

## **Board Work Session Minutes**

**DATE:** September 21, 2020

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

**PRESENT REMOTELY:** Mary Blount Williams

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Ethan Lenker, Jennifer L. Johnson, Debra Baggett, Matt Johnson, Dr. Kristi Rhone, Dr. Steve Lassiter, Karen Harrington, Aaron Errickson, Jeff Smith

**IN-HOUSE COUNSEL:** Emma J. Hodson

**CURRICULUM TEAM PRESENT:** Beth Madigan, Claudia Lanier, Heidi Criswell, Jennifer Stalls, Kimberly Taybron, Lauren Boucher, Malissa Lane, Meredith Hill, Pamela Edwards, Sandra Morris, Shannon Maloney, Tim DeCresie, Yanisha Mann

**TIME:** 12:02 p.m.

**PLACE:** Carolina Room, The Kathy Taft Center, 2010 Allen Road, Greenville, NC 27834

The Board Work Session was held at the Kathy Taft Center and called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chair Betsy Flanagan.

### Teacher of the Year Celebration

Chair Flanagan invited the Board members to join her outside for the Teacher of the Year Celebration. Dr. Kristi Rhone, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, introduced Ms. Elizabeth Burch-Patterson, a 2nd grade teacher from Northwest Elementary School as the 2020 Farm Bureau/Pitt County Schools Teacher of the Year Runner-up. Ms. Patterson received runner-up gifts from local sponsors. Dr. Ethan Lenker thanked Hastings Ford and Farm Bureau for their support of the Pitt County Schools Teacher of the year event. Dr. Lenker then introduced Ms. Annisa Potter, a 2nd grade teacher from Ridgewood Elementary, as the 2020 Farm Bureau/Pitt County Schools Teacher of the Year Ms. Potter received her Teacher of the Year gifts from local sponsors. Mr. William Wilson, General Manager of Hastings Ford, presented Ms. Potter with a year's use of a 2020 Ford Escape from Hastings Ford.

Minutes Recorder: Carol Rankin

### Curriculum Team

Dr. Steve Lassiter, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Programs and Services, introduced his curriculum team to the Board members. The team members included; Beth Madigan, Claudia Lanier, Heidi Criswell, Jennifer Stalls, Kimberly Taybron, Lauren Boucher, Malissa Lane, Meredith Hill, Pamela Edwards, Shannon Maloney, Tim DeCresie, and Yanisha Mann. Presentations from the curriculum team shared student and teacher instruction information during Plan B.

- Resources available to K-9 teachers
- Resources available to 6-8 teachers
- Resources available to 9-12 teachers
- Digital Resources available to students, parents and teachers

Much discussion occurred between Dr. Lassiter, the Curriculum Team and the Board members. Chair Flanagan, on behalf of the Board members, presented each curriculum team member with a medal in recognition of their work helping students, parents and teachers.

### 20-21 Budget Resolution

Debra Baggett, Chief Finance Officer, shared the 20-21 Budget Resolution with the Board members. The presentation included the following:

- Budget Operating Revenue
- Operating Budget Expense by Type
- Budget Highlights
- State Budget
- State Allotted Positions
- Local Budget
- County Commissioners Current Expense Appropriations Per Student
- Special Revenue Fund Balance
- Federal Budget
- Community Schools and Recreation Budget

During her presentation, Ms. Baggett mentioned that \$400,000 was budgeted last year for classified employee raises, but not spent. Ms. Baggett stated the State provided a \$350.00 bonus to teachers, which will be paid out in October 2020. The Board members requested that Ms. Baggett add the \$350.00 bonus for classified employees to the 20-21 Budget Resolution using the \$400,000 from last year. After some discussion between Ms. Baggett and the Board members, consensus of the Board was to allow this item, with the classified employee bonus, on the October 5, 2020, Consent Agenda.

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### Facility Needs Survey

Matt Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, and Aaron Errickson, Director of Facilities, discuss the 455-page, 10-year projection, 2020-2021 Facility Needs Survey from the Department of Public Instruction with the Board members. The presentation included the following:

- Additions, Renovations, and Upgrade Recommendation for 0 to 5-year timeline and a 6 to 10-year timeline
- The Survey needs to be submitted to DPI by the end of October
- Board needs to approve at the October 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting
- The Plan needs to be shared with the County Commissions after the Board approves

After much discussion between Mr. Johnson, Mr. Errickson and the Board members, Mr. Johnson requested this item be listed on the October 5, 2020, Consent Agenda. Consensus of the Board members was to allow this on the October 5<sup>th</sup> Consent Agenda.

### Verizon Right of Way Request

Matt Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, shared a request from Verizon to receive a right of way easement at D.H. Conley High School. Mr. Johnson recommended the easement be allowed. After some discussion, Mr. Johnson requested this item be listed on the October 5, 2020, Consent Agenda. Consensus of the Board members was to allow this on the October 5<sup>th</sup> Consent Agenda.

### Items from the Chair

Chair Flanagan asked the Board members to decide on a date for a Special Called Board meeting to discuss Governor Cooper's decision to allow PreK-5<sup>th</sup> graders to move to Plan A. Consensus of the Board was to schedule the meeting on Monday, September 28 at 10:00 am.

### Adjourn

Chair Flanagan concluded the Board Work Session. Time adjourned was 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Elizabeth M. Flanagan, Chair

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Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary