

MINUTES  
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
October 7, 2013

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

Following a change in the order of business, the agenda for the meeting was approved by general consensus of the Board.

During open comments, Ashe High students Briana A., Sydney N., Alexis T. and Alex R. voiced concerns about the Child Nutrition program at the high school and middle school.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the minutes for the regular meeting of the Board on September 9, 2013.

A motion by Mrs. Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to a request from Ashe Middle 8<sup>th</sup> grade for an overnight trip to the Outer Banks, May 6-9, 2014.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approval to the following requests for early graduation contingent upon the completion of all remaining requirements. Dr. Beckworth congratulated the students and commended them on completing their community service. He told them the best gift they can give to their friends, family and community is time. He voiced concern in regards to our legislated school calendar which interferes with enrolling in college classes because the first semester in high school doesn't end until January 15. Counselor Annette Bednosky informed the Board that the high school is working with the community college on a plan to allow these students to enroll if they so choose.

- Austin A.
- Brittany B.
- Micaela C.
- Maizie C.
- Eleanor C.
- Hanna H.
- Elizabeth H.
- Katherine M.
- Sydney M.
- Sidney P.
- Brittany S.
- Jonathan U.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the Code of Ethics policies/procedures for certified and non-certified as presented Human Resources Director Lesia Nave.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to revisions to Policy Section 1000, Governing Principles, and Section 2000, Board Operations. In addition

to the revisions, policies 1741, 1745, 1751 and 1755 were deleted. Policies 1310, 1320, 1400, 1500, 1520 and 1760 are being held until recent legislation is clarified.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave unanimous approval to a revision to Policy 5027/7275 Weapons and Explosives Prohibited based upon changes made by 2013 legislation. Dr. Holden will obtain clarification from Board Attorney Fred Johnson in regards to long guns.

A motion by Dr. Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the 2014/15 Calendar Waiver Request for Weather Related Causes (G.S. 115C-84.2). Current legislation states that the opening date for students shall not be earlier than the Monday closest to August 26. If approved for a weather related waiver, the opening date may be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 19.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the adoption of the 2013/14 Budget Resolution as presented by Associate Superintendent Phyllis Yates.

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Ashe County Administrative**

**Unit:**

**Section 1: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014:**

|                                       |           |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Instructional Programs                | \$        | 17,479,279        |
| Supporting Services                   |           | 3,631,256         |
| Ancillary Services                    |           | 72,903            |
| Non-Programmed Charges                |           | <u>1,000</u>      |
| <b>TOTAL State Public School Fund</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>21,184,438</b> |

**Section 2: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the State Public School Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014:**

|             |    |            |
|-------------|----|------------|
| State Funds | \$ | 21,184,438 |
|-------------|----|------------|

**Section 3: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Local Current Expense Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014:**

|                                    |           |                  |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Instructional Programs             | \$        | 2,495,703        |
| Supporting Services                |           | 2,990,471        |
| Ancillary Services                 |           | 18,000           |
| Non-Programmed Charges             |           | <u>20,000</u>    |
| <b>TOTAL Local Current Expense</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>5,524,174</b> |

**Section 4: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Local Current Expense Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014:**

|                           |           |                  |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Local Funds               | \$        | 4,508,032        |
| Fund Balance Appropriated |           | <u>1,016,142</u> |
|                           | <b>\$</b> | <b>5,524,174</b> |

**Section 5: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Federal Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014:**

|                                  |           |                  |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Instructional Programs           | \$        | 2,351,116        |
| Supporting Programs              |           | 252,828          |
| Non-Programmed Charges           |           | <u>170,324</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL Federal Grants Fund</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,774,268</b> |

**Section 6: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Federal Grants Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014:**

|               |    |           |
|---------------|----|-----------|
| Federal Funds | \$ | 2,774,268 |
|---------------|----|-----------|

**Section 7: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Capital Outlay Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014:**

|                                  |           |                  |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Instructional Programs           | \$        | 293,029          |
| Supporting Programs              |           | 387,360          |
| Non-Programmed Charges           |           | 10,000           |
| Capital Building Projects        |           | <u>1,925,589</u> |
| <b>TOTAL Capital Outlay Fund</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,615,978</b> |

**Section 8: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Capital Outlay Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014:**

|   |           |                  |
|---|-----------|------------------|
| State and Federal Funds                   | \$        | 413,621          |
| Local Funds                               |           | 1,965,389        |
| Fund Balance Appropriated                 |           | <u>236,968</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL Capital Outlay Fund Revenues</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,615,978</b> |

**Section 9: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Child Nutrition Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014:**

|                                   |    |                  |
|-----------------------------------|----|------------------|
| Ancillary Services                | \$ | <u>2,303,000</u> |
| <b>TOTAL Child Nutrition Fund</b> |    | <b>2,303,000</b> |

**Section 10: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Child Nutrition Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014:**

|  |           |                  |
|--|-----------|------------------|
| Federal Funds                              | \$        | 1,403,500        |
| Local Funds                                |           | 755,800          |
| Fund Balance Appropriated                  |           | <u>143,700</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL Child Nutrition Fund Revenues</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,303,000</b> |

**Section 11: The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of the school administrative unit in the Local Fund 8 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014:**

|                        |    |           |
|------------------------|----|-----------|
| Instructional Programs | \$ | 1,268,234 |
| Supporting Programs    |    | 255,031   |
| Ancillary Services     |    | 27,925    |
| Non-Programmed Charges |    | 23,431    |
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| TOTAL Local Fund 8     | \$ | 1,574,621 |

**Section 12: The following revenues are estimated to be available to the Local Fund 8 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:**

|                             |    |           |
|-----------------------------|----|-----------|
| State & Federal Funds       | \$ | 1,053,508 |
| Local Funds                 |    | 235,356   |
| Fund Balance Appropriated   |    | 285,757   |
|                             |    | <hr/>     |
| TOTAL Local Fund 8 Revenues | \$ | 1,574,621 |

**Section 13: All appropriations shall be paid firstly from revenues restricted as to use, and secondly from general unrestricted revenues.**

**Section 14: The superintendent is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund and between funds under the following conditions:**

**He may transfer amounts between functions subject to the legal limitations of \$25,000.**

**Section 15: Copies of the Budget Resolution shall be immediately furnished to the superintendent and school fiscal officer for direction in carrying out their duties.**

Human Resources Coordinator Marcia Elledge gave an update on the Reading Renewal Project sponsored by Missional Network 9 for Ashe, Alleghany and Grayson counties. The mission of Reading Renewal is to improve the reading, writing and spelling skills of children in grades K-5 who struggle with literacy due to learning disabilities or English as a second language regardless of economic status. This faith-based group applied for a grant through The Duke Endowment to provide funds to train and secure background checks for volunteers.

Recent State legislation provides funding to award grants for panic alarm systems for elementary and middle schools. Awards will be matched on the basis of one dollar in state funds for every one dollar in local funds with a maximum of \$2,000 per school. Maintenance Director Kenny Richardson explained how the State Board will gauge the need for funds based on school crime rates, numbers of disadvantaged children and county population. The first deadline for submitting a grant is December 1. Panic alarms are required to be installed in all schools within the next two years. A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Vice Chairman Jones gave unanimous approved to pursuing a grant for our elementary and middle schools.

Associate Superintendent Phyllis Yates discussed the Affordable Care Act (health care reform) and its effects on substitutes and retirees who work over 30 hours as substitutes. She is investigating the purchase of a Substitute Tracking System for the county.

Superintendent Holden introduced the School Climate Survey that will be sent out to faculty, parents and students in the very near future.

Superintendent Holden and Child Nutrition Director Martha Turner updated the Board on information received from Dr. Lynn Harvey, Department of Public Instruction, regarding the potential impact the current government shutdown could have on the receipt of USDA

commodities and federal reimbursements. Currently, Ashe County can operate its feeding program a couple months if the shutdown is prolonged more than eleven days from today.

Information items included the following:

- October 2013—National Principals Month
- Wednesday, October 9, 2:00-4:00 pm, annex—Attorneys Fred Johnson and Doug Punger will present 2013 Legislative Update to Principals and Administrators—Board Members invited/CEU credits
- Fall Festivals
  - Mountain View—Thursday, October 3, 5:00-8:00 pm
  - Westwood—Thursday, October 10, 5:00-8:00 pm
  - Blue Ridge—Thursday, October 17, 5:00-8:00 pm
- 44<sup>th</sup> Annual NCSBA Conference—November 18-20, 2013—Koury Convention Center  
*Does anyone plan to attend? If so, need to complete form for voting delegates.*
- American Education Week—November 18-22, 2013
- The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2013, 7:00 pm, at the Central Office annex.

A motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Mr. Williams gave approval at 8:10 pm to a short recess prior to going into closed session to consider a personnel action that involves an officer or employee of this Board [N.C. General Statute §143.318.11(a) (6)]. Closed session began at 8:25 pm.

Upon return to regular session at 9:16 pm, a motion by Vice Chairman Jones and a second by Dr. Beckworth gave unanimous approval to the following personnel recommendations.

## **CERTIFIED**

### **Administration**

- Employment of Kenneth Lyall as assistant principal at Blue Ridge effective October 8, 2013 (prior approval to advertise)

### **Teacher**

- Reassignment of Teresa Williams from teacher assistant for exceptional children to teacher for exceptional children at Mountain View effective immediately and extending through the end of the current school year only

### **Substitute Teachers**

- Addition of James McNeil, Andrew Marsh, Callie Barker, Holly Ann Roten, Jo Wohlfeld, Scott Wohlfeld, Judy Moser, Mary “TC” Huntsinger, Olivia Jenkins and Patricia Eastridge to the approved substitute teacher list

### **Employee Leaves**

- Request from Debbie Newton, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Mountain View, for a medical leave beginning September 13, 2013 and ending October 4, 2013 (FMLA = 3 weeks)
- Request from Edgar “Trey” Simmons, math teacher at Ashe High, for a medical leave beginning October 9, 2013 and ending on or about November 26, 2013 (FMLA = 7 weeks)

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

- Health occupations teacher at Ashe High
- Substitute teachers

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**Bus Drivers**

- Resignation of James Stephenson, bus driver at Mountain View, effective October 11, 2013
- Transfer of Terrance Kepple, regular route bus driver at Westwood, to regular route bus driver at Mountain View, effective October 15, 2013

**Bus Monitor (Transportation Safety Assistant)**

- Reassignment of Lisa Jones, part-time regular route bus driver at Westwood, to full-time bus monitor at Mountain View effective October 1, 2013

**Bus Driver Substitutes**

- Addition of Mark Harless, Marcella Blatny, Kelly McNeil and James Stephenson to the approved bus driver substitute list

**Cafeteria Assistant Substitutes**

- Addition of Stacie Liddle and Maxine Brown to the approved cafeteria assistant substitute list

**Custodian Substitute**

- Addition of Jimmy Thompson, Jr. to the approved custodian substitute list

**Coaches**

- Addition of Ryan Campbell to the approved coaches list as volunteer assistant football coach for Ashe County High effective September 10, 2013

**Teacher Assistants**

- Employment of Kate Feller as pre-kindergarten teacher assistant at Ashe Early Learning Center effective September 16, 2013
- Reassignment of Kristi Powers, substitute teacher with Ashe County Schools, to teacher assistant at Blue Ridge, effective October 8, 2013 until end of 2013/14 school year

**Employee Leaves**

- Request from Burl Lyalls, bus driver at Westwood, for a medical leave of absence effective September 9, 2013 and ending September 30, 2013 (FMLA = 3 weeks)
- Request from Andy Goodman, custodian at Ashe Early Learning Center, for a medical leave of absence effective September 30, 2013 and ending on or about November 11, 2013 (FMLA = 6 weeks)

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

- Substitute custodians
- Regular route bus drivers at Westwood
- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute cafeteria assistants

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.