

Board Work Session Minutes

DATE: June 15, 2020

PRESENT: Chair Betsy Flanagan, Vice Chair Melinda Fagundus, Amy Cole, Tracy Everette-Lenz, Anna Barrett Smith

PRESENT REMOTELY: Caroline W. Doherty, Benjie Forrest

ABSENT: Mary Blount Williams, Worth Forbes

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Ethan Lenker, Jennifer L. Johnson, Debra Baggett, Matt Johnson, Dr. Kristi Rhone, Tim DeCresie, Preston Bowers, Yanisha Mann, Lisa Tate, Sandra Morris and Dr. Steve Lassiter

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL: Emma J. Hodson

TIME: 2:42 P.M.

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

Due to COVID-19, the Board Work Session was held at the Kathy Taft Center and remotely and was called to order at 12:00 P.M. by Chair Flanagan.

Cenergistics

Matt Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, and Aaron Errickson, Director of Facility Services, shared the following information with the Board members.

- Total saving cost to date is \$549,445.80
- Cost savings will be spent on maintenance projects
- Projects planned for Year 1 include EB Aycock proposed broiler replacement project estimated at \$69,500, C.M. Eppes proposed replacement windows project estimated at \$200,000, and Elmhurst Elementary replacement windows project estimated at \$280,000
- Projects planned for year 2 savings include Sadie Saulter kitchen water heater replacement estimated at \$20,000 and remaining window replacements at Elmhurst
- Projects planned for Year 3 savings include replacement windows at Sam Bundy estimated at \$280,000 and LED lighting upgrades at J.H. Rose estimated at \$65,000

Minutes Recorder: Carol Rankin

Some discussion occurred between Mr. Johnson, Mr. Errickson and the Board members.

Career and College Promise for 9th/10th Graders

Yanisha Mann, Director of Secondary Education, Preston Bowers, High School Facilitator and AVID District Director, and Tim DeCresie, Director of Digital Learning, shared a remote learning plan with the Board members. The presentation included an explanation of the detailed revised criteria for participation form, created in partnership, with Pitt County College. The revised form will be used in the fall for spring classes. Much discussion occurred between Ms. Mann, Mr. Bowers, Mr. DeCresie and the Board members.

Restart Schools Policy Updates

Sandra Morris, Chief Turnaround Officer, discussed Restart School information with the Board members. The information shared included the following:

- Guiding Principles
- Objectives
- Planning for 20-21
- Staffing to Improve Achievement
- Curriculum and Instruction Needed
- Flexibility/Funding
- Restart Continued Authorization Chart
- Recommended Components of Academic Gain
- DSTR-040 Policy
- Approved 5 Year Monitoring Cycle
- Tracking Success

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

Remote Learning Plan Overview

Dr. Steve Lassiter, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Programs and Services, and Tim DeCresie, Director of Digital Learning, shared a remote learning plan overview with the Board members. The presentation included an explanation of how and which staff will accomplish the fifteen indicators located in the Strong Schools NC: Public Health Toolkit provided by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Dr. Lassiter shared that the educational programs and services team will meet on June 17, 2020 to further craft and discuss the details of this district plan, which is due to DPI on July 20, 2020. Much discussion occurred between Dr. Lassiter, Mr. DeCresie and the Board members.

Jumpstart Plan Overview

Lisa Tate, Director of Elementary Education, shared a remediation and summer jumpstart plan with the Board members. The discussion included the following information.

- Session Law 2020-4, House Bill 1043
- Remediation and Summer Jump Start Definition
- Students eligible include; Reading K-3, Reading 4 and Math K-4
- DPI is providing a budget for the program

Ms. Tate stated the purpose of the plan is to provide a supplemental summer learning program for students whose learning has been negatively affected by the impacts of COVID-19. Ms. Tate also shared that the summer learning plan must be submitted to DPI by June 22, 2020. Some discussion occurred between Ms. Tate and the Board members.

Pitt County Schools COVID-19 Update

Dr. Ethan Lenker, PCS Superintendent, shared the following two resources with the Board members; Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit (K-12) from the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) and The Official Lighting Our Way Forward, NC Guidebook for Reopening Public Schools from the State Board of Education and Department of Public Instruction(DPI). Dr. Lenker guided the Board members on how to review the material and explained the three plans stated in the NCDHHS Toolkit.

- Plan A: Minimal Social Distancing
- Plan B: Moderate Social Distancing
- Plan C: Remote Learning Only

Dr. Lenker told the Board members that he expected to receive the governor's decision for reopening public schools by July 1, 2020. He also stated that Pitt County Schools was moving forward with planning for all three plans, so that Pitt County Schools could implement whichever plan was selected by the governor. Much discussion occurred between Dr. Lenker and the Board members.

Items from the Chair

Chair Flanagan presented Jeff Smith, Director of Technology, with the first PCS Tech Titan Award for his part in making the 2020 graduations a success.

Closed Session

Vice Chair Fagundus made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to General Statute 143.318.11 for the following purposes: under subsection (a)(3) to consult with our attorney to preserve the attorney-client privilege and to consider and give instructions concerning judicial actions titled State v. Entzminger with a second from Anna Barrett Smith. The time was 2:36 pm.

Return to Open Session

The Board members returned to Open Session at 3:07 pm.

Adjourn

Once back in Open Session, Chair Flanagan concluded the Board Work Session. Time adjourned was 3:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth M. Flanagan, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary