

Board Minutes

DATE: April 12, 2021

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

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Ethan Lenker, Dr. Steve Lassiter, Jennifer L. Johnson, Aaron Errickson, 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 at 6:30 pm and asked for the record show that all Board members were present.

B. Don Rhodes led the Board members in the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

2. Routine Business

A. Adjustments to the Agenda

Chair Fagundus asked if there were any adjustments to the agenda as presented. Hearing none, Anna Barrett Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with a second from Caroline Doherty. The motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

B. Spotlight on Teaching and Learning

Chair Fagundus then recognized Jennifer Johnson, Public Information Officer, who presented the Spotlight on Teaching and Learning and provided updates and reminders regarding the district's COVID-19 protocols. Some discussion occurred between Ms. Johnson and the Board members.

C. Public Expression

There was no public expression received.

3. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda items included the following items:

- March 1, 2021, Board Meeting minutes

Minutes Recorder: Carol Rankin

- March 15, 2021, Board Work Session minutes
- March 15, 2021, Special Called Board Meeting minutes
- March 1, 2021, Closed Session minutes
- Personnel Report for April 12, 2021

Worth Forbes made a motion to approve the consent agenda with a second from Benjie Forrest. The motion to approve the items on the consent agenda passed unanimously.

4. New Business

A. School Canopies

Board member Benjie Forrest discussed the need for a school canopy and sidewalk at Chicod School with the Board members. Mr. Forrest made a motion to provide a canopy walkway as part of the summer's installation of a sidewalk at Chicod School and provide canopies at other schools as the need, time, and resources provide with a second from Worth Forbes. Aaron Errickson, Director of Facilities, was present to answer Board members questions. Some information Mr. Erickson shared included the following:

- Chicod is the only school without a sidewalk for student drop-off
- The Facility needs survey does not address anything outside of building construction/renovation, such as parking lots and canopies, unless an addition or renovation is added
- The Board can request that outside building items be added to the list that is shared with the County Commissioners each October

After much discussion between Mr. Errickson and the Board members, Don Rhodes made a motion to table Mr. Forrest's motion until the next Board meeting, with a second from Anna Barrett Smith. The Board voted unanimously to table the motion to the May 3, 2021 Board meeting. The Board members asked Mr. Errickson to provide information at the April 19, 2021, Board Work Session.

The information requested included:

- To rank the canopy/sidewalk need at each school
- To bring a plan of action to provide school needs
- Assessment of other pressing needs, such as repairs to school buildings and parking areas

B. Graduation Plans

Preston Bowers, High Facilitator and AVID District Director, presented a draft document regarding plans for high school graduation ceremonies. Some of the information shared included the following:

- 2 tickets per graduate
- Masks and social distancing will be required
- Option 1, holding graduations at ECU Williams Arena on June 3rd, 4th and 5th
- Alternate, holding graduations on High School campuses on June 3rd, 4th, and 5th

Much discussion occurred between Mr. Bowers and the Board members.

5. Closing Comments

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

6. Adjourn

Chair Fagundus called for a motion to adjourn which was made by Caroline Doherty and seconded by Anna Barrett Smith. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. The time was 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Fagundus, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary