

MINUTES

ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 12, 2010

The April meeting was held at the Board of Education Annex as scheduled with all members present except Mr. Jones due to an out of town appointment and Mrs. Witherspoon due to illness. Chairman King called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the addition of a classified personnel item, the agenda for the meeting was approved by general consensus of the Board.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Weaver gave unanimous approval to the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board on March 1, 2010, and the special meeting of the Board on March 25, 2010.

Superintendent Reeves recognized and presented the Ashe High Varsity Cheerleaders and coach Rachel Shepherd a certificate for being named North Carolina Cheerleading Coaches Association State Cheerleading Champions in the small varsity non-tumble division that took place in Greensboro, North Carolina on February 20, 2010. Superintendent Reeves then presented coach Shepherd and the cheerleaders with a certificate of recognition for being named 2010 CANAM National Cheerleading Champions in the small varsity non-tumble division in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on March 20-21, 2010.

Superintendent Reeves presented the April *ACS Employee of the Month Award* to Mrs. Drema Farmer, teacher assistant at Blue Ridge.

A motion by Mr. Weaver and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to a request from Courtney Cutillo, who resides in Ashe County, to allow her son to attend school in Watauga County effective school year 2010/11.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Weaver gave unanimous approval to a request from Sallie Arnold, who resides in Ashe County, to allow her son to attend school in Watauga County effective school year 2010/11.

A motion by Mr. Weaver and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to a request from Ashe High FFA for an overnight trip to compete in the State Horse Judging at Martin Community College in Williamston, North Carolina, April 16-17, 2010.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Weaver gave unanimous approval to a request from Ashe Middle Science Olympiad Team for an overnight trip to compete in the 2010 Science Olympiad State Tournament in Raleigh, North Carolina, April 22-24, 2010.

A motion by Mr. Weaver and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to a request from Mountain View 6th grade for an overnight trip to Washington, DC, May 26-29, 2010.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Weaver gave unanimous approval to a request from Westwood 6th grade for an overnight trip to Washington, DC, May 31-June 2, 2010.

A motion by Mr. Weaver and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the request from Teresa Stansberry, Director of Federal Programs, to submit the following 2010/11 federal grants to the Department of Public Instruction.

- Vocational Education Basic Grant
- Title I of the No Child Left Behind Act
- Even Start Family Literacy
- IDEA VI-B Silver (Capacity Building)
- Improving America's Schools Migrant Education
- IDEA VI-B Education of the Handicapped Act
- IDEA Pre-School Handicapped Grant
- Title II Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant
- Title II Language Acquisition for Second Language Learners
- Educational Technology

Superintendent Reeves presented the 2010/11 School Calendar as drafted by the School Calendar Committee. After much discussion, a motion by Mr. Weaver and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to tabling this item until Mr. Jones and Mrs. Witherspoon are present.

Superintendent Reeves presented an update on the School Based Health Center (SBHC) located at Ashe Middle and the last meeting of the SBHC Advisory Board. Superintendent Reeves was directed by the SBHC Advisory Board to ask the Board of Education to consider a request of \$50,000 to the Ashe County Commissioners. After much discussion and consideration of the request, the Board agreed that all budget requests at this time must focus on educational initiatives due to the current statewide budget crisis and that this request should come from the SBHC Advisory Board. By general consensus of the Board, the request for funding to the Ashe County Commissioners was denied.

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

CERTIFIED

Teachers

- Request from Marilyn Wooten, Pre-K teacher at Ashe Early Learning Center, for a medical leave of absence effective March 1, 2010 (FMLA=12 weeks) through the end of the 2009/2010 year
- Request from Sheila Johnson, teacher at Blue Ridge, for an extension of a medical leave to end on March 24, 2010
- Reassignment of Brandi Vannoy from substitute teacher with Ashe County Schools to interim Pre-K teacher at Ashe Early Learning Center effective May 3, 2010 through the end of 2009/10 school year

Substitute Teachers

- Addition of Amari Brown, Rebecca Howell, Judy Dancy, Debra Richardson, William Brettschneider, and Cole Faulkner to the list of approved substitute teachers

Prior approval to employ to fill the following vacant position

- Substitute teachers

CLASSIFIED**Afterschool**

- Resignation of Jamie Boccardy as 4-H TRAC tutor coordinator at Westwood effective March 6, 2010
- Request from Rhonda Sullivan, 4-H onsite coordinator at Westwood, for a medical leave of absence effective March 15, 2010 and ending on or about April 21, 2010 (FMLA= 28 days)

Bus Driver Substitutes

- Addition of Robert "Carlton" McNeill, Timmy Cox, and Matthew Key to the approved substitute bus driver list

Cafeteria Assistant

- Resignation/retirement of Sally Miller as cafeteria assistant at Westwood effective March 1, 2010

Coach

- Employment of W. Jeffrey Wallace as girls softball coach at Ashe Middle (position pre-approved)

Custodians

- Employment of Anthony Brinegar as interim custodian at Ashe High effective March 30, 2010
- Resignation of Anthony Brinegar as interim custodian at Ashe High effective March 31, 2010
- Reassignment of Kenny "Nathan" Mash from substitute bus driver to part-time custodian (5 hours/day) at Blue Ridge effective March 1, 2010

Office Support

- Resignation of Donna Pollard as receptionist/office assistant at Blue Ridge effective end of day March 19, 2010
- Employment of Heather Carpenter as full time receptionist/office assistant at Blue Ridge effective April 26, 2010

Teacher Assistants

- Transfer of Andrea Baker from teacher assistant for exceptional children at Mountain View to teacher assistant for exceptional children at Blue Ridge effective March 5, 2010
- Request from Judy Roark, teacher assistant at Ashe Early Learning Center, for an intermittent medical leave of absence beginning March 31, 2010 and ending on or about December 31, 2010 (FMLA = 12 weeks)
- Request from Sue Korevec, teacher assistant for exceptional children at Blue Ridge, for medical leave of absence beginning April 15, 2010 and ending on or before May 27, 2010 (FMLA = 6 weeks)

Tutors

- Employment of Kendra Perkins as part-time temporary tutor (<20 hours/week) at Mountain View effective March 9, 2010
- Employment of Courtney Hartzog as part-time temporary tutor (<20 hours/week) at Mountain View effective March 9, 2010
- Employment of Brittany Bowman as part-time temporary tutor (<20 hours/week) at Mountain View effective March 22, 2010
- Employment of Elizabeth Davis as part-time temporary tutor (<20 hours/week) at Mountain View effective March 23, 2010
- Employment of Brandon Stewart as part-time temporary tutor (<20 hours/week) at Westwood effective March 15, 2010
- Employment of Kimberly Jolly as part-time temporary tutor (<20 hours/week) at Westwood effective March 1, 2010
- Employment of Cayce Poindexter as part-time temporary tutor (<20 hours/week) at Ashe High effective March 15, 2010

Prior approval to employ to fill the following vacant positions

- Temporary cafeteria assistant at Westwood (part-time)
- Mechanic at ACS Bus Garage
- Bus driver substitutes
- Cafeteria assistant substitutes
- Tutors

Information items included

- Calendar of Events
- Memo from Greene Architecture regarding Ashe Middle swimming pool renovation bids
- Letter of appreciation to NCDOT District Engineer Doug Tetzlaff
- Update on Ashe High principal search

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Weaver gave unanimous approval to taking a short recess prior to going into closed session at 8:35 pm for the purpose of discussing [the acquisition of real estate] [the terms of an employment contract]. [N.C. General Statute § 143-318.11(a)(5)]. No action was taken.

Upon return to regular session at 9:35 pm, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned.