
3000	State and Federal revenues		
4000	Local revenues		40,000

**EXPLANATION**

- **REALIGNMENT OF BUDGET TO EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES**

<b>Total Appropriation in Current Budget</b>	<b>1,846,417</b>
<b>Amount of Increase/(Decrease) for Amendment</b>	<b>40,000</b>
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<b>Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget</b>	<b>1,886,417</b>

**CURRENT EXPENSE**

CODE NUMBER	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
<b>5000</b>	<b>Instructional programs</b>		
<b>6000</b>	<b>Supporting services</b>		<b>500,000</b>
<b>7000</b>	<b>Ancillary</b>		
<b>8000</b>	<b>Non-programmed charges</b>	<b>5,000</b>	
<b>4000</b>	<b>Appropriated fund balance</b>	<b>495,000</b>	

**EXPLANATION**

- **REALIGNMENT OF BUDGET TO EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES**

<b>Total Appropriation in Current Budget</b>	<b>5,931,310</b>
<b>Amount of Increase/(Decrease) for Amendment</b>	<b>(495,000)</b>
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<b>Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget</b>	<b>5,436,310</b>

**STATE FUND**

CODE NUMBER	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
<b>5000</b>	<b>Instructional programs</b>	<b>600,000</b>	
<b>6000</b>	<b>Supporting services</b>		
<b>7000</b>	<b>Ancillary</b>		
<b>8000</b>	<b>Non-programmed charges</b>		
<b>3000</b>	<b>State Revenues</b>		<b>600,000</b>

**EXPLANATION**

- **REALIGNMENT OF BUDGET TO EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES**

<b>Total Appropriation in Current Budget</b>	<b>21,085,076</b>
<b>Amount of Increase/(Decrease) for Amendment</b>	<b>600,000</b>
<b>Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget</b>	<b>21,685,076</b>

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the following Interim Budget Resolution for 2018/19 as presented by Finance Officer Amanda Coldiron.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer for the Ashe County Board of Education be, and hereby is, authorized to continue paying salaries and the usual, ordinary expense in amounts not to exceed those set in the current budget period. This authorization is to be effective from July 1, 2018 until the adoption of a new budget resolution pursuant to North Carolina G. S. 115C-434. Any such interim appropriations expended shall be charged to the proper appropriation in the 2018/19 budget upon adoption.

A motion by Vice Chairman Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the revisions to Policy 2121 *Board Member Conflict of Interest* as presented at the regular meeting for June.

Career and College Promise (CCP) and Student Services Coordinator Miranda Roark for the Ashe Campus of Wilkes Community College (WCC), gave a presentation on the 2017/18 CCP highlights for the high school. She introduced the CCP Leadership Team members and stated that the team meets monthly to ensure student success. Mrs. Roark stated that of the 202 high school graduates, 100, or 49.5 percent of the senior class, completed at least one WCC course during their junior and/or senior year. Forty-three (43) graduates received a WCC Honors Cord. A total of 1,435 WCC credit hours were completed. The CCP program is tuition free and books/materials are only \$20 per course. Students do not have to pay student fees, have free and unlimited academic support center access and up to 10 hours of free online tutoring per semester. The total savings for parents in tuition and fees for the 1,435 completed credit hours at the community college level would equate to approximately \$123,000 and \$302,680 at the university level, not including housing, meals, books, supplies, transportation, personal expenses, loan fees, etc. at either level. The Board commented that this program is of real value to our students and parents.

K-3 Curriculum Director Jamie Little gave an update on the 114 students in grades 1-3 who attended the Read to Achieve Summer Camps. Of the 114 attendees, 27 were required 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Countywide, there were 29 1<sup>st</sup> graders, 43 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and 42 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Of the 27 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, 12, or 44 percent, ended up showing proficiency—only 28 percent reached proficiency last year. Students took a field trip to the Public Library to attend the Science Teller Mystery Show, and The Literacy Express visited each school site to provide enrichment activities. At the end of the camp, students took book bags home filled with 6-9 books provided through The Literacy Express grant to read this summer.

The Superintendent shared a copy of Senate Bill 125 that was ratified to encourage local boards of education to adopt student attendance recognition programs.

The Superintendent informed the Board that the school system had received the 2018/19 allotment from the County Commissioners and requested that the Board go ahead and approve its local budget based upon prior budget discussions. A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to adopting the local current expense and capital outlay budgets.

The Superintendent researched the level of coaching supplements in adjoining counties and recommended that coaching supplements in Ashe County be increased by 20 percent across the board. A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to this recommendation. Both spoke on the amount of time and energy required for coaching sports and they, along with other Board members, felt that coaches were very deserving of this increase.

The following items of information were shared with the Board.

- Wednesday, July 11—Endowment Golf Tournament—Jefferson Landing
- Monday, August 6—next regular meeting of the Board
- Monday, August 13—first day for teachers
- Monday, August 20—first day for students

At 6:33 pm, the Board took a short recess prior to going into closed session 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)]. The Board went into closed session at 6:37 pm and returned to regular session at 7:40 pm.

Due to its expansion project, Wilkes Community College purchased the school system's practice field adjacent to the college. A motion by Vice Chairman Beckworth and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to awarding the grading contract for \$69,839 to Maurice Jordan to build a new practice field on the property purchased from the Woodie family for this purpose. Although Vice Chairman Beckworth had contacted several contractors more than one time about submitting a quote, the one and only response was from Mr. Jordan. Dr. Beckworth will contact Randy Rhodes about completing the soil erosion plan he had agreed earlier to do for \$2,500.

There being no further business, Chairman Jones immediately declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.