

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** September 4, 2018

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

**ABSENT:** Benjie Forrest

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Ethan Lenker, Cheryl Olmsted, Dr. Ve-Lecia Council, Debra Baggett, Matt Johnson, Calvin Hooker, Steve Lassiter, and Media

**ATTORNEY:** Emma J. Hodson

**TIME:** 6:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boardroom, Pitt County Office Building, 1717 West 5<sup>th</sup> 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) Ms. Fagundus led the Board members in the Pledge of Allegiance and ended in a prayer.

### 2) Routine Business

A) Adjustments to the Agenda

Worth Forbes made a motion, with a second from Robert Moore, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

B) Public Expression

Ms. Amber Yost, a high school student parent, addressed the Board members with concerns of the Cheerleading Program at one of our high schools.

### 3) Consent Agenda

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

- August 6, 2018 Regular Board meeting minutes
- August 20, 2018 Board Work Session minutes

Minutes Recorder: Carol Rankin

- August 6, 2018 Closed Board meeting minutes
- August 20, 2018 Special Called Closed Board meeting minutes
- Personnel Report for September 4, 2018
- 2018-2019 Budget Resolution
- Student Transfer Appeal Decision List

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

4) New Business:

A) Dr. Elizabeth Swaggerty, ECU Literacy Faculty, and Dr. Terry Atkinson, ECU Associate Professor, shared information concerning the Imagination Library Kindergarten Impact Study they are conducting with the Board members. The program and study include the benefits/ effects of reading to children from birth to age 5. The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following.

- Dolly Parton Imagination Library allows developmentally appropriately books sent to all children from birth until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday
- 12,865 children age 0-5 live in Pitt county with 7,172 children enrolled in the program since Pitt County's launch (to date 2,126 have aged out of the program)
- Currently, 5046 children are active in the program and are concentrated in the central part of Pitt County. Over 7,000 are eligible but not currently enrolled.

Dr. Swaggery asked the Board members to help with the project by sharing the birth to 5-years information to all communities. Dr. Atkinson requested a Board member volunteer to be a part of the Early Literacy Coalition of Eastern N.C. sub-committee. This sub-committee will strive to find a way to help improve school attendance.

B) Lavette Ford, Director of Federal Programs, shared the 2018-2019 Title I plan with the Board members. After her presentation, Ms. Ford requested approval of the plan. Mary Blount Williams made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Title I plan, with a second from Robert Moore. The motion to approve the Title I plan passed unanimously.

C) Steve Lassiter, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Programs and Services, shared the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of revised Policy 3410, Testing and Assessment Program, with the Board members. No action was taken.

5) Closing Comments:

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

6) Adjourn:

Caroline Doherty made a motion to adjourn with a second from Anna Barrett Smith. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Time adjourned was 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mildred A. Council, Chair

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Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary