

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 16, 2018

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

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Ethan Lenker, Cheryl Olmsted, Dr. Ve-Lecia Council, Debra Baggett, Matt Johnson, Dr. Travis Lewis, and Media

ATTORNEY: Emma J. Hodson

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 with a prayer.

2) Routine Business

A) Adjustments to the Agenda

Robert Moore made a motion, with a second from Caroline Doherty, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion to approve was unanimous.

B) Spotlight on Teaching and Learning

1) Fritz Robinett, District Specialist - Elementary & Middle Grades Science, introduced Wintergreen Intermediate's 4th Grade Jr. Varsity Science Olympiad Team and stated the JV team won fourteen of the nineteen Science Olympiad events this year. The team members included Hun Lim, Harrison Boardman, Kennedy Bunting, Natalie Dunnigan, Lena Zurface, Bella Cooper, Mary Elizabeth Heritage, Kylie Castro, Brielle Berkowitz, Casey Foeller, Tarika Bharatheswaran, Juliet Howard, Deja Carlos, Kenzie Letchworth, Juliana Holton, Montana Cook, Jessie Curtis, and Griff Brimhall.

Caroline Doherty, on behalf of the Board members, presented each team member with a "Creating Excellence in the East" Award.

Mr. Robinett also introduced Wintergreen Intermediate's 5th Grade Varsity Science Olympiad Team and stated the Varsity team won thirteen of the nineteen Science Olympiad events. The team members included Arianna Lee, Elyana Hvastkovs, Melanie Thompson, Jiah Lee, Jiwoo Lee, Cassidy Jagde, Junan Lee, Will Malpass, Camila Vargas, Josie Motsinger, Abraham Ahmad, Stephanie Giurcanu, JT Anderson, Yaseen Sheikh, Elise White, Brooke Bundy, Steven Edwards, and Betsy Birrueta. Caroline Doherty, on behalf of the Board members, presented each team member with a "Creating Excellence in the East" Award.

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2) Tim DeCresie introduced the students from Creekside Elementary for winning 1st place in the PAM PACK Math Competition. Mr. DeCresie stated this was the fourth year in a row that Creekside has won this competition. Students on the PAM PACK Math team included; Isabela Saenz, Josh Gore, Steven Shearin, Christina Potter, Vivi Smith, Pranab Mitra, Daniel Hinkle, Elina Shearin, Jackson Arriagada, Lucus Lehman, Brady Kurnat, Rex Augustson, Katie Morris, and Kayle Foster. Betsy Flanagan, on behalf of the Board members, presented each Creekside Elementary student with a “Creating Excellence in the East” Award.

Tim DeCresie introduced the students from A.G. Cox for winning the PAM PACK Math Completion. Students on the PAM PACK Math team included Jolin Yang, Emily Grubbs, Kailee Grubbs, Vivek Lanka, Ben Arriagada, Caleb Spruill, Elliott Williams, Sthir Mitra, and Tyler McCarren. Anna Barrett Smith, on behalf of the Board members, presented each A.G. Cox student with a “Creating Excellence in the East” Award.

3) Coach William Knight thanked the administration for their support. Coach Lauren Wasilick introduced the North Pitt High School Basketball Team for winning the State Championship. The team members included Shakyra Bryant, Jakeyria Crawford, Brianna Dillard, Tamia Frizzell, Ashanti Hines, Alyssa Kerns, Nyjanique Langley, Emilee “Gracie” Meeks, Nautika Newton, Cassandra Watson, Tjuanna Williams, and Kyasia Willis. Coaches included Head Coach William Knight, Dwayne Hines, and Lauren Wasilick. Managers included Brianna Kerns, Tiana Parrish, Ashanti Wilson, and trainer Michelle Sanders. Mary Blount Williams, on behalf of the Board members, presented each North Pitt High School Basketball Team member with a “Creating Excellence in the East” Award.

4) J.H. Rose High School Track Coach Dennis Dixon thanked the Board for recognizing Jordan Sales and introduced Ms. Sales for being named the 300 Meter Indoor Track State Champion. Coach Dixon shared that Ms. Sales not only was named the State Champion but also set a new several State records. Ms. Sales addressed the Board members and thank them for recognizing her. Robert Moore, on behalf of the Board members, presented Ms. Sales with a “Creating Excellence in the East” Award.

5) Larry Donley, Regional Operations Director for Northeast Prosperity Zone, and Brandy Bragg, Northeast NC Career Pathway Facilitator, presented NCWorks Certified Career Pathways for Health Care Careers in the Northeastern Region certificates to Beth Ann Trueblood and Dr. Ethan Lenker. Mr. Donley stated that Pitt County Schools working with Pitt Community College and business partners, including Vidant Health, have earned the NCWorks Certifications. A NCWorks Certified Pathway certificate honors the collaboration among workforce and education partners in the Northeast region for implementing a comprehensive plan to prepare local job seekers for high-demand industries. Lisa Lassiter with Vidant, was also presented with a Health Sciences Academy certificate. Each PCS high school received a certificate that states “This pathway meets the state’s rigorous requirements for certification and demonstrates the importance of employer-led, integrated strategies to connecting talented job seekers to employers.” The importance of being certified ensures that

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students who follow each path will take courses in high school that will give them college credit for specific Health Science pathways.

C) Public Expression

Myana Mabry, D.H. Conley High School's SGA President, Kennedy Davis, DH. Conley Sophomore Rielle Zboyovsky, and Senior Class President, came to share many ideas to help make Pitt County Schools safer.

Lisa Reardon, a J.H. Rose High School parent came to address the topic of school security and asked that school officials get parents involved.

Tierney Reardon, a J.H. Rose student, came to address the topic of school security and asked where students can confidentially report information or give suggestions for improving school safety.

3) Consent Agenda

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

- March 19, 2018 Board Work Session minutes,
- March 5, 2018 Board Meeting minutes,
- March 5, 2018 Closed Session minutes,
- Personnel Report for April 16, 2018,
- Beginning Teacher Support Program Plan,
- Ayden Elementary School, DOT/Town of Ayden Project,
- 2018 PCS Child Nutrition Procurement Plan,
- Policy 7410, Teacher Contracts,
- 2018-2019 Innovation Early College High School Instructional Calendar, and
- 2018-2019 PCS Early College High School at Pitt Community College Calendar

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

4) New Business

A) 2017-2018 Budget Amendment #2

Debra Baggett, Chief Finance Officer, requested approval for the Budget Amendment #2, which was presented to the Board members at today's Board Work Session. Worth Forbes made a motion, with a second from Mary Blount Williams, to approve the 2017-2018 Budget Amendment #2 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

B) 2018-2019 Proposed Local Budget

Debra Baggett, Chief Finance Officer, requested approval for the 2018-2019 Local Budget, which was presented to the Board members at today's Board Work Session with the requested 6% teacher supplement change. Mary Blount Williams made a motion, with a second from Robert Moore, to approve the 2018-2019 Local Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

5) Closing Comments:

Closing comments were made by Dr. Lenker, Board Members, and Chair Council.

6) Adjourn:

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Mary Blount Williams made a motion to adjourn with a second by Robert Moore. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Time adjourned was 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mildred A. Council, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary