

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 4, 2019

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

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

ABSENT: Mary Blount Williams

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL: Emma J. Hodson

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: 3rd Floor Boardroom, Pitt County Office Building, 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 February 4, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the Pitt County Third Floor Board Room.

B) Melinda Fagundus led the Board members in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence and ended with a prayer.

2) Routine Business

A) Adjustments to the Agenda

Caroline Doherty made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented with a second by Vice Chair Flanagan. The motion to approve the Agenda as presented passed unanimously.

B) Spotlight of Teaching and Learning

1) Matt Goddard, North Pitt High School Athletic Director, introduced North Pitt's Coach William Knight to the Board members. The Board members recognized Coach Knight for being named the North Carolina Coach of the Year for Girls' Basketball by the National Federation of State High School Associations. Benjie Forrest, on behalf of the Board, presented Coach Knight with a Creating Excellence in the East Award and a PCS medallion.

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2) Brad Johnston, Principal of Farmville Central High School, introduced Bradley Woodard an Earth Science/ Physical Science teacher to the Board members. The Board members recognized Mr. Woodard for receiving the North Carolina Science Teachers Association for District 1, out of only 8 districts, Outstanding Science Teacher Award. Mr. Woodard received this award on November 29th at the North Carolina Science Teachers Association Conference. Betsy Flanagan, on behalf of the Board, presented Mr. Woodard with a Creating Excellence in the East Award and a PCS medallion.

3) Jennifer L. Johnson, Public Information Officer, recognized the Board Members as January was Board Appreciation Month.

C) Public Expression

Mrs. Mary Nichols, a parent, addressed the Board members on the issue of bullying and self-defense.

3. Consent Agenda

Caroline Doherty made a motion to approve the consent items, with a second from Melinda Fagundus. Worth Forbes made a motion to amend the motion made by Ms. Doherty by removing Item D; Personnel Report for February 4, 2019, with a second from Benjie Forrest. The motion to amend the Consent Agenda by removing Item D; Personnel Report for February 4, 2019 passed unanimously. The amended Consent Agenda items included the following:

- January 7, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes
- January 7, 2019 Special Called Board Work Session minutes
- January 28, 2019 Special Called Board meeting minutes
- January 28, 2019 Board Work Session minutes
- 2019-2020 Academic Calendar
- 2017-2018 Financial Audit Report
- Early College High School Calendars for PECHS and IECHS
- Revised Policy 3410, Testing Assessment and Program
- Resolution Supporting Local Control of School Calendars

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

4. New Business:

Dr. Ethan Lenker asked the Board members to approve the 2019-2020 Open Enrollment Schools List. Caroline Doherty made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Open Enrollment Schools List, with a second from Melinda Fagundus. Worth Forbes made a motion to amend the Open Enrollment List to include D.H. Conley High School, with a second from Benjie Forrest. The

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motion to add D. H. Conley to the open enrollment list failed 2-6, with Worth Forbes and Benjie Forrest voting in favor and Chair Smith, Vice Chair Flanagan, Amy Cole, Caroline Doherty, Melinda Fagundus, and Tracy Everette-Lenz voting against.

The motion to approve the 2019-2020 Open Enrollment Schools list as presented passed 7-1 with Chair Smith, Vice Chair Flanagan, Amy Cole, Benjie Forrest, Caroline Doherty, Melinda Fagundus, and Tracy Everette-Lenz voting in favor and Worth Forbes voting against.

5. Closing Comments

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

6. Closed Session

Vice Chair Betsy Flanagan made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to General Statute 143.318.11 for the following purposes: 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 and under subsection (a)(3) to consult with our attorney: to preserve the attorney-client privilege and to consider and give instructions concerning a judicial action titled Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and AgriScience v. the Beaufort Board of Education, 18-CvS-491, with a second from Worth Forbes. Time was 7:07 p.m.

7. Return to Open Session

The Board members returned to Open Session at 7:42 p.m. Caroline Doherty made a motion to approve the February 4, 2019 Personnel Report as presented with a second from Amy Cole. With no discussion, the motion passed 6-2 with Caroline Doherty, Amy Cole, Melinda Fagundus, Chair Smith, Vice Chair Flanagan, and Tracy Everette-Lenz voting in favor and Worth Forbes and Benjie Forrest voting against.

8. Adjourn

Worth Forbes made a motion to adjourn with a second from Caroline Doherty. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Time adjourned was 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Barrett Smith, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary