

## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** September 5, 2017

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

**Attorney:** Brian Gatchel

**Absent:** Benjie Forrest

**Time:** 6:30 P.M.

**Place:** Pitt County Office Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boardroom

### 1) Start of Meeting:

A) Chair Doherty called the Board of Education meeting to order in Regular Session on September 5, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

### B) Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Worth Forbes led the Board members in the Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and ended with a prayer.

### 2) Routine Business:

#### A) Approval of the Agenda:

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

#### B) Spotlight on Teaching and Learning:

1) Alison Covington, Principal at Belvoir, recognized Mr. Randy Foskey for winning the PCS Bus Driver of the Year award. Ms. Covington told the Board that Mr. Foskey is an employee at her school and is very deserving of this award. Ms. Covington stated that Mr. Foskey has been a PCS employee for 5 years and has a great relationship with both the staff and students, going above and beyond for both. Vice Chair Williams, on behalf of the Board, presented Mr. Foskey with a “Creating Excellence in the East” Award.

2) Jennifer Wobbleton, Eastern Carolina Injury Prevention Program Coordinator with Vidant Medical Center, directs a teen safe driving program titled ‘PittCo Teen Safe Drivers’ in six PCS High Schools. PittCo is a peer-to-peer program in which students at each school implement monthly activities that relate to five areas of risk for teen drivers. Ms. Wobbleton stated based on the number of activities, number of students reached, and the incredible leadership that Caroline Webb and Cassidy Green demonstrated at North Pitt High School, both were selected to attend the National Student Safety Program Conference in Sacramento, CA. At the conference, Caroline and Cassidy won three awards, including Program of the Year. Both Caroline and Cassidy shared their conference experience and plans for this school year with the Board members. Vice Chair Williams, on behalf of the Board, presented both Caroline and Cassidy with a “Creating Excellence in the East” Award.

C) Public Expression:

Ms. Jacqueline Ponder, Founder and President of the Unnatural Resources Institute and Fair (URIF), came to address the Board. Ms. Ponder started URIF as a creative initiative project to allow anyone to participate 26 years ago at Elmhurst Elementary School. Ms. Ponder stated there was a need for more teachers and volunteers to help this project grow. Ms. Ponder invited the Board members to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern Carolina Unnatural Resources Fair coming up in February 2018.

3) Consent Items:

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

- August 7, 2017 Board Meeting minutes,
- August 21, 2017 Board Work Session minutes,
- Personnel Report for September 2017,
- New Hire Teacher Supplement Increases, and
- Student Transfer Appeal Decisions List

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

4) New Business:

Dr. Dennis Massey, Pitt Community College President, came to share information concerning the PCC and PCS partnership. The other PCC Board of Trustees members in attendance were Dr. Peter Kragel, Chair, Charles Long, Vice Chair, and Dr. Patti Sanders-Smith all appointed by PCS. Information shared included:

- Programs in all high schools increasing opportunities for students and for PCC
- 3 College Transfer Pathways
- 33 CTE program
- 12 CTE Diploma programs
- Programs in all 6 High Schools
- Welding programs at North Pitt, Ayden-Grifton, and Farmville Central
- College Study Skills, Professional Development, and Internet Communications and Research at D.H. Conley
- 600+ PCS students are touched by PCC everyday
- Last year 967 PCS students held an individual conference with a PCC Career Coach

Each Trustee thanked Dr. Lenker and the Board members for the close relationship between the two institutions. Several Board members thanked the PCC Board of Trustees for their service, leadership, and programs made available to PCS students. Chair Doherty stated Pitt County Schools was fortunate to have a relationship with PCC saying the relationship between the two staffs and board members was to be commended. She finished by thanking them for their vision and partnership.

B) Wynn Whittington, Early College High School Principal, shared an Early College update with the Board members. Early College information Mr. Whittington shared included:

- 213 Current Enrollment
- 92% First Generation College
- 87% Economically Disadvantaged
- 2015-2016 Growth Index 3.29
- 2016-2017 Growth Index 5.94

- Total number of 1,262 Credit Hours
- 1:1 Technology for Students

5) Closing Comments:

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

6) Adjourn:

Anna Barrett Smith made a motion to adjourn with a second by Robert Moore. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously. Time adjourned was 7:49 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Caroline W. Doherty, Chair

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Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary

Minutes Recorded by Carol Rankin