

MINUTES  
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
August 5, 2019

The meeting was held as scheduled with all members present. Chairman Jones called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon reviewing the addendum to the agenda, the agenda was approved by general consensus of the Board.

A motion by the Vice Chairman and a second by Mrs. Eldreth gave unanimous approval to the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board on June 27, 2019 and the special budget work session on July 2, 2019.

A motion by Mr. McClure and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the request from Kim Hall, who resides in Ashe County, to allow her daughter to attend school in Watauga County effective the 2019/20 school year.

A motion by Mrs. Eldreth and a second by the Vice Chairman gave unanimous approval to the request from Rachel Frederick, who resides in Ashe County, to allow her son to attend school in Watauga County effective the 2019/20 school year.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. McClure gave unanimous approval to the request from Gordon Prince, who resides in Ashe County, to allow his children to attend school in Watauga County effective the 2019/20 school year.

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

**CERTIFIED**

**Administration**

- Employment of Scott Grubb as assistant principal at Westwood effective July 17, 2019 (prior approval)
- Resignation of Kevin Anderson, assistant finance officer at Central Support Services, effective August 16, 2019
- Resignation of Gordon Prince, assistant principal at Blue Ridge, effective July 31, 2019

**Teachers**

- Transfer of Tonya Blevins from teacher for exceptional children at Blue Ridge to county-wide exceptional children specialist effective the beginning of the 2019/20 school year (prior approval)
- Resignation of Kimberley Miller, instructional technology facilitator at Westwood, effective August 1, 2019
- Resignation of Lindsay Scarborough, band and chorus teacher at Ashe Middle, effective July 30, 2019
- Employment of Valeri Angles as 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Westwood effective August 12, 2019 (prior approval)
- Employment of Michael Elliott as physical education teacher at Ashe High effective August 12, 2019 (prior approval)
- Transfer of Sara Lambert from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Westwood to instructional technology facilitator at Westwood effective August 12, 2019

### **Substitute Teachers**

- Addition of Julia Patton and Robin Johnson to the approved substitute list

### **Employee Leaves**

- Request from Jessica Lyalls, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Mountain View, for a family medical leave beginning on or about September 17, 2019 and ending on or about December 16, 2019
- Request from Bill Key, physical education teacher at Ashe High, for a medical leave of absence beginning on August 12, 2019 and ending on or about September 6, 2019

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

- Certified staff to begin the 2019/20 school year
- Substitute teachers

## **CLASSIFIED**

### **Bus Drivers**

- Resignation of Brenda Bare, bus driver at Mountain View, effective July 2, 2019
- Reassignment of Mark Harless from substitute bus driver to full-time regular route bus driver at Westwood effective August 15, 2019
- Reassignment of Tyler Dillard from substitute bus driver to part-time regular route bus driver at Mountain View effective August 15, 2019
- Reassignment of Audrey Patrick from substitute bus driver to part-time regular route bus driver at Mountain View effective August 15, 2019

### **Substitute Bus Drivers**

- Addition of Sharon Price to the approved substitute bus driver list

### **Custodian**

- Promotion of Matthew Rupard from 2<sup>nd</sup> shift, 11-month custodian at Ashe High to 1st shift, 12-month, custodian at Ashe High effective July 8, 2019

### **Ashe TAB (Tutoring, Attendance and Behavior) Coordinator**

- Transfer of Kristi Powers from teacher assistant at Blue Ridge to Ashe TAB Coordinator for the county effective the beginning of the 2019/20 school year

### **Teacher Assistants**

- Resignation of Rebecca Rose, teacher assistant for exceptional children at Mountain View, effective July 22, 2019
- Transfer of Shannon Barnes from teacher assistant for exceptional children at Ashe High to teacher assistant for exceptional children at Mountain View effective August 12, 2019
- Transfer of Renee Weaver from teacher assistant for exceptional children at Blue Ridge to teacher assistant for exceptional children at Ashe High effective August 12, 2019

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

- Classified staff to begin the 2019/20 school year
- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute cafeteria assistants

A motion by Mrs. Eldreth and a second by Mr. McClure gave unanimous approval to the 2019/20 Ashe County Middle coaching assignments as presented by Athletic Director Mitchell Mash. A list of the recommendations is on file in the Department of Human Resources.

Endowment Liaison Marcia Elledge gave a preliminary update on the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament and extended appreciation to everyone who helped with the event.

Principal Elaine Cox, along with student Sophia Kiser, gave a presentation on the milestones of Ashe Early College during its first year of operation. Sophia Kiser spoke about the incredible success of Ashe Early College. Sophia has attended public, charter and private schools—she said that she could honestly say that the Early College provides the best learning opportunities for its students. She shared many of the accomplishments the school experienced in its inaugural year. Mrs. Cox shared the video that she was able to get produced highlighting the opportunities offered to students and the school's many accomplishments during its first year. Sophia thanked the Board for everything it had done to ensure that "students have the opportunity to achieve extraordinary accomplishments."

Transportation Director Shea Coldiron gave an overview of the changes being put in place to help shorten bus ride times for students, highlighting the details of each. Mrs. Eldreth talked about maximizing learning during long rides and asked that Mr. Coldiron find out the cost of operating one bus. Mr. McClure asked that the Board be kept informed.

The Superintendent commented on the following.

- Submission of grant at the Federal level for the Assessment, Support and Counseling (ACS) program
- Meeting of the School Security Committee scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, in the high school media center at 6:30 pm
- Vacancies on the NCSBA Board of Directors—no member was interested in applying
- Kudos to everyone who helped with the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

The following information items were shared with the Board.

- Monday, August 5—County-wide Bus Driver Meeting—ACHS auditorium—9:00 am
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, August 6-8—New Teacher Orientation
- Thursday, August 8—ACHS Freshman 101—meal @ 5:00 pm—Breakout Sessions @ 6:00 pm
- Monday-Wednesday, August 12-14—required teacher workdays
- Monday, August 12—County-wide Convocation @ ACHS—breakfast beginning at 7:00 am—program from 7:50-11:30 am
- Monday, August 12—Ashe Early College—Open House for rising Sophomores and Juniors—4:30-5:30 pm, Room 300
- Monday, August 12—Ashe Early College—Orientation for rising Freshmen—5:45-6:45 pm for last name beginning A-J—7:00-8:00 pm for last name beginning L-W—Room 300
- Monday, August 12—Blue Ridge, Mountain View and Westwood—Open Houses—4:30-6:30 pm
- Tuesday, August 13—Ashe County High—Open House—4:30-6:30 pm
- Tuesday, August 13—Ashe County Middle—Open House—7<sup>th</sup> grade from 5:30-8:30—8<sup>th</sup> grade from 6:00-7:30 pm
- Wednesday—August 14—Ashe Early Learning Center—Open House—5:00-7:00 pm
- Thursday, August 15—first day for students

- Due to Labor Day, the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, September 9, at 7:00 pm in the annex.
- Wednesday, September 25—District 7 Fall District Meeting for School Boards @ Hickory City Schools—leave CSS at 2:00 pm

There being no further business, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.