

**April 11, 2011 Board of Education Meeting****Meeting Minutes****Created : 5/4/2011 3:40 PM EST****4/11/2011 7:00:00 PM**

Currituck Historic Courthouse

**Attendees - voting members**

Dr. Bill Dobney     Chair  
Jackie Simmons     Vice Chair  
John Barnes         Board Member  
Karen Etheridge     Board Member  
Amy Innes            Board Member

**Attendees - other**

Chelsea Heflin     Student Board Member  
Michelle Page     Student Board Member

**A. Call to Order**

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment Session

Nancy Lerf, president of the local chapter of NCAE, asked the Board to change the school calendar so that staff could attend a budget rally in Raleigh, NC. She asked for May 3rd to be changed to an early release day.

Mary Simmons, Media Coordinator at Currituck County High School, informed the Board of her recent purchase of 5 Nooks. The devices are loaded with books and manuals. President of the student book club explained the use and how books are available without purchasing. Hopefully more Nooks can be purchased via fund raising.

4. School Spotlight- Jarvisburg Elementary School

Jarvisburg Elementary School was showcased during the April meeting. Principal Sharon Forbes, staff, and students presented their anti-bullying initiative. Using information from last spring's parent survey, administration found the number one parent concern was bullying. JAGS help to develop the initiative by inviting parents to a table top discussion. They identified concerns and solutions to combat bullying. Assistant Principal, Marita Powell presented a video created by students that gives instructions on how to handle bullying. Students conducted two skits on bullying.

**B. Approval of Agenda (Action)**

The agenda was amended to remove #3 -Reassignment of Capital Outlay funds from the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by: Karen Etheridge  
Motion seconded by: Jackie Simmons

Voting  
Unanimously Approved

### **C. Approval of March 14, 2011 Closed Session Minutes (Action)**

Motion made by: Jackie Simmons  
Motion seconded by: Amy Innes

Voting  
Unanimously Approved

### **D. Approval of March 14, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes (Action)**

Motion made by: John Barnes  
Motion seconded by: Amy Innes

Voting  
Unanimously Approved

### **E. Globally Competitive Students**

#### 1. Student School Board Member Report

Student Board Members, Chelsea Heflin and Michelle Page reported on school events and the upcoming testing schedule. Michelle Page announced she was a recipient of the NC Teaching Fellows Scholarship.

#### 2. Field Trip Requests (Action)

Motion made by: Jackie Simmons  
Motion seconded by: John Barnes

Voting  
Unanimously Approved

##### a. Field Trip Documentation

#### 3. District Dropout and Crime Rates

Keba Baldwin, Director of Student Services, presented the district's four year dropout data and crime rate report. The data was pulled from the school years 2006 through 2010. The system had a decrease in out-of-school suspension - 571 in the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Baldwin pointed out this was the number of incidents, not necessarily the number of students. There was also a decline in the crime and violence numbers. The state recently made changes, so there are now 16 offenses that must be reported to law enforcement. All the numbers are down from the previous year. Mr. Baldwin contributed the decline of incidents to the staff identifying areas of concern and putting preventative measures in place.

The student dropout number reported for 2009-2010 was 40. This is down from 54 reported in the previous year. Mr. Baldwin said staff would continue to evaluate and monitor efforts to increase student achievement, attendance, and graduation rates.

## **F. 21st Century Professionals**

### **1. Personnel Report Dated April 11, 2011 (Action)**

Following the approval of the personnel report, Dr. Doyle gave a brief update on the state's budget projections. The senate and house continue to work on their versions of the budget. The numbers are grim- possibly a 10% cut that would include cutting Teacher Assistant positions and other line items. The house budget continues to be delayed. Dr. Doyle encouraged parents and staff to contact local representatives and legislators. She said higher education is not very happy with the cuts so some of the cuts will probably be pushed back and to public education. A united front is needed.

Motion made by: Amy Innes

Motion seconded by: John Barnes

Voting

Unanimously Approved

#### **a. (c) Supporting Documents for Personnel Report**

## **G. Leadership for Innovation**

### **1. YMCA Partnership**

Sandy Kinzel, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Dean Mattix, Executive Director of the Albemarle YMCA. She explained there was a possibility of a partnership with the YMCA. Mr. Mattix explained the benefits of a partnership and the positive impact it could have on students. He presented an overview of what the YMCA could offer the students of Central Elementary School. Within the partnership there are free swim lessons available to students, benefits for the teacher of the year, and a scholarship that would help subsidize the \$60.00 after-school care cost. This is a \$15,000 annual benefit. If a partnership was established, the YMCA would ask the district for access to the school and to supply an area for the students.

Dr. Dobney asked for specifics on the liability between the YMCA and the school district. Mr. Mattix will follow-up and provide liability information. Karen Etheridge inquired about the swim lessons. Mr. Mattix said the lessons are considered more of life saving skills than just swimming.

Completion date for the new YMCA in Currituck County is the end of 2011. The after-school program could accommodate 30 students at \$60.00, with a sliding scale that would help families in need. The program would be open until 6:00 p.m. - using only Central Elementary in the beginning. Mr. Barnes asked about

students from other counties. Mr. Mattix said it could be restricted to only Currituck students.

Ms. Kinzel said the next step would be sending out a parent survey to see the level of interest in starting the program.

## **H. 21st Century Systems**

### **1. Resolution Opposing Knotts Island Ferry Toll (Action)**

Dr. Doyle explained that in conjunction with the state's budget and potential cuts there had been discussion about placing a fee on the Knotts Island Ferry or discontinuing services altogether. Dr. Doyle presented a resolution opposing fees or discontinuing the services. Fees or discontinuing the service would have a negative impact on students and the school system. The Board adopted the resolution.

Motion made by: John Barnes

Motion seconded by: Karen Etheridge

Voting

Unanimously Approved

## **I. Consent Agenda (Action)**

Motion made by: Amy Innes

Motion seconded by: John Barnes

Voting

Unanimously Approved

1. Budget Amendments
2. Account Reconciliations
3. Reassignment of Capital Outlay Funds- REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA
4. Student Transfer Requests 2010-2011
5. Contracts
6. Moyock Elementary Picnic Shelter
7. Shawboro Elementary Shed/Greenhouse
8. Series 2000- First Approval

## **J. Information Items**

- 1) May 9th Board meeting- 7:00 p.m. Historic Currituck Courthouse
- 2) Work Session prior to the meeting- beginning at 4:00 p.m.

**K. Board Members Comments**

Amy Innes wished Dr. Doyle well.

John Barnes thanked Dr. Doyle for her efforts in preparing students for the 21st Century.

Karen Etheridge wished Dr. Doyle the best.

Jackie Simmons congratulated Buddy White and students on an excellent production of Beauty and the Beast. He encouraged everyone to come out for spring sports.

Dr. Dobney encouraged Nancy Lurf to rally the staff on the concerns with the state's budget. Waiting until the May rally could be too late.

**L. Adjourn Meeting**

Motion made by: Jackie Simmons

Motion seconded by: John Barnes

Voting

Unanimously Approved

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Chairperson

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Secretary