

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 4, 2017

Present: Caroline W. Doherty, Robert Moore, Mildred A. Council, Betsy Flanagan, Anna Barrett Smith, Melinda Fagundus, Benjie Forrest, Mary Blount Williams, and Worth Forbes

Attorney: Brian Gatchel

Time: 6:36 P.M.

Place: Pitt County Office Building, 3rd Floor Boardroom

1) Start of Meeting:

A) Chair Caroline Doherty, called the Board of Education meeting to order in Regular Session on December 4, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

B) Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Chair Doherty led the Board members in the Pledge of Allegiance and ended in a Moment of Silence.

C) Dr. Ethan Lenker, Superintendent, began the process to select a new Board Chairperson by asking for nominations from the Board members. Mary Blount Williams nominated Mildred A. Council, with a second from Robert Moore. Asking for other nominations and receiving none, a vote was taken for Mildred A. Council as Chair. The vote was 7 to 2. Those voting for in favor were: Caroline Doherty, Mary Blount Williams, Melinda Fagundus, Betsy Flanagan, Mildred A. Council, Robert Moore, and Anna Barrett Smith. Those voting against were Worth Forbes and Benjie Forrest.

D) Chair Council opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Caroline Doherty nominated Anna Barrett Smith, with a second from Robert Moore. Asking for other nominations and receiving none, a vote was taken for Anna Barrett Smith as Vice Chair. The vote was 7 to 2. Those voting in favor were Chair Council, Caroline Doherty, Mary Blount Williams, Melinda Fagundus, Anna Barrett Smith, Betsy Flanagan, and Robert Moore. Those voting against were Worth Forbes and Benjie Forrest.

2) Routine Business:

A) Approval of the Agenda:

Robert Moore made a motion, with a second from Caroline Doherty, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion to approve the Agenda passed unanimously.

B) Public Expression:

No one was present for Public Expression.

3) Special Recognition

Dr. Travis Lewis recognized Carol Rankin, Board Assistant for receiving a Certificate of Distinction from the North Carolina School Board Association at the recent NCSBA

Annual Conference. Chair Council, on behalf of the Board awarded Ms. Rankin with a Creating Excellence in the East Award.

Chair Council, on behalf of the Board, recognized Caroline Doherty and the accomplishments the Board has achieved under her leadership by presenting her personalized gavel used this past year to her.

4) Consent Items:

Worth Forbes made a motion to approve the consent items as listed, with a second from Robert Moore. The consent items included the following:

- November 6, 2017 Board Meeting minutes,
- November 6, 2017 Special Called Closed Session minutes,
- November 20, 2017 Board Work Session minutes,
- Personnel Report for December 2017,
- NERSBA Parental Advisory Committee Nominee,
- Naming of Ayden-Grifton basketball court,
- 2017-2018 Pitt County Schools Principal Professional Development Plan,
- Multiple Revised Policies,
- New Policy 2670, Business Advisory Council, and
- Student Transfer Appeal Decision

With no discussion, the motion to approve the Consent Items passed unanimously.

5) Closing Comments:

Closing comments were made by Dr. Lenker, Board Members, and Chair Council.

6) Adjourn:

Mildred A. Council made a motion to adjourn with a second by Robert Moore. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Time adjourned was 7:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mildred A. Council, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary

Minutes Recorded by Carol Rankin