

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** April 1, 2019

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

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

**PLACE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boardroom, Pitt County Office Building, 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 April 1, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the Pitt County Third Floor Board Room.

B) Tracy Everette-Lenz led the Board members in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

### 2) Routine Business

#### A) Adjustments to the Agenda

Caroline Doherty made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented with a second by Amy Cole. The motion to approve the Agenda as presented passed unanimously.

#### B) Spotlight on Teaching and Learning

Public Information Officer Jennifer L. Johnson used this time to thank the Chamber of Commerce and the business partners for making the Grow Local event a huge success with over 2700 students participating. Ms. Johnson also congratulated Ms. Ann Medhi the 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year and Ms. Julie Berry the 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year runner-up.

Christopher Cherry, Head Coach for South Central High School Boys' Basketball Team 4-A State Champions thanked the Board members for

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recognizing the team for their achievement. The following team members were present for the recognition and included; Shykeim Phillips, Travon Ward, Isaiah Mills, Jahzeer Baker, Shy'Quan Jones, Joseph Thompson, Phillip Chen, Jordan McMillian, Raquan Vann, Larry Lassiter, Jeremy Lewis, Day'ron Sharpe, Howvante Hutcherson, and Taric Hill. The team member unable to attend was Cydney Williams.

The South Central High School basketball coaches present were: Associate Head Coach Leland Jones, Assistant Coach Joey Gaddy, Tim Elliott, James Hilliard, and Felix Harris. The South Central High School basketball managers present were: Demerica Sharpe and Makayla Chance. The athletic trainer unable to attend was Hallie Sayre and also manager Aaron Jones. Vice Chair Flanagan, on behalf of the Board members, presented the players and staff members present and those not present a 'Creating Excellence in the East' award and a PCS Medallion.

### C) Public Expression

Tamara Harris was present and congratulated the South Central Basketball team for their achievement as student athletes.

### 3. Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Flanagan made a motion to approve the consent items, with a second from Caroline Doherty. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda for April 1, 2019 passed unanimously. The Consent Agenda items included the following:

- March 4, 2019, Regular Board meeting minutes
- March 18, 2019, Board Work Session minutes
- March 4, 2019, Closed Session Board minutes
- March 18, 2019, Closed Session Board minutes
- Personnel Report for April 1, 2019

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

### 4. New Business:

Lisa Tate, Director of Elementary Education, shared information about the Kids Read Now Initiative (KRN) with the Board members. Ms. Tate stated KRN is a program for students from kindergarten to third grade. Ms. Tate shared the following steps needed to join the program.

- Parents attend a family reading event at their child's school and out of 150+ books to choose from, the student receives 3 books
- Students read 1 book a week

- Parents discuss the book with their child including the question or activity inside the cover of the book
- Parents will report their child has read the book using a code located in the book
- KRN will mail another book to the student
- After a student reads nine books during the summer, the student will receive a prize when they return to school

Some discussion occurred between Ms. Tate 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 (a)(3) to consult with our attorney: to preserve the attorney-client privilege and to consider and give instructions concerning a potential or actual claim, administrative procedure, or judicial action, with a second from Caroline Doherty. The motion passed unanimously. Time was 7:10 p.m.

7. Return to Open Session

The Board members returned to Open Session at 7:24 P.M.

8. Adjourn

Melinda Fagundus made a motion to adjourn with a second from Benjie Forrest. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Time adjourned was 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Anna Barrett Smith, Chair

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Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary