

Board Work Session Minutes

DATE: April 15, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ethan Lenker, Debra Baggett, Jennifer L. Johnson, Matt Johnson, Dr. Steve Lassiter, Karen Harrington, Jeff Smith, and Media

ABSENT: Worth Forbes

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL: Emma J. Hodson

TIME: 12:03 P.M.

PLACE: 3rd Floor Boardroom, 1717 West 5th. Street, Greenville, NC 27834

A) Chair Smith called the Board Work Session to order at 12:03 P.M.

B) Finance

1. Quarterly Financial Report

Debra Baggett, Chief Financial Officer, shared the Quarterly Financial Report as of March 31, 2019 with the Board members.

2. 2018-2019 Budget Amendment #2

Ms. Baggett shared the 2018-2019 Budget Amendment #2 with the Board members.

The presentation included a discussion of State, Local, Special Revenue, Federal, Capital funds. After some discussion, Ms. Baggett requested 2018-2019 Budget Amendment #2 be added to the May 6, 2019 Board meeting Consent Agenda.

Consensus of the Board members was to allow the 2018-2019 Budget Amendment #2 placed on the May 6, 2019 Board meeting Consent Agenda

3. 2019-2020 Budget Planning

Dr. Lenker, Superintendent, and Ms. Baggett discussed the 2019-2020 Budget Planning with the Board members. The discussion included the following.

- Proposed increase in County appropriations
- Proposed operating budget
- Pitt County current expense appropriation per student comparison to the State
- Redirection of Local appropriations to Charters and other Local Schools
- Fixed Cost increases
- New Money requests
- Desire to increase teacher supplements
- Capital Appropriations
- One-Time Capital requests
- Additional Support for School Resource Officers
- House Bill 90 Class Size Requirements

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- Long-Term Capital Projects
- Other impacts to the Budget

Much discussion occurred between Dr. Lenker, Ms. Baggett and the Board members. Ms. Baggett requested, after some revisions are made, that the 2019-2020 Budget be listed on the May 6, 2019 Board Agenda under New Business.

4. Review of Budget Visualization Site

Ms. Baggett shared a link to the Durham Public Schools Budget Visualization Site with the Board members. Ms. Baggett explained how the Board members could use the site to compare Pitt County with other countries in the State. Some discussion occurred between Ms. Baggett and the Board members.

C) Operations

Technology Department Redundant Server Purchase

Matt Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, and Jeff Smith, Director of Technology, discussed the need to purchase a redundant server for the district at the cost of approximately \$180,000 dollars with the Board members. After the discussion, Mr. Johnson requested the purchase for the redundant server be added to the May 6, 2019 Board meeting Consent Agenda. Consensus of the Board members was to allow the purchase placed on the May 6, 2019 Board meeting Consent Agenda.

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

D) Miscellaneous

Recommendation of Reappointment to Pitt Community College Board of Trustees

Dr. Ethan Lenker shared the request he received from Lawrence L. Rouse, Pitt Community College President, to reappoint Dr. Peter Kragel to the PCC Board of Trustees. After little discussion, Dr. Lenker requested the request to reappoint Dr. Kragel to the PCC Board of Trustees be added to the May 6, 2019 Board meeting Consent Agenda. Consensus of the Board members was to allow the reappointment of Dr. Kragel placed on the May 6, 2019 Board meeting Consent Agenda. If there is an issue with Amy Cole working with PCC, Dr. Lenker will place this item under new business on the May 6, 2019 Board meeting agenda.

E) EPS Update

Dr. Steve Lassiter, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Programs and Services, discussed the GoOpen Teaching and Learning Platform he recently learned about during a CCRESA conference. GoOpen is a professional Learning platform where educators can search for and use NC standards-aligned, high quality Open Educational Resources (OER).

F) Human Resources Update

Due to Dr. Council's absence, Dr. Lenker shared an HR Update with the Board members which included substitute teacher information.

G) Student Services

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Karen Harrington, Director of Student Services, shared information from the Resilience Kids Training she, several PCS Board members and staff attended in March. Ms. Harrington stated more training to include other staff members is scheduled.

H) Board Training

No Board training was discussed.

I) Closed Session

Vice Chair 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, with a second from Caroline Doherty. The time was 2:11 P.M.

J) Adjourn

The Board Work Session adjourned at 2:39 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Barrett Smith, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary