

Board Work Session Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 25, 2021

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

PRESENT REMOTELY: Benjie Forrest, Caroline W. Doherty (arrived at 12:04p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Ethan Lenker, Dr. Steve Lassiter, Aaron Errickson, Matt Johnson, Debra Baggett, Dr. Kristi Rhone

ALSO PRESENT REMOTELY: Preston Bowers, Yanisha Mann, Shannon Wainright, Gretchen Wilson

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL: Emma J. Hodson

TIME: 12:00 P.M.

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

Chair Melinda Fagundus opened the Board Work Session at 12:00 p.m. in the Carolina Room. Chair Fagundus called roll and all Board members were present except for Caroline Doherty, who joined via ZOOM at 12:04 p.m.

Finance Update

1. Budget to Actual

Debra Baggett, Chief Financial Officer, presented information to the Board members regarding the budget to actual comparison as of December 31, 2020 for fiscal year 2020-2021. No discussion occurred between Ms. Baggett and the Board members.

2. 2021-2022 Budget Timeline

Ms. Baggett shared a local and state budget timeline for fiscal year 2021-2022. No discussion occurred between Ms. Baggett and the Board members.

3. School Nutrition Update

Gretchen Wilson, School Nutrition Director, presented information to the Board members about meal distribution to students. Some discussion occurred between Ms. Wilson and the Board members.

HR Updates

2021-2022 Calendar Update

Dr. Kristi Rhone, Assistant Superintendent of HR, presented the following 2021-2022 academic calendar updates to the Board members.

- The Calendar Committee met, which included school representatives, community representatives, and the Teacher Advisory Council, and created two draft calendar options
- Statutes governing the school calendar restrict the start dates and how many days must be included in the year
- Calendar A includes a spring break aligned with Pitt Community College and a short break around the Easter holiday
- Calendar B has the spring break aligned with the Easter holiday
- Statutes govern the school calendar start dates and how many days must be included in the year
- High schools have expressed interest in finishing their first semester before winter break

Some discussion occurred between Dr. Rhone and the Board members.

Operations Update

1. County Capital Improvement Plan Update

Aaron Errickson, Director of Facilities, shared updates with the Board members regarding capital needs projects for fiscal years 2021-2022 through 2030-2031. Some discussion occurred between Mr. Errickson and the Board members.

2. Modular Purchase

Matt Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, presented terms to acquire a used modular complex building and the need to place the unit at Creekside Elementary School with the Board members. Mr. Johnson shared that the unit would cost \$151,200.00. He also shared that an additional \$150,000.00 would be needed to set up the unit, cover decking and other items. Some discussion regarding the age of the existing unit, which was built in the 1960s, and the need for greater funding for capital needs occurred. Mr. Johnson requested the purchase of the modular unit be placed on the February 1, 2021, Consent Agenda. Consensus of the Board was to allow this item on the February 1, 2021, Consent Agenda.

3. C.M. Eppes Middle School Project Update

Mr. Johnson also shared updates on the work to repair and upgrade the portion of C.M. Eppes Middle School that was damaged during Hurricane Isaias. Some discussion occurred between Mr. Johnson and the Board members.

EPS Updates

1. Summer Retake Program

Shannon Wainright, Director of Testing, and Dr. Steve Lassiter, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Programs and Services, shared plans for the summer retake program with the Board members. Some discussion occurred between Dr. Lassiter, Ms. Wainright and the Board members. Ms. Wainright requested that the summer retake schedule be allowed on the February 1, 2021, Consent Agenda. Consensus of the Board was to allow this item on the February 1, 2021, Consent Agenda.

2. Graduation Update

Preston Bowers, High School Facilitator and AVID District Director, shared updates with the Board regarding tentative plans for the 2020- 2021 graduation. Mr. Bowers advised the Board members that the graduation plan is to pursue either ECU or high school football fields, and the goal is to offer details to the Board by the end of February. Some discussion occurred between Mr. Bowers and the Board members.

3. NCEd Corp

Yanisha Mann, Secondary Education Director, shared updates with the Board members regarding NC Ed Corps candidates to cover K-8 and 6-8 sites with tutoring and other educational support services. Some discussion occurred between Ms. Mann and the Board members.

4. Proposed Open Enrollment School List for 2021-2022

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Superintendent, shared a proposed 2021-2022 open enrollment list with the Board members. Dr. Lenker stated that his recommendation was to use keep the same list for 2021-2022, that was used for the 2020-2021, school year. Dr. Lenker requested that the 2021-2022 open enrollment list be allowed on the February 1, 2021, Consent Agenda. After some discussion, Chair Fagundus noted that approval of the open enrollment list would be included as new business on the February 1, 2021, agenda.

Items from the Chair

Chair Fagundus had no items to share.

Adjourn

Chair Fagundus adjourned the work session at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Fagundus, Chair

Dr. Ethan Lenker, Secretary