

SPECIAL MEETING
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 21, 2018

The called meeting was held as scheduled with all members present. Following dinner at 5:30, the Chairman called the meeting to order.

A motion by Mr. Williams and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the agreement to participate in the North Carolina School Boards Trust Errors & Omissions/General Liability fund. The school system has participated in this program for 32 years.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to review the architectural drawings/schematic plans for the middle school project. Architect Larry Greene reported that he has implemented the changes as directed by the Board at the May 14 meeting and reduced the size of the auditorium—the project is still over budget. After discussion, the Board directed the Superintendent to schedule a joint meeting with the County Commissioners and County Manager. She is also to inquire about the timeline and requirements for applying for the capital needs grant for Tier I counties. Ashe could receive a maximum of \$15 million if awarded the grant.

The Superintendent informed the Board that completion of the safety measures as identified by the ACS Safety Committee and funded by the County Commissioners is underway. All work will be complete prior to the beginning of school.

The Superintendent denied the request for an out-of-county request for change in student assignment from Robert and Lindsey Smith because the family did not show any type hardship as required in Policy 4050—the only reason shown on the application was “to attend school where her father works”. The mother currently was not employed. Discussion was heard on the appeal hearing requested by the Smith family. Per policy, a panel of three Board members—C.B. Jones, Polly Jones and Terry Williams—were appointed to hear the grievance on June 28 at 4:30 pm. The Superintendent is to notify the family of the hearing date and time.

The Superintendent shared a draft copy of the Memorandum of Agreement between Wilkes Community College and Ashe County Schools/Ashe Early College High School. The Board did not have any questions.

The school system’s Strategic Plan is an active document that guides decision-making at the school and district levels. The county-wide administrative team agreed to develop the next version of the Strategic Plan in NCStar. NCStar allows schools flexibility to personalize their plans to meet the district plan. The first step in this process is for all administrative stakeholders to complete a District Comprehensive Needs Assessment. The Superintendent gave each Board member a copy of the survey to complete and return by Monday, July 16.

The following announcements were shared with the Board.

- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 28, at 5:15 pm in the annex. The dinner meeting is for year-end closeout requirements and the regular meeting for July 2018.

- The 17th Annual Endowment Golf Tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, at Jefferson Landing.
- Administrators' Retreat—Tuesday, August 7, 8:00-5:00 pm—location to be determined

At 7:20 pm, the Board took a short recess prior to going into closed session 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 went into closed session at 7:30 pm and returned to regular session at 8:20 pm. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the Chairman immediately declared the meeting adjourned.