

Board Work Session Minutes

DATE: August 20, 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, Steve Lassiter, Ron Butler, and Media

ATTORNEY: Emma J. Hodson

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

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

Chair Council called the Board of Education Work Session to order at 11:00 A.M.

1) EPS

A) MTSS

Cheryl Olmsted, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Programs and Services, shared MTSS information with the Board members. Ms. Olmsted explained in detail the following.

1. Pitt County MTSS District Leadership Team Structure and Communication Plan
2. School Improvement/MTSS Implementation Timeline for 2018/19
3. NCSTAR KEY Indicator
4. MTSS Professional Development Plan K-8 for 2018/19
5. SIP/MTSS Checklist for 2018/19
6. 9-12 MTSS 2018/19 Timeline and Implementation Guide

Much discussion occurred between Ms. Olmsted and the Board members.

B) High School Update

Mary Carter, Director of Secondary Education, shared a High School Update which included the following.

1. Implement the Latin System allowing more graduates to be recognized for their 4-year body of work
2. Removal of Exam Requirement in performance based classes
3. Reinstate Attendance Exemption for classes with a teacher made exam

Much discussion occurred between Ms. Carter and the Board members.

During Ms. Carter's discussion she requested a change to Policy 3410, Testing and Assessment Program. Ms. Carter requested the following sentence in Section B of the policy be changed as follows, "High school students must take all end-of-course (EOC) tests, NC Final Exams, and Career and Technical Education State Assessments (CTE Post-Assessments) required by the State Board of Education. The results of EOC tests, NC Final Exams, and CTE Post-Assessments will count as ~~25~~ 20 percent of a student's final grade in each high school course for which there is an EOC test, NC Final Exam,

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or CTE Post-Assessment". This policy revision will be placed on the September 4, 2018 Board meeting Agenda.

2) Lunch

The Board members had a working lunch.

3) Student Services

Jim Hooker, Community Feeding Our Children Program Coordinator and Pastor Rodney Coles, President of the Churches Outreach Network shared a presentation with the Board members. Mr. Hooker discussed the role of the CFOC Program and the desire to others to help with the program. Information shared included the following.

1. CFOC Program is feeding 1100 children
2. 15% of American households are hungry
3. North Carolina is ranked the 8th worst State for hunger
4. Pitt County's hunger rate is 21% or 37,000+
5. The hungry are not easy to identify
6. Hungry children do not/ cannot learn

Pastor Coles also shared the importance of others getting involved with feeding hungry children. Also present was Bob Hersey, President of the Kiwanis Golden K Foundation. Much discussion occurred between Mr. Hooker and the Board members.

4) Finance

Debra Baggett, Chief Financial Officer, shared a proposed 2018-2019 budget with the Board members. Much discussion occurred between Ms. Baggett and the Board members. Ms. Baggett requested the 2018-2019 be added to the September 4, 2018 Consent Agenda.

5) Human Resources Update

Due to time constraints Dr. Ve-Lecia Council, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, postponed the August 2018 personnel update with the Board members.

6) Facilities Update

Matt Johnson, Executive Director of Operations, shared a facilities update with the Board members. Items shared included the following.

1. Information concerning SROs
2. Updated School Security Information
3. Transportation Complex

Much discussion occurred between Mr. Johnson and the Board members.

7) Legal Update

As requested during the August 6, 2018 Board meeting, Emma J. Hodson, In-House Counsel, and Ron Butler, Coordinator of Drivers Education Health and Physical Education and Director of Community Schools, shared an in-depth presentation of the revised Policy 3625/4326 Student Drug Testing with the Board members. Ms. Hodson explained legal information and Mr. Butler explained the process we are currently using. After much discussion, the Board members requested more time to make a decision to revise Policy 3625/4326.

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9) Board Training

The Board members received a list of upcoming Board events.

10) Closed Session

Anna Barrett Smith made a motion at 2:44 pm to enter into Closed Session, with a second from Caroline Doherty. The purpose of this meeting was pursuant to General Statute 143.318.11 for the following purposes under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential student information. (*G.S. 115C-402; 20 U.S.C. §1232g (FERPA)*). The motion passed unanimously.

The Board Work Session resumed and adjourned at 2:46 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mildred A. Council, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary