

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 5, 2018

PRESENT: Chair Mildred A. Council, Vice Chair Anna Barrett Smith, Caroline W. Doherty, Betsy Flanagan, Worth Forbes, Benjie Forrest, Melinda Fagundus and Robert Moore

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Ethan Lenker, Jennifer L. Johnson, Dr. Ve-Lecia Council, Debra Baggett, Matt Johnson, Steve Lassiter, and Media

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL: Emma J. Hodson

ABSENT: Mary Blount Williams

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: 3rd Floor Boardroom, Pitt County Office Building, 1717 West 5th Street, Greenville, NC 27834

1) Start of Meeting

A) Chair Council called the Board of Education Regular Board meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

B) Betsy Flanagan led the Board members in the Pledge of Allegiance and ended in a prayer.

2) Routine Business

A) Adjustments to the Agenda

Robert Moore made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented with a second from Caroline Doherty. The motion to approve the Agenda passed unanimously.

B) Spotlight on Teaching and Learning

Lavette Ford, Director of Federal Programs, shared with the Board members that on October 25, 2018 the National Distinguished Schools program recognized Title I schools that hold students to high standards and demonstrate exemplary school effectiveness in teaching and learning. Ms. Ford then shared that Pitt County Early High School College (PCECHS) was recognized and named as the North Carolina National Distinguished Title I school edging out 15 finalists. Mr. Whittington brought his “family” with him which included students and staff from his school. Chair Council, on behalf of the Board members, presented Mr. Whittington with a “Creating Excellence in the East” Award.

Minutes Recorder: Carol Rankin

C) Public Expression

No one was present for Public Expression.

3. Consent Agenda

Caroline Doherty made a motion to approve the consent items as presented, with a second from Robert Moore. The Consent Agenda items included the following:

- October 1, 2018 Regular Board meeting minutes
- October 1, 2018 Closed Board meeting minutes
- October 1, 2018 Board Work Session
- October 15, 2018 Board Work Session
- Personnel Report for November 5, 2018, including a Substitute New Hire Report, and Low Performing School Principal Recommendations
- Out of Country Trips Approval for D.H. Conley High School
- School Improvement Plans

With no discussion, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

4. New Business:

The Board members did not discuss any new business.

5) Closing Comments:

Closing comments were made by Dr. Lenker, Board members, and Chair Council. During the closing comments, each Board member recognized Chair Council and thanked her for her service on the Pitt County Board of Education.

6) Adjourn:

Robert Moore made a motion to adjourn with a second from Worth Forbes. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Time adjourned was 7:02 P.M.

During the meeting, Board members wore a flower in honor of Chair Council, and after the meeting adjourned, they presented her with the flowers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mildred A. Council, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary