

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 4, 2019

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

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

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 March 4, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the Pitt County Third Floor Board Room.

B) Benjie Forrest 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 Worth Forbes. The motion to approve the Agenda as presented passed unanimously.

B) Spotlight of Teaching and Learning

1) Monica Jacobson, J.H. Rose principal, introduced Betsy Hughes, J.H. Rose String Orchestra Director, to the Board members. Ms. Hughes shared that on February 18, 2019, the string orchestra earned a superior rating at the Guilford County Orchestra Festival. The following students were present for the recognition; Harry Albritton, Maleah Brown, Javier Fann, Cecilia Richardson, Zaniyah Roberson and Zachary Rogers. The students unable to attend included; Jimuel Abueg, Mikayla Aguirre, Emily Benitez, Mary Bennett Billings, Nicholas Brilliant, Akira Brown, Nicolas Davis, Noelle DeVente, Zoe Dudley, Reagan Flynn, Ben Hall, Lauren Hodgson, Maxmilian Jones, Daquan

Minutes Recorder: Carol Rankin

Knight, Daniel Olarte, Donovan Rucker, Jordan Sales, Kevin Segura-Vicente, Erin Smith, Adam Ulffers, QuiSherra Tyson, Cecilia Vera, Annabelle Waldron, and Gena Zhang, Brandon Brilliant, Lou Jantzen, Harrison Miller, Myasia Price, Katelin Brimhall, Jack Chen, Isabel Jackson, Caitlyn Kim, Christopher Murray, Kelvan Ceasar, Landon Gorham, and Olivia Meeks. Tracy Everette-Lenz, on behalf of the Board members, presented those students present and those not present a 'Creating Excellence in the East' award and a PCS Medallion.

2) J.H. Rose High Schools' Coach Andrew Pierce introduced Madeline Smith, a J.H. Rose High School freshman, to the Board members for winning the State Championship in 100 Freestyle Swimming. Chair Smith, on behalf of the Board members, presented Madeline with a 'Creating Excellence in the East' award and a PCS Medallion.

3) Ayden-Grifton High Schools' Coach Jeff Wooten introduced Ray Darden, an Ayden-Grifton High School senior, for winning the State Wrestling Championship in the 2-A, 195-pound event. Worth Forbes, on behalf of the Board members, presented Ray with a 'Creating Excellence in the East' award and a PCS 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 March 4, 2019 passed unanimously. The Consent Agenda items included the following:

- February 4, 2019, Regular Board meeting minutes
- February 18, 2019, Legislative Luncheon/Board Work Session minutes
- February 18, 2019, Closed Board Session minutes
- South Greenville Restart Application
- Summer and Extended Learning Plan
- Personnel Report for March 4, 2019
- Student Transfer Hearing Board Panel Recommendation

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

4. New Business:

1) Ron Butler, Director of Community Schools, and Alice Keene, Pitt County Special Projects Coordinator, shared information involving a Joint Resolution between Pitt County Government and Pitt County Schools to restructure the

Pitt County Community Schools and Recreation Advisory Council. Ms. Keene requested approval from the Board members. After some discussion, Mary Blount Williams made a motion to approve the Joint Resolution between Pitt County Government and Pitt County Schools to restructure the Pitt County Community Schools and Recreation Advisory Council, with a second from Melinda Fagundus. The motion to approve the Joint Resolution between Pitt County Government and Pitt County Schools passed 8-1 with Chair Smith, Vice Chair Flanagan, Amy Cole, Benjie Forrest, Melinda Fagundus, Tracy Everette-Lenz, Worth Forbes, and Mary Blount Williams voting in favor and Caroline Doherty voting against.

2) Beth Ann Trueblood, Director of CTE, shared two programs in place that will benefit Pitt County School students with hands-on work experience, Tradesformers and Grow Local. Tradesformers is a pre-apprenticeship program designed to connect high school seniors with industry trades in Pitt County. The 2019-20 school year will be the first for the program, and three local businesses will be involved. Grow Local is led by the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce and Pitt County Development Commission, in which Pitt County businesses open their doors to host local middle and high school students, providing them with an experience to introduce, involve, inspire and invest in students and young adult lives. Much discussion occurred between Ms. Trueblood and the Board members.

3) Matt Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, shared the following information with the Board members.

- 26 School Resource Officers have been assigned to Pitt County Schools, allowing all schools to have coverage
- Confidential Security Assessment Report created in January 2019 by R.R.A. Risk Management Services
- An update of the \$116,000 security grant PCS received to purchase school security equipment

Some discussion occurred between Mr. Johnson and the Board members.

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 to consult with our attorney, to preserve the attorney-client privilege and to

consider and give instructions concerning a judicial action titled State of North Carolina v. Hopkins, 17 CR 56559, with a second from Benjie Forrest. The motion passed unanimously. Time was 7:40 p.m.

7. Return to Open Session

The Board members returned to Open Session at 8:05 P.M.

8. Adjourn

Mary Blount Williams made a motion to adjourn with a second from Worth Forbes. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Time adjourned was 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Barrett Smith, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary