

Board Minutes

DATE: November 2, 2020

PRESENT: Chair Betsy Flanagan, Vice Chair Melinda Fagundus, Amy Cole, Tracy Everette-Lenz, Anna Barrett Smith, Caroline Doherty, Mary Blount Williams, Benjie Forrest (arrived at 6:31 pm), Worth Forbes (arrived at 6:31 pm)

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Ethan Lenker, Jennifer L. Johnson, Debra Baggett, Matt Johnson, Dr. Kristi Rhone, Karen Harrington, Dr. Steve Lassiter, Dr. Felicia Mosley-Williams, Erika Greene, Bryan Lake

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL: Emma J. Hodson

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: Carolina Room, The Kathy Taft Center, 2010 Allen Road, Greenville, NC 27834 and via <http://go.pittschools.org/livestream1>

1. Start of Meeting

A. Chair Flanagan called the Board of Education meeting to order in Regular Session on November 2, 2020, at 6:30 P.M. in the Carolina Room at the Kathy Taft Center, 2010 Allen Road, Greenville, NC 27834. After roll was called, Benjie Forrest and Worth Forbes arrived.

B. Mary Blount Williams led the Board members in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, ending with a prayer.

2. Routine Business

A. Adjustments to the Agenda

Anna Barrett Smith made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented with a second by Vice Chair Fagundus. The motion to approve the Agenda as presented passed unanimously.

B. Public Expression

No Public Expression was received for the meeting.

C. Spotlight on Teaching and Learning

Jennifer L. Johnson, Public Information Officer, addressed the Board members to share PCS Updates and Spotlights for November. The presentation included the following:

- November 8-14, is National Apprenticeship Week
- November 9-13, is National School Psychology Week
- Darryl Thomas Jr., 2020 Principal of the Year
- Kirby Maness, 2020 Assistant Principal of the Year
- Anissa Potter, 2020 Teacher of the Year is one of two Regional Finalists
- District Updates

3. Special Recognition

Caroline Doherty, on behalf of the Board members, recognized Sean Kenny, a Board of Education member from December 2010 through December 2014, for his unselfish act of deciding to donate a kidney to Mary Blount Williams, a current Board member. The Board members presented both Mr. Kenny and Ms. Williams with a framed copy of the Daily Reflector newspaper article sharing their story title 'unified in friendship'.

Chair Flanagan, on behalf of the Board, then recognized Ms. Williams for her service on the Board for the last twelve years and presented her with a monogrammed jacket and a gavel plaque. Each Board member spoke to Ms. Williams and thanked her for her dedication and service to the students and staff of Pitt County Schools.

4. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda items included the following items:

- October 5, 2020, Board Meeting minutes
- October 19, 2020, Board Work Session minutes
- October 19, 2020, Closed Session Meeting minutes
- Personnel Report for November 2, 2020
- Purchase of iPads for K-2 using PRC 085
- 2021-2022 Capital Improvement Plans
- Approval of Group III Management Inc. as the A.G. Cox Additional and Renovations Project
- Verizon Right of Way at D.H. Conley

Worth Forbes made a motion to approve the consent items, with a second from Caroline Doherty. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

5. New Business

A. School Warming Bags Purchase

Debra Baggett, Chief Finance Officer, discussed the reason that the school nutrition department needed warming bags and asked the Board members for approval of the \$52,400.00 sole source purchase. After some discussion, Anna Barrett Smith made a motion to approve the school warming bags purchase, with a second from Mary Williams. After some discussion, the motion to approve the warming bags purchase passed unanimously.

B. C.M. Eppes Middle School Renovation Bid Results

Matt Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, presented information about the CME bid process along with various alternatives, such as the style of the roof, light fixtures option, elevator option, water heaters option, science classroom upgrades, electrical equipment and fire alarms systems that were available for the repairs to C.M. Eppes Middle School. Mr. Johnson asked the Board to approve Muter Construction, LLC as the low bidder at \$2,560,000.00. Mr. Johnson also shared that he would bring further details to the Board concerning the official cost to the district, after insurance and FEMA reimbursements had been determined and the above alternatives had been decided on. After some discussion, Worth Forbes made a motion to approve Muter Construction, LLC as the contractor for C.M. Eppes Middle School, with a second from Caroline Doherty. The motion to approve Muter Construction, LLC as the contractor for C.M. Eppes Middle School passed unanimously.

C. Stop the Bleed Campaign

Dr. Felicia Mosley-Williams, Erika Greene Pediatric Trauma Program Manager, & Bryan Lake, Outreach Coordinator for VMC Trauma Services shared a Stop the Bleed Campaign presentation with the Board members. The group shared that the Stop the Bleed Campaign started in 2017 as a response to the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings. Ms. Greene shared that Vidant Medical Center was been able to purchase two kits for every school in Pitt County through grants from The Childress Institute and Children's Miracle Network. The kits contain the following:

- Combat Application Tourniquet
- Responder Emergency Trauma Dressing
- Responder Compressed Gauze
- Permanent Marker
- Responder Nitrile Gloves
- Just In Time Instructions Card

6. Closing Comments

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

7. Adjourn

With a motion to adjourn by Anna Barrett Smith and a second from Caroline Doherty the motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Time adjourned was 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth M. Flanagan, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary