

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: December 2, 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: 6:34 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 December 2, 2019, at 6:34 P.M. in the 3rd Floor Board Room, 1717 West 5th Street, Greenville, NC 27834.

B) Tracy Everette-Lenz led the Board members in the pledge of allegiance and ended with a moment of silence.

C) Election of Chairperson

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Superintendent, began the process to select a new Board Chairperson by opening the floor for nominations from the Board members. Caroline Doherty nominated Betsy Flanagan. With no other nominations received, Benjie Forrest made a motion to close the nominations, with second from Melinda Fagundus. With no discussion, the vote to close nominations passed unanimously. The vote to elect Betsy Flanagan as Chair passed unanimously.

D) Election of Vice Chairperson

Chair Flanagan opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Benjie Forrest nominated Melinda Fagundus. With no other nominations received, Benjie Forrest made a motion to close the nominations, with a second from Caroline Doherty. With no discussion, the vote to close nominations passed unanimously. The vote to elect Melinda Fagundus as Vice Chair passed unanimously.

Minutes Recorder: Carol Rankin

2) Routine Business

A) Adjustments to the Agenda

Anna Barrett Smith made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented with a second by Caroline Doherty. 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) NCSBA Annual Conference Contest Winner

The Board members recognized Olivia Rosenberger a 2nd grader, and Sophia Elks a 3rd grader, both from Chicod Elementary School for winning 1st place in the 'What's Super about Public Schools' poster contest. On behalf of the Board members, Worth Forbes and Benjie Forrest, presented Olivia and Sophia with a certificate, an art kit from the NCSBA, along with a 'Creating Excellence in the East' certificate and a Pitt County Schools medallion.

2) NCSBA Graduate Certificate

The Board members recognized Carol Rankin, Board Administrative Assistant, for receiving a Graduate Certificate at the North Carolina School Board Association Annual Conference held in November. Anna Barret Smith, on behalf of the Board members, presented Ms. Rankin with a 'Creating Excellence in the East' certificate.

3) Special Recognition

Newly-elected Chair Betsy Flanagan presented Anna Barrett Smith, the outgoing Chair with her gavel. Chair Flanagan shared the accomplishments the Board achieved the past year while Ms. Smith presided as Board Chair and thanked her for her leadership.

C) Public Expression

1) Tony Nance, a Benevolence Corps. member addressed the Board members concerning afterschool program, lack of parents being held accountable and the need for a policy to hold parents responsible.

2) Keith Cooper, Eastern NC Regional Association of Black Social Workers President and the Benevolence President and Executive Director, addressed the Board members concerning the benefits of after-school programs.

3. Consent Agenda

Worth Forbes made a motion to approve the consent items, with a second from Benjie Forrest. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda for December 2, 2019, passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda items included the following:

- November 4, 2019, Board Meeting minutes
- November 25, 2019, Board Work Session minutes
- Personnel Report for November 4, 2019
- Community Schools and Advisory Council Recommendations of Norma Warren, Carla Frinsko, Donna O'Brien, Laura Jett, Anthony Meachem, and Karen Simmons
- DEEL Building Change Order #2
- Resolution Urging the State to take Action to Remit Civil Penalties Unconstitutionally withheld from NC Public Schools
- 1st Reading of Revised Policy 7241, Drug and Alcohol Testing of Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators
- Increase Supplement to 6% for All Teachers

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 Flanagan.

5. Adjourn

Anna Barrett Smith made a motion to adjourn with a second from Benjie Forrest. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Time adjourned was 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth M. Flanagan, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary