

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 4, 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 and Dr. Steve Lassiter

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL: Emma J. Hodson

TIME: 6:36 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 May 4, 2020, at 6:36 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) Caroline Doherty 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 Amy Cole. After Chair Flanagan polled the Board members individually, the motion to approve the Agenda as presented passed unanimously.

D) 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:

- April 6, 2020, Board Meeting minutes
- April 20, 2020, Board Work Session minutes
- 2020-2021 Local Budget
- 2019-2020 Budget Amendment #1
- 2019-2020 Personnel Report for May 4, 2020
- Annual Personnel Action Report
- Pitt Community College Board of Trustees Recommendation of Lindsey R. Griffin

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

4) New Business

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.

- COVID-19 Relief for K-12
- Additional Support for School Resource Officers
- Educational Programs and Services Update
- Student Engagement Data
- NCDPI Recommendations on Grades and Student Promotion
- End of Year Schedule for Remote Learning
- Summer Cleaning and Maintenance Schedule
- Removal of Personal Items from School Property
- Parent Survey Results – Remote Instruction
- Education Connection TV Show -Online
- Principal and Teacher Appreciation

Minutes Recorder: Carol Rankin

- Pandemic EBT Monies for Family
- Free/Reduced Meal Applications

Graduation Discussion and Options

Jennifer Johnson, Public Information Officer, addressed the Board members stating Pitt County Schools' task is to provide a dignified 2020 graduation for Pitt County Schools senior with safety and equity as priorities. Some information discussed included the following.

- What a Tradition Graduation looks like
- Our Current Social Distancing Situation due to the Pandemic
- Options for Graduation including; Live, Communal with Limitations, Live, Individual Drive/Walk-Through with Limitations, Completely Virtual, Delayed Ceremony

Much discussion occurred between Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lenker and the Board members.

5. Adjourn

Chair Flanagan stated "I would really like to thank the staff within Pitt County, for navigating this COVID-19 pandemic. It feels similar to driving down the road in the dark with no headlights. Thankfully, our leadership team has driven down these roads so many times, they can do it with their eyes closed. We have very strong leadership in Pitt County Schools". After Chair Flanagan polled the Board members, Benjie Forrest made a motion to adjourn with a second from Anna Barrett Smith. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Time adjourned was 8:33 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth M. Flanagan, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary