

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 7, 2019

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

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

ABSENT: Mary Blount Williams

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL: Emma J. Hodson

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: 3rd Floor Boardroom, 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 October 7, 2019, at 6:30 P.M. in the 3rd Floor Board Room, 1717 West 5th Street, Greenville, NC 27834.

B) Melinda Fagundus led the Board members in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence, ending in prayer.

2) Routine Business

A) Adjustments to the Agenda

Caroline Doherty made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented with a second by Worth Forbes. The motion to approve the Agenda as presented passed unanimously.

B) Spotlight on Teaching and Learning

Public Information Officer Jennifer L. Johnson recognized the principals in the audience explaining October is national Principals month and shared a quick update on the Strive for Five Campaign with the Board members. Ms. Johnson then introduced the following individuals to the Board members:

1) Pitt County North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching
Beginning Teacher of the Year

Minutes Recorder: Carol Rankin

The Board members recognized Reba Warren, a teacher at Belvoir Elementary, for being named the Pitt County North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teacher, Beginning Teacher of the Year. On behalf of the Board members, Melinda Fagundus, presented Ms. Warren with a 'Creating Excellence in the East' certificate and a Pitt County Schools medallion.

2) PCS Finance Department Top State Recognitions

The Board members recognized the PCS Finance Department for being one of only ten North Carolina school systems to receive all 3 of the top state recognitions awarded to financial offices. The awards Pitt County Schools received include:

- The Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
- The Association of School Business Officials Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting
- The State Board of Education Recognition of Achievement in Financial Resource Management

The finance department staff present were: Debra Baggett, Marilyn Harris and Sonja Warren. On behalf of the Board members, Vice Chair Flanagan presented each finance department staff member with a 'Creating Excellence in the East' certificate and a Pitt County Schools medallion.

C) Public Expression

No one was present for Public Expression.

3. Consent Agenda

Worth Forbes made a motion to approve the consent items, with a second from Caroline Doherty. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda for October 7, 2019, passed unanimously. The Consent Agenda items included the following:

- September 3, 2019 Board Meeting minutes
- September 16, 2019 Closed Session minutes
- September 16, 2019 Board Work Session minutes
- Personnel Report for October 7, 2019
- Substitute Pay Increase for Retired PCS Teachers with an Expired License
- 2019-2020 Title 1 Plan
- Easement Request from Teleport Communications America, LLC, a subsidiary of AT&T, for the Corner of 14th and Elm Street

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

4. New Business

A. Update on Kids Read Now

Lisa Tate, Director of Elementary Education, shared the following information with the Board members.

- Schools participating were Grifton, South Greenville, Northwest, Falkland and Wahl-Coates
- 1149 Students Enrolled
- Will add two more schools next year
- ECU will compile data from Kids Read Now, Istation, and Iready

B. Delegates

Chair Smith ask the Board members to volunteer for the NCSBA Annual Conference Delegates Assembly scheduled on Monday, November 18, 2019. The following Board members agreed to serve as a delegate at the NCSBA Conference; Amy Cole, Melinda Fagundus, Tracy Everette-Lenz, Betsy Flanagan as alternate and Mary Blount Williams has been listed as a proposed delegate.

5. Closing Comments

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

6. Closed Session

Vice Chair Flanagan made a motion, with a second from Benjie Forrest, to go into Closed Session pursuant to General Statute 143.318.11 for the following purposes: under subsection (a)(2) to prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize, or similar award, and under subsection (a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment or initial employment of a public officer or employee or a prospective public officer or employee. The motion to go into Closed Session passed unanimously. The time was 7:06 pm.

7. Adjourn

Benjie Forrest made a motion to adjourn with a second from Vice Chair Flanagan. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Time adjourned was 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Barrett Smith, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary