

Board Work Session Minutes

DATE: December 14, 2020

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

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

PRESENT REMOTELY: Jennifer L. Johnson, Felicia Mosley-Williams-School Health Nurse, Laurie Reed-School Nurse, Catherine Nelson-with Vidant

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL: Emma J. Hodson

TIME: 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Carolina Room, The Kathy Taft Center, 2010 Allen Road, Greenville, NC 27834

The Board Work Session was held at the Kathy Taft Center and called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Melinda Fagundus.

COVID Updates

Karen Harrington, Director of Student Services, Felicia Mosley-Williams, School Health Nurse, and Laurie Reed, School Nurse discussed the recent increase in COVID cases in the school system and the County. The information shared, included the following:

- 2nd Semester Face to Face Student Numbers
- Local Health Department Draft Report
- School Affected Cases and Beyond School Affected Cases
- Student and Staff Tracking/Processing
- School Nurse Work Load

Much discussion occurred between Ms. Harrington, Ms. Mosley-Williams, Ms. Reed, Dr. Lenker and the Board members.

PIO & EPS Updates

1-F2F vs Virtual

Dr. Steve Lassiter, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Programs and Services, shared face to face vs virtual student one or more course failures and absent numbers with the Board members. Much discussion occurred between Dr. Lassiter and the Board members.

2-End of Course Exams

Dr. Lassiter discussed end of course exams with the Board members sharing that students will receive an in progress status until state exams are taken. However, if exams are not taken by the state mandated date, students will receive a zero. Much discussion occurred between Dr. Lassiter and the Board members.

3-Strategic Plan/Profile of a Learner/New Logo

Dr. Lassiter and Jennifer L. Johnson, Public Information Officer, shared the Profile of a Graduate and the Strategic Plan with the Board members. Some of the information shared included the following:

- Profile of a Graduate Skills
- PCS Active Strategies
- Goal I: Teaching, Learning and Equity Strategies
- Goal II: Achievement Strategies
- Goal III: Human Capital Strategies
- Goal IV: Community Engagement and Safety Strategies
- Logo Development History
- New Logo

Some discussion occurred between Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lassiter and the Board members.

Operations Updates

LOBS Update

Matt Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, shared the following concerning LOBS funding and the A.G. Cox Middle School Renovation Project.

- Redesigned Low Bid was accepted from Group III from Kinston was to start mid-spring (\$12,200,000.00)
- The County has informed us that the funding will close on March 30, 2021
- Notice to proceed could not go out until mid-April, this is a 6 month timeframe from accepting the bid and the project starting
- Most contractors will not hold prices for 6 months
- Group III wants to be the contractor for A.G. Cox
- Working with the County to find creative ways to start the project on time and maintain Group III as the contractor, possibly creating 2 contracts (preliminary permits)
- PCS plans to request an advance from the County or using our fund balance to start the project on time

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

Items from the Chair

1. Chair Fagundus reminded the Board members of the following dates:
 - January 11, 2021 – Board Meeting
 - January 25, 2021 – Board Work Session
2. January 7, 2021, NCSBA Delegates ZOOM meeting. The following Board members volunteered to attend:
 - Vice Chair Everette-Lenz
 - Anna Barrett Smith
 - James Tripp, Jr.
 - Don Rhodes
3. Chair Fagundus asked the Board members to contact Carol if they needed help with their new device.

Adjourn

Chair Fagundus concluded the Board Work Session. Time adjourned was 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Fagundus, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary