

SPECIAL MEETING

ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 15, 2012

The meeting was held as scheduled with all members present. The Board welcomed Representative Jonathan Jordan to the meeting. The primary purpose of the meeting was to begin budget deliberations for 2012/13.

Discussion on was heard on purchasing an activity bus. The Board directed the Assistant Superintendent to investigate the feasibility of leasing. The last bus was purchased in 2006.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval from Ashe County Middle TSA Club for overnight trip to attend the NCTSA State Competitive Events Conference in Greensboro, March 25-27, 2012.

The Senior Staff gave an update on the current items listed for sale on GovDeals—vehicles, the vocational greenhouse, heaters and fish tanks. The Board was impressed with the number of bids already received and the dollar amount of those bids.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to allowing Ashe Outreach Ministries to use the walk-in cooler and freezer at the West Jefferson site in exchange for their paying the electric bill.

The Superintendent gave an overview of the Senior staff's 2012/13 budget considerations. Final determinations will be made when local and state revenues are finalized. The Board did ask Phyllis Yates to explore other means for updating the Board policy manual and leasing options for a forklift for the bus garage.

Board members asked questions of Representative Jordan. The Board requested that he particularly advocate that Ashe County maintain its Small County funding (PRC 019) from the State. The General Assembly plans to return to Raleigh in mid-May and adjourn by the end of June. The Board was very appreciative of Representative Jordan's attendance.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to taking a short recess.

Upon returning to session, a motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to requesting that the County Commissioners and Board of Education equally share in the 2012/13 budget shortfall due to the projected State discretionary reversion and the loss in ARRA and stabilization funding.

The Senior staff will meet with County Manager Pat Mitchell and the County Finance Officer Sandy Long.

The Board went into closed session at 10:00 pm 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 returned to regular session at 11:20 pm.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to accepting the resignation of Ryan Claar as band director at Ashe County High effective March 1, 2012.

This same motion also authorized the employment of Scott Turnmyre as interim band director at Ashe County High effective March 1, 2012 through the end of the current school year.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the employment of a band director.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:44 pm.