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**January 18, 2012 Board of Education Work
Session**

1/18/2012 4:00:00 PM

JP Knapp Professional Learning Center Meeting
Room

2966 Caratoke Highway
Currituck, NC 27929

Meeting Minutes

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Attendees - other

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

A. Budget Survey

Administration will use K-12 Insight to develop a survey to obtain public and staff input on the system's budget. The survey will help identify areas of concern and educate staff and the public on the budget process. The draft survey should be ready for review in February 2012. The Board recommended sharing the results with the County Commissioners. The system should know the planning allotments in February. The Board requested a line item budget in order to easily identify areas that may have funding cuts.

There is still discussion at the state level about extending the school year to 185 days.

The Transportation rating is increasing and will have a positive effect on funding next year. Approximately \$400,000 of local funding is used for transportation. Bus replacement for aging buses will continue (15 to 18 years old). CCS expects 3 or 4 new buses next year.

B. Grading

Dr. Dobney expressed his concern with the current grading system. There have also been some concerns voiced by parents. Ms. Kinzel stated the grading policy and process was being reviewed with the previous Board, teacher, and parent groups. There was some consensus at that time; however, no consensus on giving students zeros. Questions remain on how to handle students that do not submit class work, homework, and grading expectations.

Renee Dowdy, Principal of Knapp Early College, added that the grading scale should also be conducive to early college students. Colleges will give zeros and 60 as the lowest grade is questionable. CCHS has students who fail due to poor work habits and fail due to homework. Principal Diane Newbern expressed her concern with grades being used as a punitive measure.

Administration will start reviewing the grading process again. The Board would like to review a draft over the summer months.

C. Policy Review - Section 3000

Administration and the Board conducted the first review of policies in the 3000 series. This is part of the district's policy customization process with NCSBA. The draft policies have been added to the district's website.

D. Tamara Berman Ishee- DPI Curriculum & Instruction Division

Tamara Berman Ishee is the Regional Lead for Region 1 District & School

Transformation with NC Department of Public Instruction. She presented the Board with an overview of state changes to the curriculum. CCS is very proactive and ahead of other districts.

E. February BOE Meeting Date

The February Board of Education Meeting has been moved from February 13th to February 8th. This will allow all board members to be present.

F. Closed Session - Reasons 1 & 6 of G.S.143-318.11

The Board ended the work session and went into a closed session to allow discussion on a personnel matter, Reasons 1 & 6 of G.S. 143-318.11

Chairperson

Secretary