

Board Work Session Minutes

DATE: December 16, 2019

PRESENT: Chair Betsy Flanagan, Vice Chair Melinda Fagundus, Tracy Everette-Lenz, Benjie Forrest, Amy Cole, Mary Blount Williams, Worth Forbes

ABSENT: Anna Barrett Smith, Caroline W. Doherty

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Ethan Lenker, Debra Baggett, Jennifer L. Johnson, Dr. Steve Lassiter, Dr. Ve-Lecia Council, Matt Johnson, Alison Covington, Lori Collins, Gretchen Wilson, LaVette Ford, Kris Pate 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 Flanagan called the Board Work Session to order at 12:05 P.M.

B) Finance

- 2018-2019 Financial Audit Presentation

Debra Baggett, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Kris Pate, with Carr, Riggs and Ingram to the Board members. Mr. Pate summarized the financial audit for school year 2018-2019 and gave audit results. Some discussion occurred between Mr. Pate, Ms. Baggett and the Board members. After discussion concluded, Ms. Baggett requested the 2018-2019 financial audit be allowed to be placed on the January 6, 2020, Board Meeting Consent Agenda. Consensus of the Board members was to allow the 2018-2019 Financial Audit from Carr, Riggs and Ingram to be placed on the January 6, 2020, Consent Agenda.

C) Human Resources

- 2019-2020 Beginning Teachers Plan

Lori Collins, Teacher Support Coordinator, shared the 2019-2020 Beginning Teachers Plan with the Board members. Some discussion occurred between Ms. Collins, Dr. Council and the Board members. After discussion concluded, Dr. Council requested the 2019-2020 Beginning Teacher Plan be allowed to be placed on the January 6, 2020, Board Meeting Consent Agenda. Consensus of the Board members was to allow the 2019-2020 Beginning Teachers Plan to be placed on the January 6, 2020, Consent Agenda.

- 2020-2021 Academic School Calendar Discussion

Dr. Ve-Lecia Council, Assistant Superintendent of HR, started the discussion by sharing the information received from the recent 2020-2021 academic calendar community survey with the Board members. Much discussion occurred between Dr. Council and the Board members.

After discussion concluded, the Board decided to extend the calendar conversation until the January Board Work Session.

Minutes Recorder: Carol Rankin

D) Educational Programs and Services

- ECU/South Greenville Elementary School Presentation

Dr. Steve Lassiter, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Programs and Services, shared the history behind South Greenville becoming a Restart School. Mr. Lassiter then discussed consolidation plans between ECU and South Greenville Elementary School to unite the two schools for a stronger, better learning environment for the students that attend. Some of the discussion included the following:

- Parent and community conversations
- Student Support Services/Integrated Health Services/Student Data Transfer
- Operations and Safety/Facility Modifications
- Professional development
- Certified/Classified Personnel, Child Nutrition, Custodians, Office Support
- School Calendar
- Finance
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Transportation

Much conversation occurred between Dr. Lassiter and the Board members.

- How Principals Use EVAAS Data to Support Instruction

Alison Covington, Belvoir Elementary Principal, shared how she uses EVAAS data to support instruction in her school with the Board members. Much discussion occurred between Ms. Covington and the Board members.

- Community Eligibility Program (CEP) and Title I

Gretchen Wilson, Director of Student Nutrition, and LaVette Ford, Director of Federal Programs, shared information pertaining to choosing a school for CEP and how it affects Title I schools. Some discussion occurred between Ms. Wilson, Ms. Ford and the Board members.

E) Operations

- A.G. Cox Middle School Update

Matt Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, shared an A.G. Cox Middle school update with the Board members. During conversation, Mr. Johnson discussed a safety grant that PCS has received which will help install 25 security doors and help pay for additional staff training. Mr. Johnson also shared the bid will go out for the A.G. Cox Middle School renovation on December 23, 2019. Some discussion occurred between Mr. Johnson and the Board members.

- Parkland School Shooting Investigation

Due to time restraints, Mr. Johnson shared a new article showing the timeline of the Parkland shooting and requested the Board members review the information.

F) Adjourn

The Board Work Session adjourned at 3:06 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth M. Flanagan, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary