

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 2, 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: 3rd Floor Boardroom, 1717 West 5th Street, Greenville, NC 27834

1) Start of Meeting

A) Chair Flanagan called the Board of Education meeting to order in Regular Session on March 2, 2020, at 6:30 P.M. in the 3rd Floor Board Room, 1717 West 5th Street, Greenville, NC 27834.

B) Anna Barrett Smith led the Board members in the pledge of allegiance and the 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 Anna Barrett Smith. The motion to approve the Agenda as presented passed unanimously.

B) Spotlight on Teaching and Learning

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

1) North Carolina High School Athletic Association 4-A Wrestling Champion
The Board members recognized South Central High School's senior and heavyweight wrestler George Ayino for capturing the 4-A state championship at the recent NCHSAA wrestling championships event. This is the first state wrestling championship earned by a South Central High School student. Chair Flanagan asked George if he had a signature move, Ron Butler said he did and he used it extremely well. On behalf of the Board members, Chair Flanagan presented George with a 'Creating Excellence in the East' certificate.

Minutes Recorder: Carol Rankin

2) State Swimming Champions

The Board members recognized two swimmers from J.H. Rose High School for capturing first place at the recent NCHSAA swimming championships event. Madeline Smith won first place in the 100 and the 200 freestyle division Emma Hastings won first place in the 500 freestyle. On behalf of the Board members, Anna Barrett Smith presented Madeline and Emma with a 'Creating Excellence in the East' certificate and a Pitt County Schools medallion.

3) National School Social Worker's Week

Karen Harrington, Student Services Director, recognized Pitt County Schools Social Workers and shared that March 1 - 7, 2020, is National School Social Worker's Week. Eight Pitt County Schools social workers were in attendance.

4) North Carolina School Public Relations Association Blue Ribbon Awards Jennifer Johnson, Public Information Officer, will share the 2019 North Carolina School Public Relations Association Blue Ribbon Awards that Pitt County received during the recent NCSPPR Blue Ribbon Awards Ceremony, with the Board members.

- Zachary Pomeroy contributed to 4 of 7 awards for his PCS video work
- Angela Harne, of Adams Publishing Group, contributed to the award for Inspire Magazine, as the magazine's editor
- Amber Revels-Stocks, of Adams Publishing Group, also contributed to the award for Inspire Magazine as a contributing writer

C) Public Expression

Gwendolyn Greene addressed the Board members concerning equity and inclusion in Pitt County.

Norma Warren, with NAACP, addressed the Board members concerning the transfer policy.

3. Consent Agenda

Worth Forbes made a motion to approve the consent items, with a second from Mary Blount Williams. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda for March 2, 2020, passed unanimously. The Consent Agenda items included the following:

- February 3, 2020, Board Meeting minutes
- February 17, 2020, Board Work Session minutes
- February 27, 2020, Policy Development Committee meeting minutes
- Personnel Report for March 2, 2020
- 2020-2021 Early College High School Academic Calendars

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- Revised Policy 4240/7312, Child Abuse and Related Threats to Child Safety
- 2019-2020 Budget Resolution
- Naming the new Professional Development Building – The Kathy Taft Center
- Naming to D.H. Conley High School Office – The Mrs. Pearl Hardy Frizzell Office Annex
- Student Transfer Hearing Board Panel Recommendation

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

4. New Business

A) 1st Reading of Revised Policy 4150, Student Assignment

Chair Flanagan called on Vice Chair Melinda Fagundus, as the Policy Development Committee Chair, to introduce the revisions made to Policy 4150, Student Assignment. Vice Chair Fagundus stated, at the request of Worth Forbes, the policy committee met to discuss potential changes to Policy 4150 regarding the 365 sit-out rule located in the policy.

Mr. Forbes stated the initial changes he proposed were as follows:

- To amend the rule so that it applied to students who were enrolling in ninth grade
- To clarify the Board's definition of a bona fide move
- To eliminate the exception to the three hundred sixty-five day, sit out rule for transfers to Ayden Grifton, Farmville Central, and North Pitt High Schools

Mr. Forbes continued, but after hearing feedback from parents and the robust policy committee meeting, the committee agreed on the following revisions to the policy:

- To clarify the Board's definition of a bona fide move,
- To eliminate the exception to the three hundred sixty-five day, sit out rule for transfers to Ayden Grifton, Farmville Central, and North Pitt High Schools
- Students electing to enroll in an open enrollment school in ninth grade will not be subject to the three hundred sixty-five day sit out rule.

Mr. Forbes stated 'at the recommendation of the policy committee, I move to introduce for first reading an amendment to Policy 4150 to clarify the Board's definition of a bona fide move and eliminate the exception to the three hundred

sixty-five day sit out rule for transfers to Ayden Grifton, Farmville Central, and North Pitt High School”. Mr. Forbes requested that students who request open enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year be given a copy of the Policy 4150 revision, to sign, since the revisions would occur at the April 6, Board meeting which is after open enrollment occurs. Mr. Forbes stated open enrollment was put into place for academic reasons, not for athletics.

Chair Flanagan asked Mr. Forbes when the policy would be placed for 2nd Reading. Mr. Forbes stated it would be placed for 2nd Reading on the April 6, 2020 Board meeting Consent Agenda.

Chair Flanagan shared that due to the recommendation coming to the Board from the Policy Committee, a second was not required and asked the Board members for any questions or discussion.

After some discussion between the Board members. The motion for 1st Reading of Policy 4150, School Assignment passed unanimously.

B) Immunizations Public Campaign

Ms. Johnson and Ms. Harrington shared the immunization public campaign with the Board members. The presentation included the following:

- Plans to help parents understand the law and the importance of immunizations
- PCS has joined with the Interfaith community, Vidant, and the Pitt County Health Department
- Suspending students for lack of immunizations is a North Carolina law
- Immunizations needed this year are for kindergartens, 7th graders, and 12th graders

Some discussion occurred between the Board members Ms. Johnson and Ms. Harrington.

C) PCS United Way Campaign

Ms. Johnson shared the following PCS United Way Campaign information with the Board members.

- PCS was the 4th highest giving company in 2019
- PCS raised \$81,154.03 last year
- Today is the end of the PCS United Way campaign
- This year our goal was \$85,000
- Online donation is new this year

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

D) Grow Local, March 23-27,2020

Ms. Johnson and Beth Ann Trueblood, CTE Director, shared the following information about the March 23-27, 2020, Grow Local event.

- 4700 students signed up to participate
- 3500 students will participate
- 117+ businesses will participate
- 18 Middle and High Schools have signed up to participate

Some discussion occurred between the Board members, Ms. Trueblood and Ms. Johnson.

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 Benjie Forrest. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Time adjourned was 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth M. Flanagan, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary