

## **Special Called Board Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** September 29, 2020

**PRESENT:** Chair Betsy Flanagan, Vice Chair Melinda Fagundus, Amy Cole, Anna Barrett Smith

**PRESENT REMOTELY:** Mary Blount Williams, Worth Forbes, Benjie Forrest, Tracy Everette-Lenz, Caroline W. Doherty

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr. Ethan Lenker,

**ALSO PRESENT REMOTELY:** Jennifer Johnson, Matt Johnson, Debra Baggett, Dr. Kristi Rhone

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

**TIME:** 11:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Pitt County Office Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boardroom, 1717 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Greenville, NC 27834 and via ZOOM

Chair Betsy Flanagan opened the Special Called Board meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the Pitt County Office Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boardroom, 1717 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Greenville, NC 27834 and via ZOOM. Chair Flanagan called roll, all Board members were in attendance.

Dr. Ethan Lenker shared Pitt County Schools' plan to comply with Governor Cooper's decision to move to Plan A for PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade students with the Board's approval. Dr. Lenker's plan created much discussion among the Board members. His plan included the following:

- Schedule and Transportation Changes
- Transportation –Plan B Guidance
- Start Date of October 20
- Continue with the Current Calendar
- PPE available to PCS Staff
- 6-8 Portion of K-8 Schools
- Plan to Contact Virtual Students and 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester
- Social Distancing Requirements under Plan A
- Possible Classroom Layout

Minutes Recorder: Carol Rankin

After much discussion between Dr. Lenker and the Board members, Worth Forbes made a motion to move forward with Dr. Lenker's plan with the exception of including virtual students with a second from Benjie Forrest.

After more discussion and due to the difficulties of opening up schools for face to face and virtual K-5 students by the October 20th, start date, Benjie Forrest amended Mr. Forbes' motion by adding the words 'to give Dr. Lenker the flexibility up to November 3rd, as the start date' with a second by Caroline Doherty.

The motion to amend Mr. Forbes' original motion passed 8-1 with Anna Barrett Smith, Amy Cole, Chair Flanagan, Vice Chair Fagundus, Tracy Everette-Lenz, Benjie Forrest, Caroline Doherty, Worth Forbes voting in favor and Mary Blount Williams voting against.

Mr. Forbes' motion as it was amended by Mr. Forbes, failed 6-3 with Anna Barrett Smith, Amy Cole, Chair Flanagan, Mary Blount Williams, Vice Chair Fagundus, Tracy Everette-Lenz voting against and Benjie Forrest, Caroline Doherty, and Worth Forbes voting in favor.

After additional discussion, Anna Barrett Smith made a motion to return only the face to face learners as presented here today beginning on October 20th, with a second from Amy Cole. Ms. Smith's motion passed 8-1 with Anna Barrett Smith, Amy Cole, Chair Flanagan, Vice Chair Fagundus, Tracy Everette-Lenz, Benjie Forrest, Caroline Doherty, Worth Forbes voting in favor and Mary Blount Williams voting against.

#### Adjourn

Anna Barrett Smith made a motion to adjourn with a second from Amy Cole. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. The time was 12:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Elizabeth M. Flanagan, Chair

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Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary