

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 30, 2009

The meeting was held at the Ashe County Board of Education Annex as scheduled with all members present. Chairman King called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following a request by Mr. Weaver for an addendum to item 7, the agenda for the meeting was approved by general consensus of the Board.

During open comments, Marcia Elledge provided information on the upcoming 8th *Annual Endowment Fund Golf Tournament* to be held at Mountain Aire Golf Club. She stressed the importance of the Endowment Fund Golf Tournament and how the fund provides many grants for our teachers. She also stated the beginning time of the tournament will be 9:00 am rather than 8:30 am.

Also during open comments, Amy Walker gave information on the upcoming Technology Conference "Technology Scene Investigators" to be held July 7-9, 2009 at Ashe High. The opening keynote speaker will be Special Agent Chris Haas with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Haas is with the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Computer Crimes Unit. She also stated there will be a Health Fair on Wednesday, July 8 beginning at 7:30 am that will include breakfast, blood pressure checks, blood sugar screening, bone scans, and cholesterol screening.

A motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board on June 1, 2009 and special meeting on June 15, 2009.

Clerk of Court Pam Barlow performed the Oath of Office and swearing in of the new Superintendent of Ashe County Schools, Dr. Travis L. Reeves. Dr. Reeves was joined by his wife Leslie and his children Weatherly and Ridge.

Mr. Weaver recognized and congratulated Ashe Middle Principal Bobby Ashley, Assistant Principal Sheila Richardson, and staff for their team work and maintaining *National Schools to Watch* status. Mr. Weaver stated that Ashe Middle is in an elite group of schools for which we should be extremely proud. Mr. Ashley and Mrs. Richardson shared information with the Board regarding Ashe Middle and the material they presented in Washington, D.C. at the *National Schools to Watch Program*. Superintendent Reeves also gave his congratulations to Ashe Middle, the administrative staff, teachers, and parents for this award and level of excellence maintained. Budget items pertaining to Title I money for Ashe Middle and Ashe High were discussed.

A motion by Mr. Weaver and a second by Mrs. Witherspoon was given to reimburse Mr. Ashley for his travel expenses to Washington, D.C. It was recommended by Dr. Beckworth that Superintendent Reeves should make this administrative decision. The motion was amended by Mrs. Witherspoon with a second by Mr. Weaver giving unanimous approval for Superintendent Reeves to make the final decision on reimbursement of Mr. Ashley's travel expenses to Washington, D.C.

A motion by Mrs. Witherspoon and a second by Mr. Jones gave unanimous approval to a request from Thomas and Teresa Main, who reside in Ashe County, to allow their daughter to remain in school in Watauga County effective immediately.

A motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to awarding the 2009/10 beverage bids for bottled water and fruit juice drinks to Dr. Pepper and isotonic drinks to Pepsi for the Child Nutrition Program.

Also within the same motion, the bakery bids for the Child Nutrition Program were awarded to Sara Lee Food with no price increase.

Mrs. Witherspoon requested that Policy 7730 *Employee Conflict of Interest* be discussed at the next regular Board meeting.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Jones gave unanimous approval to the following 2008/09 budget amendments as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Finance Phyllis Yates.

The Ashe County Board of Education at a meeting on the 30th day of June 2009 passed the following resolutions:

***BE IT RESOLVED* that the following amendments be made to the Budget Resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.**

STATE FUND

CODE NUMBER	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
5000	Instructional programs		870,000
6000	Supporting services		42,000
7000	Ancillary		
8000	Non-programmed charges		
3100	State revenues	912,000	

EXPLANATION

- **ALIGNMENT OF BUDGET TO EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES DUE TO STATE BUDGET FREEZE, STATE REVERSIONS, ETC.**

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	22,439,385
Amount of Increase/(Decrease) for Amendment	(912,000)
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	21,527,385

LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND

CODE NUMBER	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
5000	Instructional programs		300,000
6000	Supporting services		300,000
7000	Ancillary services		
8000	Non-programmed charges		195,000
State	Revenues		60,656
Federal	Revenues		37,500
Local	Revenues	132,566	
4910	Fund balance appropriated	760,590	

EXPLANATION

- **ALIGNMENT OF BUDGET TO EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES—MAJOR ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO STATE ECONOMIC CRISIS**

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	6,327,964
Amount of Increase/(Decrease) for Amendment	(795,000)
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	5,532,964

FEDERAL FUND

CODE NUMBER	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
5000	Instructional programs		334,000
6000	Supporting programs		20,000
8000	Non-programmed charges		15,000
3600	Revenues	369,000	

EXPLANATION

- ALIGNMENT OF PROGRAM EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES
PRC 112 (MATH GRANT CONSORTIUM—ASHE, HICKORY CITY,
ELKIN, ALLEGHANY, CATAWBA, WILKES, YADKIN)

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	3,052,522
Amount of Increase/(Decrease) for Amendment	<u>(369,000)</u>
Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	2,683,522

LOCAL CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND

CODE NUMBER	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
5000	Instructional services		178,000
6000	Support services	112,000	
7000	Ancillary services		
8000	Non-programmed charges		100,000
9000	Land, buildings, renovations, etc		140,000
3400.120	Yellow buses (state funds)		76,061
4450	Interest on investments	28,000	
4410	County appropriation	102,017	
4910	Fund balance appropriated	252,044	

EXPLANATION

- ALIGNMENT OF BUDGET TO EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES DUE TO DECREASE IN COST OF AIR CONDITIONING PROJECT, INCREASE IN BOOKING ENTRY FOR YELLOW BUSES, DECREASE IN PROJECTED PAYMENTS FOR ACHS & WW PROJECTS, AND INSTRUCTIONAL NEEDS

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	3,754,068
Amount of Increase/(Decrease) for Amendment	(306,000)

Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	3,448,068
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CHILD NUTRITION FUND

CODE NUMBER	CODE DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
7000	Supporting services		148,500
4000	Local revenues	45,000	
4910	Fund balance	103,500	

EXPLANATION

- ADJUSTMENT TO BUDGETED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES DUE TO DECREASE IN ANTICIPATED EXPENSES AND LOSSES IN LOCAL REVENUES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Total Appropriation in Current Budget	2,186,000
Amount of Increase/(Decrease) for Amendment	(148,500)

Total Appropriation in Current Amended Budget	2,037,500
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A motion by Mr. Weaver and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to adopting the following interim budget resolution for FY 2009/10 as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Finance Phyllis Yates.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance 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, 2009 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 2009/10 budget upon adoption.

A motion by Mr. Weaver and a second by Mr. Jones gave unanimous approval to the following personnel recommendations.

CERTIFIED

Administrators

- Continued employment of Keith McClure as part-time 7-12 curriculum director (50%) effective July 1, 2009

Instructional Support

- Change in employment status for Autumn Taylor from part-time (80%) to full-time (100%) school psychologist effective August 3, 2009

Teachers

- Resignation/retirement of Martha Edmonds, science and math teacher at Ashe Middle, effective July 1, 2009
- Transfer of Margaret Fernandez from teacher for exceptional children at Westwood to teacher for exceptional children at Ashe High effective August 3, 2009.
- Transfer of Pam Hudler from teacher for exception children at Mountain View to teacher for exceptional children at Westwood effective August 3, 2009
- Re-employment for Summer Davis as math teacher at Ashe Middle effective August 3, 2009
- Re-employment of Kelly Gunderson as social studies and science teacher at Ashe Middle effective August 3, 2009
- Re-employment of Audrea Little as 2nd grade teacher at Westwood effective August 3, 2009
- Continued employment of Mark Shepherd as interim masonry teacher at Ashe High effective August 3, 2009
- Request from Summer Severt, 4th grade teacher at Blue Ridge, for a parental leave of absence effective on or about October 5, 2009 through November 24, 2009
- Request from Jorena Sparks, art teacher at Mountain View, for a parental leave of absence effective on or about August 27, 2009 through November 27, 2009

Prior approval to employ the following vacant position

- Math teacher at Ashe High
- Family and consumer science teacher at Ashe High
- Agriculture teacher at Ashe High
- Exceptional children's teacher at Ashe Middle
- Science and social studies teacher at Ashe Middle
- Math and science teacher at Ashe Middle
- Substitute teachers
- Other certified staff as necessary to begin 2009/10 school year

CLASSIFIED

Office Support

- Continued employment of Shirley Miller as part-time, interim secretary at Ashe High effective August 3, 2009

Teacher Assistant

- Reassignment of Bobby Taylor from substitute bus driver to parent liaison at Ashe Middle effective June 15, 2009

Prior approval to employ the following vacant positions

- Bus driver substitutes
- Cafeteria substitutes
- Other classified staff as necessary to begin 2009/10 school year

Information items included upcoming events, a reminder of the Ashe County Board of Education *8th Annual Endowment Fund Golf Tournament* at Mountain Aire Golf Club, July 15, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., and the Technology Conference July 7-9, 2009 at Ashe High.

A motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth at 7:54 pm gave unanimous approval to a recess and reception to meet and welcome Dr. Reeves and his family.

The Board went into closed session at 8:31 pm to consider personnel action that involves an officer or employee of this Board [N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(6)]. No action was taken.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:08 pm.

A motion by Mrs. Witherspoon and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the following statement: We as a Board give Dr. Reeves 100 percent support. The Board voted 5-0 to support this motion.

There being no further business, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.