

MINUTES

ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 3, 2010

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

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 April 12, 2010.

During open comments, Arts Council Director Jane Lonon welcomed the Board to the Arts Council. She announced that the beautiful artwork on display "Young at Art" was created by Ashe County K-12 students and home-schooled students. Mrs. Lonon briefed the Board on the programming offered at the school level, thanked all visual arts and choral teachers for their dedication, and expressed appreciation to the Board for continued support in the arts.

The May *ACS Employee of the Month Award* will be presented to April Blevins, Receptionist at Ashe High, at the next regular meeting of the Board. Mrs. Blevins was unable to attend due to illness.

Superintendent Reeves and Personnel Director Lesia Nave recognized Jessica W. for receiving the 2010 Teaching Fellows Award and presented her with a certificate for this achievement.

Superintendent Reeves and Personnel Director Lesia Nave recognized Laura Bowers, Media Specialist at Westwood, for receiving the University of North Carolina at Greensboro 2010 Outstanding Achievement Alumni award and presented her with a certificate for this achievement.

A motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mrs. Witherspoon gave unanimous approval to a request from Matthew and Lisa Wilcox, who reside in Ashe County, to allow their son Drew Wilcox, to attend school in Watauga County effective school year 2010/11.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Jones gave unanimous approval to the following requests for early graduation for school year 2010/11 contingent upon completion of all remaining requirements.

- Kendra B.
- Amber C.
- Savannah P.
- Kandace P.
- Michelle R.
- Charles W.

Superintendent Reeves and Maintenance Director Kenneth Richardson presented an update on long-range planning and facility needs for five-year and ten-year projections.

Superintendent Reeves and Assistant Superintendent of Finance Phyllis Yates presented to the Board a detailed summary of state funding projections per Governor Perdue's proposal for fiscal year 2010/11 (as of 4/20/2010). Superintendent Reeves stressed the importance of contacting legislators regarding the negative impact these proposed budget cuts will have on Ashe County Schools.

A motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mrs. Witherspoon gave unanimous approval to the following resolution to establish Fund 8.

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND 8

WHEREAS the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the Local Government Commission have approved the establishment of a new fund, designated as Fund 8, into which LEAs may deposit monies designated for restricted purposes and not intended for the general K-12 student population.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ashe County Board of Education hereby authorizes the transfer into Fund 8 those funds currently in Fund 2 that are designated for restricted purposes and not intended for the general K-12 student population.

A motion was made by Mrs. Witherspoon and a second was made by Mr. Jones to accept the 2010/11 School Calendar. After much discussion, Mrs. Witherspoon amended her motion to approve the 2010/11 School Calendar as proposed with Ashe High being a pilot for the enrichment days (December 20, 21,22) and allowing Superintendent Reeves to use his discretion as to which elementary school would also participate in the pilot. A second was made by Mr. Jones giving unanimous approval to the 2010/11 School Calendar.

A motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the following administrator contracts.

- David Blackburn – Assistant Principal, MVES – 4 years
- Marc Payne – Athletic Director, ACHS – 4 years
- Angie Thompson – Coordinator, Child Nutrition – 4 years
- Phyllis Yates – Assistant Superintendent – 4 years

Recommendations for career contracts were presented to the Board for consideration. Pursuant to Board policy, action will be taken at the June meeting.

A personnel recommendation for a nonrenewal contract was presented to the Board for consideration. Pursuant to Board policy, action will be taken at the June meeting.

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

CERTIFIED

Administrators

- Resignation of Robert Keith McClure, 7-12 curriculum director (50%) with Ashe County Schools, effective June 30, 2010

- Resignation/retirement of John K. Gregory, Sr., principal at Westwood, effective July 1, 2010

School Nurse

- Request for a medical leave of absence from Pam Ellis, school nurse, beginning on May 13, 2010 and ending on or about June 10, 2010 (FMLA 3 weeks)

Teachers

- Resignation/retirement of Polly S. Jones, English teacher at Ashe High, effective June 1, 2010
- Resignation/retirement of Mary W. McClure, 3rd grade teacher at Mountain View, effective June 1, 2010
- Resignation/retirement of Ronald Scott Turnmyre, band director at Ashe High, effective June 1, 2010
- Resignation/retirement of Terry A. Williams, social studies teacher at Ashe High, effective June 1, 2010
- Resignation/retirement of Teresa H. Church, literacy specialist at Mountain View, effective July 1, 2010
- Resignation/retirement of Victoria S. Herman, social studies teacher/coach at Ashe High, effective July 1, 2010
- Resignation/retirement of Elizabeth S. Savely, 3rd grade teacher at Westwood, effective July 1, 2010
- Resignation/retirement of Pamela A. Badin, teacher of exceptional children at Ashe Middle, effective July 1, 2010
- Request from Mandy Taylor, AIG teacher at Westwood, for an educational leave of absence for the 2010/11 school year

Substitute Teachers

- Addition of Meredith Koontz, Amanda Johnson, and Arthur Eaton to the approved list of substitute teachers

Prior approval to employ the following vacant position

- Substitute teachers as necessary

CLASSIFIED**Teacher Assistant**

- Resignation/retirement of Nancy O. Gregory, teacher assistant at Mountain View, effective July 1, 2010

Bus Driver Substitute

- Addition of Sampson Lewis to the approved list of substitute bus drivers

Mechanic

- Reassignment of Kenny Nathan Mash from part-time custodian at Blue Ridge to full-time transportation mechanic at the bus garage effective June 7, 2010

Cafeteria Assistant

- Reassignment of Patricia Moran from substitute cafeteria assistant to part-time temporary cafeteria assistant at Westwood effective April 22, 2010 (prior approval)

Tutors

- Employment of Jennifer Russell as part-time temporary tutor (<20 hours/week) at Blue Ridge effective April 13, 2010 (prior approval)
- Employment of Evans Leslie as part-time temporary tutor (<20 hours/week) at Blue Ridge effective April 12, 2010 (prior approval)
- Reassignment of Debra Richardson from substitute teacher to part-time temporary tutor at Blue Ridge effective April 12, 2010 (prior approval)
- Reassignment of Angela Blevins from substitute teacher to part-time temporary tutor at Blue Ridge effective April 13, 2010 (prior approval)

Prior approval to employ to fill the following vacant position

- Custodian at Blue Ridge, part-time

Information items included

- Letter to School Based Health Center Advisory Board
- Bulldog Breakdown, Volume 3, Issue 2

A motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Weaver gave unanimous approval to taking a short recess at 8:45 pm prior to going into closed session 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)].

Upon return to regular session at 10:00 pm, a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the employment of Jason Krider as principal at Ashe County High School effective July 1, 2010.

Superintendent Reeves invited the Board to attend the 7:30 am staff meeting at Ashe High to announce the employment of Mr. Krider. Mr. Krider will attend as well.

There being no further business, Chairman King immediately declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

May 11, 2010, the Board voted 4-1 to apply for an i3 grant with Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools and Palm Beach Schools via telephone poll by Superintendent Reeves. Yes votes—Mr. King, Mr. Jones, Mr. Weaver, and Mrs. Witherspoon; no vote—Dr. Beckworth