

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 6, 2020

PRESENT: Chair Betsy Flanagan, Vice Chair Melinda Fagundus

PRESENT REMOTELY: 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 and via <http://go.pittschools.org/livestream>

1) Start of Meeting

A) Chair Flanagan called the Board of Education meeting to order in Regular Session on April 6, 2020, at 6:30 P.M. in the 3rd Floor Board Room, 1717 West 5th Street, Greenville, NC 27834. Chair Flanagan shared that due to COVID-19, our meeting was virtual to protect everyone involved. Chair Flanagan continued, stating that pursuant to our Policy 2300, an official meeting of our Board includes any meeting, assembly, or gathering together at any time or place or the simultaneous communication by conference telephone or other electronic means of a majority of the members of [the Board] for the purpose of conducting hearings, participating in deliberations, or voting upon or otherwise transacting the public business of the public body. With the full board present in person or via Zoom, we consider tonight's meeting to be an official meeting in which we have a quorum of the Board present to conduct official business. We appreciate members of the public joining us for the live stream of this meeting. We miss having you physically present with us and look forward to welcoming you back at the end of this pandemic.

B) Chair Flanagan led the Board members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C) Worth Forbes led the Board members in a moment of silence.

2) Routine Business

A) Adjustments to the Agenda

After Chair Flanagan stated the Agenda items, Vice Chair Fagundus made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented with a second by Benjie Forrest. After Chair Flanagan polled the Board members individually, the motion to approve the Agenda as presented passed unanimously.

B) Public Expression

No public expression was received via the email set up for this meeting.

3) Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda items included the following:

- March 2, 2020, Board Meeting minutes
- March 16, 2020 Emergency Board Meeting minutes
- March 18, 2020 Special Called Board Meeting minutes
- Personnel Report for April 6, 2020
- Revised Policy 4150, Student Assignment

Worth Forbes made a motion to approve the consent items, with a second from Anna Barrett Smith. After Chair Flanagan polled the Board members individually, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed unanimously.

4) New Business

A) Proposed 2020-2021 Local Budget Discussion

Debra Baggett, Chief Financial Officer, led a discussion of the proposed 2020-2021 local budget with the Board members. The presentation included the following information.

- Projected 2020-2021 Local Budget Increase
- 2020-2021 Proposed Increase in County Appropriations
- 2020-2021 Fixed Cost Increases
- 2020-2021 New Money Requests
- 2020-2021 Proposed Local Budget
- Capital Appropriations

Chair Flanagan polled the Board members individually for questions and comments, some discussion occurred.

B) Sale of the Kathy Taft Center's Sewer Line to Greenville Utilities Commission

Matt Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, discussed the sale of the new sewer line located at the Kathy Taft Center to the Board members. Mr. Johnson stated the sale of the sewer line to GUC is a required process that will

eliminate the school district from all responsibility of maintaining, repairing or replacing this line and gives the responsibility to GUC. Mr. Johnson also shared the cost to PCS to run the line was \$39,220 and would be sold to GUC for \$10.00. Vice Chair Fagundus made a motion to approve the sale of the sewer line located at the Kathy Taft Center to GUC, with a second from Anna Barrett Smith. After Chair Flanagan polled the Board members individually for questions or comments, the motion to approve the sale of the Kathy Taft Center sewer line to GUC passed unanimously.

C) Pitt County Schools COVID-19 Update

The Leadership Team shared a presentation of how Pitt County Schools is handling student learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. Several leadership staff members shared the following information with the Board members.

- Educational Programs and Services Update
- Guidance for DPI for Career and College Promise, College Transfer and CTE Pathway
- Exceptional Children Department Update
- Communications Update
- Finance Update
- Human Resources Update
- School Nutrition Update
- Operations Update

5. Adjourn

Chair Flanagan thanked Senior Staff and the Board members for all of the work that is being done for the students of Pitt County Schools. After Chair Flanagan polled the Board members, Vice Chair Fagundus made a motion to adjourn with a second from Anna Barrett Smith. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Time adjourned was 8:24 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth M. Flanagan, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary