

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 7, 2019

PRESENT: Chair Anna Barrett Smith, Vice Chair Betsy Flanagan, Amy Cole, Tracy Everette-Lenz, Caroline W. Doherty, Betsy Flanagan, Worth Forbes, Benjie Forrest, Melinda Fagundus, and Mary Blount Williams

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

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL: 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 Smith called the Board of Education meeting to order in Regular Session on January 7, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the Pitt County Third Floor Board Room.

B) Caroline Doherty led the Board members in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence.

3) Routine Business

A) Adjustments to the Agenda

Melinda Fagundus made a motion to add the Capital Projects Priority List, which was discussed and received Board consensus at the Special Called Board Work Session earlier this evening, as Item 3E under the Consent Agenda, with a second by Worth Forbes. After discussion by Mary Blount Williams, the motion to add the Capital Projects Priority List to the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

B) Spotlight of Teaching and Learning

1) Mary Holloman, Hope Middle School's 6th Grade Language Arts teacher, shared with the Board members that the Hope Quill Team consisting of Arianna Lee, Ian Branigan, Remy Foeller and Cindy Huynh recently won 1st Place for the 3rd consecutive year in the NCASA State Finals writing competition. Benjie Forrest, on behalf of the Board, presented Arianna and Ian with a Creating Excellence in the East Award and a PCS medallion and asked

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Ms. Holloman to deliver Remy and Cindy's certificate and PCS medallion to them.

2) Paul Phillips, Visual Art teacher at Wahl-Coates Elementary School, introduced Zousha Karugu and Tamarick Valentine to the Board members. The students are two of only 16 students in North Carolina that have their Georgia O'Keefe-inspired artwork displayed in the North Carolina Museum of Art, located in Raleigh. Melinda Fagundus, on behalf of the Board, presented Zousha and Tamarick with a Creating Excellence in the East Award and a PCS medallion.

3) Gretchen Wilson, Director of Child Nutrition, introduced Consuelo Montiel, Pactolus Child Nutrition staff member, for winning 1st Place and Best in Show at the State Level during the 2018 Culinary Arts Competition. Benjie Forrest, on behalf of the Board, presented Ms. Montiel with a Creating Excellence in the East Award and a PCS medallion.

C) Public Expression

Ekta Shah, Greenville Youth Council Chair, spoke to the Board members about the upcoming Greenville Youth Council dialogue meeting titled 'Letting Our Voices Be Heard'. Ms. Shah invited the Board members to the next meeting scheduled on January 28, 2019, from 5 to 7:30 pm on the third floor of the City Hall Building which will cover matters such as mental health, peer pressure, colorism, gender bias, and sexual abuse.

3. Consent Agenda

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

- December 3, 2018 Regular Board meeting minutes
- December 17, 2018 Board Work Session minutes
- December 3, 2018 Closed Session minutes
- Personnel Report for January 7, 2019
- Budget Amendment #1
- Capital Projects Priority List

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

4. New Business:

A) Chair Smith shared the 1st Reading of Revised Policy 3410, Testing Assessment and Program, and asked the Board members to contact Steve Lassiter or Emma Hodson with any questions or concerns.

B) Chair Smith shared the 1st Reading of the Proposed 2019-2020 Academic Calendar and asked the Board members to contact Dr. Council with any questions or concerns.

5) Closing Comments:

Closing comments were made by Dr. Lenker, Board members, and Chair Smith.

7) Adjourn:

Caroline Doherty made a motion to adjourn with a second from Mary Blount Williams. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Time adjourned was 7:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Barrett Smith, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary