

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** November 4, 2019

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

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

**IN-HOUSE COUNSEL:** Emma J. Hodson

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

**PLACE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boardroom, 1717 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Greenville, NC 27834

### 1) Start of Meeting

A) Chair Smith called the Board of Education meeting to order in Regular Session on November 4, 2019, at 6:30 P.M. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Board Room, 1717 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Greenville, NC 27834.

B) Benjie Forrest 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

Melinda Fagundus made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented with a second by Mary Blount Williams. The motion to approve the Agenda as presented passed unanimously.

#### B) Spotlight on Teaching and Learning

Public Information Officer Jennifer L. Johnson introduced the following individuals to the Board members:

##### 1) NC Student-Athletes' Advisory Council

The Board members recognized Ryan Baxter for being chosen to serve on the NC Student-Athlete' Advisory Council. On behalf of the Board members, Worth Forbes, presented Ryan with a 'Creating Excellence in the East' certificate and a Pitt County Schools medallion.

## 2) Tradesformers Pre-Apprenticeships

The Board members recognized Ray Rutledge with Pitt Electric, H.B. Moore with Piedmont Service Group, Rachel Davis and Randy Riddle with Advance Mechanical, along with students Alex Harrell (D.H. Conley), Spencer Williams (D.H. Conley), Joaquin Ramirez (D.H. Conley), Caleb Stepps (D. H. Conley), Cole Cates (South Central), James Fedash (South Central), and Brandon Rouse (North Pitt) for participating in the Tradesformers pre-apprenticeships program. On behalf of the Board members, Benjie Forrest presented Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Moore, Mr. Riddle and Ms. Davis, Worth Forbes presented each D.H. Conley High School student, Mary Blount Williams presented the North Pitt High School student, and Vice Chair Flanagan presented each South Central High School student with a 'Creating Excellence in the East' certificate and a Pitt County Schools medallion.

## 3) 2019 ECU Incredible Woman Career Award

The Board members recognized Virginia Gaynor, Director of Exceptional Children's Department, for receiving the 2019 ECU Incredible Woman Career Award. On behalf of the Board members, Caroline Doherty presented each Ms. Gaynor with a 'Creating Excellence in the East' certificate and a Pitt County Schools medallion.

## 4) MAIN Summit Award

The Board members recognized Willie Joyner, North Pitt High School Assistant Principal, for receiving the MAIN Summit award. On behalf of the Board members, Mary Blount Williams presented Mr. Joyner with a 'Creating Excellence in the East' certificate and a Pitt County Schools medallion.

## 5) MTSS Green Ribbon Award

The Board members recognized Bethel School, Northwest Elementary and D.H. Conley High School for achieving Green Ribbon status through MTSS. On behalf of the Board members, Worth Forbes presented D.H. Conley High School and Mary Blount Williams presented Northwest Elementary and Bethel School with a 'Creating Excellence in the East' certificate.

## C) Public Expression

1) Ms. Jacqueline Simmons addressed the Board members concerning the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support program (PBIS), the Pitt County Schools Code of Conduct and racial disparity in the imposition of discipline.

2) Harrison Simmons, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, addressed the Board members concerning PBIS, the Pitt County Schools Code of Conduct, and racial disparity in the imposition of discipline.

3) Mr. Don Cavellini, Coalition Against Racism Chair, addressed the Board members concerning PBIS, the Pitt County Schools Code of Conduct, and racial disparity in the imposition of discipline.

### 3. Consent Agenda

Benjie Forrest made a motion to approve the consent items, with a second from Mary Blount Williams. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda for November 4, 2019, passed unanimously. The Consent Agenda items included the following:

- October 7, 2019, Board Meeting minutes
- October 7, 2019, Closed Session minutes
- October 21, 2019, Board Work Session minutes
- Personnel Report for November 4, 2019
- Pitt County Representative for NERSBA Parental Advisory Committee
- Cenergisitc 3-Year Contract Extension
- DEEL Building Change Order
- School Business Modernization Project Contract with Tyler Technologies
- School Justice Partnership Memorandum of Understanding

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

### 4. Closing Comments

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

### 5. Adjourn

Caroline Doherty made a motion to adjourn with a second from Worth Forbes. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Time adjourned was 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Anna Barrett Smith, Chair

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Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary