

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** August 5, 2019

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

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

**ABSENT:** Chair Anna Barrett Smith

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

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

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

### 1) Start of Meeting

A) Due to Chair Smith's absence, Vice Chair Flanagan called the Board of Education meeting to order in Regular Session on August 5, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Board Room, 1717 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Greenville, NC 27834.

B) Worth Forbes led the Board members in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence which ended in a prayer.

### 2) Routine Business

#### A) Adjustments to the Agenda

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

#### B) Spotlight on Teaching and Learning

Public Information Officer Jennifer L. Johnson introduced the following to the Board members:

##### 1) 1st Place FFA State Convention Winners

Don Marr, D.H. Conley High School principal, Ms. Shelley Armour, D.H. Conley's FFA Advisor and the Board members recognized D.H. Conley High School FFA members who competed and won at the state FFA convention.

- Dylan Nies was recognized for winning 1st place for his Agriscience Fair Project "the effects on egg laying using wifi".
- The Gator Wars Team for winning 1st place and for receiving a perfect score in the John Deere Gator Wars event. The Gator Wars event recognized excellence of students using skills in agricultural mechanics. The Gator Wars team consist of Charles Robertson, Hunter Williams, Luke Godwin and Ward Tyson. On behalf of the Board members, Worth Forbes, presented Dylan Nies, Charles Robertson, Hunter Williams, Luke Godwin and Ward Tyson with a 'Creating Excellence in the East' certificate and a Pitt County Schools medallion.

Benjie Forrest recognized Don Marr, D.H. Conley principal and Betsy Flanagan, Board of Education Vice Chair, for receiving the Honorary State FFA Award.

2) School Nutrition Services Department National Competition Winners  
Gretchen Wilson, School Nutrition Services Director and the Board members recognized the following winners from the PCS Schools Nutrition

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Department who competed and won in the National School Nutrition Competition.

- Consuelo Montiel, from Pactolus, won 1st place in the Ethnic Lunch division.
- Tracy Wilson, from South Central High School, won 1st place in the Wrap/Sandwich division and Best in Show.

On behalf of the Board members, Benjie Forrest and Mary Blount Williams, presented Ms. Montiel with a 'Creating Excellence in the East' certificate and a Pitt County Schools medallion. Vice Chair Flanagan presented Ms. Wilson with a 'Creating Excellence in the East' certificate and a Pitt County Schools medallion.

### C) Public Expression

No one was present for Public Expression.

### 3. Consent Agenda

Benjie Forrest made a motion to approve the consent items, with a second from Caroline Doherty. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda for August 5, 2019, passed unanimously. The Consent Agenda items included the following:

- June 26, 2019 Special Called Board Meeting minutes
- Personnel Report for August 5, 2019
- Board Panel Student Transfer Hearing Recommendation List

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

### 4. New Business

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Multiple Revised Policies

Vice Chair Betsy Flanagan, Policy Committee Chair, presented the following revised policies for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Ms. Flanagan asked for Board members to contact In-House Counsel Emma Hodson, Dr. Lenker or herself with any questions or comments concerning the policies prior to the September 3, 2019, Board meeting.

- Policy 1510-4200-7270, School Safety
- Policy 1720-4015-7225, Discrimination, Harassment, and Bullying Complaint Procedure
- Policy 2121, Board Member Conflict of Interest
- Policy 2330, Board Meeting Agenda
- Policy 3101, Dual Enrollment
- Policy 3420, Student Promotion and Accountability
- Policy 3430, School Improvement Plan
- Policy 3470/4305, Alternative Learning Programs/Schools
- Policy 4125, Homeless Students
- Policy 4240/7312, Child Abuse- Reports and Investigations
- Policy 4333, Weapons, Bomb Threats, Terrorist Threats, and Clear Threats to Safety
- Policy 4700, Student Records
- Policy 5025, Prohibition of Drugs and Alcohol
- Policy 6220, Operation of School Nutrition Services
- Policy 6401/9100, Ethnics and the Purchasing Function
- Policy 6450, Purchase of Services
- Policy 6560, Disposal of Surplus Property
- Policy 7100, Recruitment and Selection of Personnel
- Policy 7130, Licensure
- Policy 7300, Staff Responsibilities
- Policy 7610, Defense of Board Employees

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- Policy 7730, Employee Conflicts of Interest
- Policy 7920, Reduction in Force: Teachers and School Administrators
- Policy 7940, Classified Personnel: Suspension and Dismissal
- Policy 8305, Federal Grant Administration
- Policy 9110, Use and Selection of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, and Construction Managers at Risk
- Policy 9120, Bidding for Construction Work

5. Closing Comments

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

6. Closed Session

Amy Cole 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, to consider and give instructions concerning a potential or actual claim, administrative procedure, or judicial action and to consider and give instructions concerning judicial actions titled Pitt County Board v. State v. Schwartz, 17CR708515 & State v. Langley 17CR701519 with a second from Benjie Forrest. Time was 7:03 pm.

7. Return to Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:44 pm.

8. Adjourn

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Betsy Flanagan, Vice Chair

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Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary