

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** February 3, 2020

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

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

**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) Chair Flanagan called the Board of Education meeting to order in Regular Session on February 3, 2020, 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) Mary Blount Williams led the Board members in the pledge of allegiance and 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 Mary Blount Williams. 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 individuals to the Board members:

##### 1) Substitute Bus Driver Recognition

The Board members recognized Jamar Wilkes, a substitute bus driver for Farmville Central High and Farmville Middle School for his brave intervention during his last bus stop on January 28, 2020. Mr. Wilkes noticed a house on fire and went to help the family escape and he also tried to help put out the fire. Mr. Wilkes stayed on site until the fire department was able to put out the fire.

On behalf of the Board members, Chair Flanagan presented Mr. Wilkes with a 'Creating Excellence in the East' certificate and a Pitt County Schools medallion.

##### 2) National School Counselors Week

Karen Harrington, Director of Student Services, recognized the school counselors for their work with the students of Pitt County. Ms. Harrington shared with the Board members that February 3 – February 7 is National School Counselors Week. The Board members thanked all school counselors and especially the 13 school counselors who were in attendance.

##### 3) ECU 40 Under 40

The Board members recognized Lauren Piner, a teacher at South Central High School, for being named one of ECU's 40 Under 40 Leadership Award Recipients. Ms. Piner will be recognized in April. On behalf of the Board

members, Chair Flanagan presented Ms. Piner with a 'Creating Excellence in the East' certificate.

#### 4) Special Recognition

Anna Barrett Smith recognized the following Board members for earning a North Carolina School Board Association (NCSBA) certificate during her term as Chair. The following Board members received 30+ training hours in a one-year period and earned a certificate.

- Amy Cole earned a NCSBA Certificate of Merit for 68 hours of training during the 2018-2019 school year
- Betsy Flanagan earned a NCSBA Certificate of Merit for 74 hours of training, 30.5 which she received during the 2018-2019 school year
- Caroline Doherty earned an Award of Excellence for 301.5 hours of training, 55 which she received during the 2018-2019 school year

#### C) Public Expression

Gwendolyn Greene addressed the Board members to ask them to reconsider a recent athletic appeal decision.

### 3. Consent Agenda

Worth Forbes made a motion to approve the consent items, with a second from Caroline Doherty. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda for February 3, 2020, passed unanimously. The Consent Agenda items included the following:

- January 6, 2020, Board Meeting minutes
- January 27, 2020, Board Work Session minutes
- January 27, 2020, Student Athletic Eligibility Appeal Hearing Closed Session
- Personnel Report for February 3, 2020
- 2020-2021 Academic Calendar
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Revised Policy 4240/7312,
- NCSBA Legislative Committee Representative

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

### 4. New Business

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Superintendent, requested approval of the 2020-2021 Open Enrollment School List which was discussed at the January 27, 2020, Board Work Session. Anna Barrett Smith made a motion to approve the Open Enrollment School List for 2020-2021 with a second from Caroline Doherty. The motion to approve the Open Enrollment School List for 2020-2021 passed 6 – 3 with Vice Chair Fagundus, Amy Cole, Tracy Everette-Lenz, Caroline W. Doherty and Anna Barrett Smith voting in favor, and Benjie Forrest, Worth Forbes and Mary Blount Williams voting against.

### 5. Closing Comments

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

### 6. Adjourn

Chair Flanagan ended her closing comment by stating “we don’t just do one thing well in Pitt County, we do so many”. Anna Barrett Smith made a motion to adjourn with a second from Mary Blount Williams. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Time adjourned was 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Elizabeth M. Flanagan, Chair

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Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary