

Board Minutes

DATE: February 1, 2021

PRESENT: Chair Melinda Fagundus, Vice Chair Tracy Everette-Lenz, Amy Cole, Caroline W. Doherty, Worth Forbes, Benjie Forrest, Don Rhodes, Anna Barrett Smith, James E. Tripp Jr.

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

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL: Emma J. Hodson

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

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

1. Start of Meeting

A. Chair Melinda Fagundus called the Board of Education meeting to order in Regular Session on February 1, 2021, at 6:30 P.M. in the Carolina Room at the Kathy Taft Center, 2010 Allen Road, Greenville, NC 27834. All Board members were present.

B. Amy Cole led the Board members in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, ending with a prayer.

2. Routine Business

A. Adjustments to the Agenda

Chair Fagundus asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Anna Barrett Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as written with a second from Amy Cole. The motion to approve the agenda as written passed unanimously.

B. Spotlight on Teaching and Learning

Jennifer Johnson, Public Information Officer, presented the Spotlight on Teaching and Learning to the Board members. Ms. Johnson's updates included information the following:

- CTE
- Black History Month
- Love the Bus Week
- National School Counseling Week

Minutes Recorder: Carol Rankin

Karen Harrington, Director of Student Services, shared that the NC School Counselors' Association elected Zulena Staton, School Counselor at D.H. Conley High School, as President-Elect and Alyssa Hardee, School Counselor at Elmhurst Elementary, as Treasurer.

Ms. Johnson concluded the Spotlight on Teaching and Learning with information about updates to the district's COVID-19 dashboard and the checklist shared with families and staff on when to quarantine.

C. Public Expression

There was no public expression received.

3. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda items included the following items:

- January 11, 2021, Board Meeting minutes
- January 25, 2021, Board Work Session minutes
- Personnel Report for February 1, 2021
- Creekside Elementary Modular Purchase
- Summer Retake Program

Caroline Doherty moved to approve the consent agenda with a second from Vice Chair Everette-Lenz. The motion to approve the items on the consent agenda passed unanimously.

4. New Business

Proposed Open Enrollment School List for 2021-2022

Dr. Ethan Lenker, PCS Superintendent, presented the proposed open enrollment school list for 2021-2022 that was shared at the January 25, 2021, Board Work Session and requested approval. Benjie Forrest moved to approve the list as proposed, with the addition of D.H. Conley High School, with a second from Worth Forbes. After much discussion, the motion failed 2 to 7 Benjie Forrest and Worth Forbes voting in favor and Chair Fagundus, Vice Chair Everette-Lenz, Amy Cole, Caroline W. Doherty, Don Rhodes, Anna Barrett Smith and James E. Tripp Jr. voting against. Caroline Doherty then made a motion to approve the open enrollment list, as submitted by Dr. Lenker, with a second from Amy Cole. The motion to approve the list as present passed 7 to 2, with Chair Fagundus, Vice Chair Everette-Lenz, Amy Cole, Caroline W. Doherty, Don Rhodes, Anna Barrett Smith and James E. Tripp Jr. voting in favor and Worth Forbes and Benjie Forrest voting against.

5. Closing Comments

Minutes Recorder: Carol Rankin

The Superintendent, Board Members, and Chair Fagundus shared closing comments.

6. Closed Session

Vice Chair Tracy Everette-Lenz made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to General Statute 143.318.11 for the following purposes:

- Under subsection (a) (1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential personnel information. (G.S. 115C-319 et.seq.)
- 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. Carwell, 15CR 056262, with a second from Worth Forbes. The motion to go into closed session passed unanimously.

7. Return to Open

At 7:30 a.m., Anna Barrett Smith made a motion to return to Open Session with a second from Caroline Doherty. The motion to return to open session passed unanimously.

8. Adjourn

Caroline Doherty moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from James E. Tripp Jr. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Fagundus, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary