

Board Work Session Minutes

DATE: October 21, 2019

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

ABSENT: Mary Blount Williams

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Ethan Lenker, Debra Baggett, Jennifer L. Johnson, Matt Johnson, Dr. Steve Lassiter, Jennifer James- left at 1:15 pm, Wynn Whittington, Beth Ann Trueblood, Mary Carter, Preston Bowers and Media

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL: Emma J. Hodson

TIME: 12:05 P.M.

PLACE: 3rd Floor Boardroom, 1717 West 5th. Street, Greenville, NC 27834

A) Chair Smith called the Board Work Session to order at 12:05 P.M.

B) Miscellaneous

Dr. Ethan Lenker, PCS Superintendent, brought a request made by Hal Davis, Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agriscience (NERSBA) principal, to the Board members. Mr. Davis requested that Ms. Wendy Herring be appointed to serve as the Pitt County representative for NERSBA parental advisory committee. Dr. Lenker requested this nomination be placed on the November 4, 2019, Board Meeting Consent Agenda. Consensus of the Board members was to allow Ms. Herring's recommendation as the Pitt County Parental Advisory Committee Representative to be placed on the November 4, 2019, Consent Agenda.

C) Operations

1) Facilities Update

Aaron Errickson, Director of Facilities, shared an update of the district's CIP needs. The list included the following:

- A.G. Cox Middle School Project
- School Bus Camera Systems - All Buses
- Upgrade Camera Systems to IP - All Schools
- Fire Alarm Replacements (BTH/FMS/WMS/WCES/Faulk)
- Wahl Coates HVAC & Electrical Replacements
- EB Aycock HVAC Replacement
- Wellcome Middle Electrical Upgrade
- Generators (GRW/GK8/Rose)
- Ayden Middle Electrical Upgrade
- Fire Alarm System Upgrades (AGHS/FCHS/JHR/WGI)
- Ayden Middle Driveway Repairs (Loop Road Corners)

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- Removal of Underground Storage Tanks (AEC & FS)
- Facility Services Generator

Some discussion occurred between Mr. Errickson and the Board members.

2) Cenergistic Contract Extension

Matt Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, shared a 5-year partnership in sustainability with Cenergistic information with the Board members. The information included:

- \$4,920,830 cumulative cost avoidance savings to date
- 25% reduction in energy use
- 5962 energy building audits performed
- 31 PCS schools are now Energy Star certified

Mr. Johnson shared the 5-year contract with Cenergistic was coming to an end and recommended PCS enter into a 3-year contract extension with them. After much discussion, Mr. Johnson requested a 3-year contract extension with Cenergistic, for a fixed amount of \$17,225.00 a month, to be placed on the November 4, 2019, Board Meeting Consent Agenda. Consensus of the Board members was to allow the Cenergistic 3-year contract extension to be placed on the November 4, 2019, Consent Agenda. With the understanding that within three years, PCS will make plans to create a position to continue the work in-house that Cenergistic personnel provides for us now.

3) DEEL Building Change Order

Aaron Errickson, Director of Facilities, shared a \$1,078,503.00 DEEL building change order to add a folding partition wall with the Board members. After some discussion, Mr. Errickson requested the change order be placed on the November 4, 2019, Board Meeting Consent Agenda. Consensus of the Board members was to allow the DEEL building change order be placed on the November 4, 2019, Consent Agenda.

D) EPS

1) CTE Updates

Beth Ann Trueblood, Director of CTE, shared the following CTE information with the Board members.

- Career Pathways will have changes effective, for all students, during the 2020-2021 school year
- Courses needed to earn CTE Concentrator status
- CTE credentialing information for 2017-2018
- Number of credentials earned (7739)
- WorkKeys information, including the scores and number of tests students need to receive bronze, silver, gold or platinum status

Much discussion occurred between Ms. Trueblood and the Board members. The Board members requested more be done to make parents aware of the benefits to a student that earns CTE credentials.

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2) Early College Updates

Wynn Whittington, Pitt County Early College High School principal, and Mary Carter, Director of Secondary Education, in Jennifer James, Innovation Early College High School principal's absence, shared an early college high school update with the Board members. Mr. Whittington and Ms. Carter shared the following information:

- Brochures for Innovation Early High School College and Pitt County Early College High School
- Matrix used for Student Selection
- Middle School Visit Dates

Some discussion occurred between Mr. Whittington, Ms. Carter and the Board members.

E) Finance

School Business Modernization Project

Debra Baggett, Chief Financial Officer, shared information concerning the school business modernization project with the Board members. Information shared included:

- DPI is asking each LEA to select a vendor by December 31, 2019
- LEAs must select a vendor to be guaranteed funding by DPI
- PCS had a team from finance, HR and technology to view both state approved vendors; Tyler Technologies and Oracle
- After demonstrations, PCS chose Tyler Technologies
- All implementation fees of \$846,570 will be funded by DPI
- Timeline for implementation is approximately 18 months

After some discussion occurred, Ms. Baggett requested the contract with Tyler Technologies to be placed on the November 4, 2019, Board Meeting Consent Agenda. Consensus of the Board members was to allow the contract with Tyler Technologies to be placed on the November 4, 2019, Consent Agenda.

F) School Justice Partnership

Emma Hodson, In-House Counsel, shared School Justice Partnership (SJP) information with the Board members. Ms. Hodson explained to the Board members "We are not changing our disciplinary policies or practices. We are simply opening a dialog with the court system and other agencies to discuss & consider any additional best practices that may help further reduce youth referrals to the court system and out of school suspension, while also ensuring that an orderly and safe learning environment is maintained."

After some discussion occurred, Ms. Hodson requested the School Justice Partnership Memorandum of Understanding be placed on the November 4, 2019, Board Meeting Consent Agenda. Consensus of the Board members was to allow the Memorandum of Understanding to be placed on the November 4, 2019, Consent Agenda.

G) Board Goals

Chair Smith shared a list of Board created potential 2019-2020 Superintendent goals. Much discussion occurred between the Board members and Dr. Lenker relating to the list of potential goals. The Board members will continue this conversation at the November Board Work Session.

H) Adjourn

Due to the upcoming NCSBA Annual Conference being held on the third Monday in November, the Board members agreed to move November's Board work session to the fourth Monday, which is November 25, 2019. The Board Work Session adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Barrett Smith, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary