

## **Board Work Session Minutes**

**DATE:** May 20, 2019

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ethan Lenker, Debra Baggett, Jennifer L. Johnson, Matt Johnson, Dr. Steve Lassiter, Karen Harrington, Mary Carter, Preston Bowers, Tim DeCresie, and Media

**IN-HOUSE COUNSEL:** Emma J. Hodson

**TIME:** 12:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boardroom, 1717 West 5<sup>th</sup>. Street, Greenville, NC 27834

A) Chair Smith called the Board Work Session to order at 12:00 P.M.

### B) 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, and to consider and give instructions concerning a judicial action titled State v. Miller 17CR 702655, with a second from Worth Forbes. The time was 12:00 P.M.

C) The Board Work Session resumed at 12:20 P.M.

### D) Finance

#### 1. 2018-2019 Financial Audit Contract

Debra Baggett, Chief Financial Officer, discussed the 2018-2019 financial audit contract with the Board members. Ms. Baggett stated the contract would be with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, LLC at a cost of \$54,350.00, which includes financial statements. She stated this is a 4 percent increase from last year. Ms. Baggett also shared the option of a 3-year contract which would lock in a 2.5 percent increase per year. The 3-year cost is as follows:

- 2018-2019- Audit \$46,350/ Financial Statements \$7000/ Other Services \$1000/ Total \$54,350
- 2019-2020 Audit \$47,700/ Financial Statements \$7000/ Other Services \$1000/ Total \$55,700
- 2020-2021 Audit \$49,100/ Financial Statements \$7000/ Other Services \$1000/ Total \$57,100

After some discussion, the Board members decided to the 3-year contract option with the plan to bid out the contract once the three years are complete. Ms. Baggett requested the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021 Financial Audit Contracts be listed on the June 3, 2019, Board Agenda.

Consensus of the Board members was to allow the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021 Financial Audit Contracts be placed on the June 3, 2019, Board meeting Consent Agenda.

#### 2. 2019-2020 Interim Budget Resolution

Ms. Baggett shared the 2019-2020 Interim Budget Resolution with the Board members. Ms. Baggett explained that North Carolina General Statute 115C-434 that supported the resolution and requested the 2019-2020 Interim Budget Resolution be listed on the June 3, 2019, Board Agenda. After little discussion, consensus of the Board members was to allow the 2019-2020 Interim Budget Resolution be placed on the June 3, 2019, Board meeting Consent Agenda.

### E) Operations

#### DEEL Building Contract to Proceed

Matt Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, discussed bids received to complete the DEEL offices, located on Allen Road, with the Board members. Mr. Johnson shared the low bid with alternates of \$987,600 from Farrior and Sons and a

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list showing capital funds available for this project. He also shared that technology and furniture expenses are not included in the bid. After some discussion, Mr. Johnson requested the Farrison and Sons contract for the build-out for the DEEL/ Professional Development building on Allen Road be listed on the June 3, 2019, Board meeting Consent Agenda. Consensus of the Board members was to allow the Farrison and Sons contract be placed on the June 3, 2019, Board meeting Consent Agenda.

#### F) EPS Update

##### 1) 2019-2020 AIG Plan

Tim DeCresie, Director of Digital Learning, shared the 2019-2022 AIG Plan with the Board members. Mr. DeCresie's presentation included the following.

- Shift Mindsets -AIG All Day Everyday - Gifted education is a shared responsibility - Match identification to service
- Expand to K-12 Services - HS Identification - Acceleration Advisor Expanded job responsibilities
- Addressing the Underrepresented Populations - Continue to Expand GO GROW - Aptitude Testing - Naglieri Testing - Baseline Pilot

After much discussion, Mr. DeCresie requested the 2019-2022 AIG Plan be added to the June 3, 2019, Board meeting Consent Agenda. Consensus of the Board members was to allow the 2019-2022 AIG Plan be placed on the June 3, 2019, Board meeting Consent Agenda.

##### 2) 2019-2020 CTE Local Plan

Beth Ann Trueblood, Director of CTE, shared the 2019-2020 CTE Plan with the Board members. Ms. Trueblood's presentation included the following.

- Perkins V authorized July 2018
- Definition of a CTE Concentrator
- 5-year rotation of computer labs
- RESTART Career Exploration Lab at Grifton School
- Update STEM lab at CM Eppes & EB Aycok Middle Schools
- ASE Certification (Automotive) at Ayden Grifton & JH Rose High Schools
- Pilot Programs: Culinary Arts, Python Programming, Cybersecurity Essentials, Interior Design Applications, Sustainable Agriculture
- 2018-2019 highlights

After some discussion, Ms. Trueblood requested the 2019-2022 AIG Plan be added to the June 3, 2019, Board meeting Consent Agenda. Consensus of the Board members was to allow the 2019-2022 AIG Plan be placed on the June 3, 2019, Board meeting Consent Agenda.

##### 3) CTE Personal Finance Course

Ms. Trueblood discussed the CTE personal finance course that is offered at all high schools. Per Board member request, Ms. Trueblood will work this summer to create and offer an Honors Personal Finance Course next school year.

##### 4) MTSS Presentation

Doris Rankins, MTSS Coordinator, shared a presentation explaining Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) with the Board members. Ms. Rankins' presentation included the following.

- What is MTSS?
- Why MTSS?
- Installing an MTSS Framework for total school improvement
- Where have we been?
- Continuous Growth?
- Where are we going?

Some discussion occurred between Ms. Rankins and the Board members.

##### 5) AVID Presentation/ College and Career Promise and AP Courses

Preston Bowers, High School Facilitator, shared AVID information with the Board members. Information included the following.

- 2018-2019 AVID schools include Ayden Grifton High School, Ayden Middle School, Farmville Central High School, Farmville Middle School, Innovation

Early College High School, North Pitt High School, PCS Early College High School, Sam D Bundy Elementary, South Central High School, Wellcome Middle School

- 2019-2020 new implementation schools include C. M. Eppes Middle School, Falkland Elementary, Grifton School, Northwest Elementary, South Greenville Elementary

Much discussion occurred between Mr. Bowers and the Board members.

#### College and Career Promise and AP Courses

Next, Mary Carter, Director of Secondary Education, discussed College and Career Promise and AP Courses with the Board members. Ms. Carter's presentation included the following.

- 2019 graduating class is the 1<sup>st</sup> class that NC SBE Policy GRAD-009 affects
- Advanced Placement Career and College Promise Enrollments
- Number of students enrolled in college immediately following high school
- PCS & PCC Technical Academy and course offerings
- Additional CCP opportunities

Excerpts from NC SBE Policy GRAD-009 Ms. Carter shared with the Board members are listed below:

3.1.2. ...Effective with the freshman class of 2015-16, the weighting for Honors courses shall be one-half (.5) of a quality point.

3.1.3. Advanced Courses, Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate/Cambridge International Examination (AP/IB/CIE) courses - Course content, pace and academic rigor are considered college-level as determined by NC's Institutions of Higher Education and are designed and overseen by the College Board (AP), .... Effective with the freshman class of 2015-16, the weight for AP/IB/CIE courses shall be one (1) quality point.

3.1.4. College courses ("dual enrollment") .... College courses, which may be delivered by a community college, public university or private college or university, provide credit toward a high school diploma and may satisfy a graduation requirement or provide an elective course credit. The state weighting system adds the equivalent of one (1) quality point to the grade earned in community college courses included on the most recent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement Transfer List, and for courses taught at four-year universities and colleges.

To determine the value added quality point added to any CTE course at the college level, you must refer to the Master Course Code list in PowerSchool provided by DPI. These courses vary from no value added quality point, to .5, to 1.

Much discussion occurred between Ms. Carter and the Board members concerning the timing of pulling grades to determine school based honors. At the request of the Chair Smith and several Board members, Dr. Lenker, Dr. Lassiter, Ms. Carter, and Mr. Bowers will meet to discuss the current administrative procedure and options to create equality for all students. Once options are discussed, a meeting with the Board members will be scheduled to provide suggestions for a more equitable solution.

#### 6) Portrait of a Graduate

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was not discussed.

#### G) Student Services

Strive for Five

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was not discussed.

#### H) Board Training

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was not discussed.

I) Adjourn

The Board Work Session adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Anna Barrett Smith, Chair

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Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary