

Currituck County Schools

Board of Education Meeting

08/06/2020 06:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Historic Currituck County Courthouse

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Attendees

Voting Members

Karen Etheridge, Chairman
 Dwan Craft, Vice Chairman
 Dr. Bill Dobney, Board Member
 Will Crodick, Board Member
 Janet Rose, Board Member

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Matt Lutz, Interim Superintendent

A. Call to Order

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Motion made by: Dr. Bill Dobney

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

C. Public Comment Session

Mr. Robert Griffin, CCHS teacher and Currituck resident, informed the Board that the district's website incorrectly listed the Board Meeting starting at 6:00 p.m., when it was actually 6:30 p.m.

He said that he recently served on a committee of nine with Allison Sholar, Interim CCHS Principal, leading the committee. He said the function of the committee went as it should and he thanked Ms. Scholar. Mr. Griffin also publicly thanked the Board of Education for their work and for holding an outside graduation ceremony for seniors.

Finally he spoke on the resolution, listed on the meeting agenda, which supported local control of school openings in response to the pandemic. He did not believe that only Plan C- Virtual Learning should be the only option for students. He said with proper planning the district should allow students to return to schools as soon as possible.

D. CCMS Auditorium Dedication/Naming (Action)

The motion was made and unanimously approved to name the CCMS Auditorium after retired Theater Teacher, Buddy White.

Motion made by: Karen Etheridge

Motion seconded by: Janet Rose

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

E. Resolution Supporting Local Control of School Opening (Action)

Janet Rose read the proposed resolution supporting the local control of the reopening of schools. Will Crodick made the motion to approve. Mrs. Rose asked that the resolution be updated with the most current COVID data. Mr. Crodick amended his motion to approve the revised resolution. Mr. Crodick and Mrs. Rose both expressed their hopes that the district will be given control on the opening of schools. Mr. Crodick said control should be given to the schools' staff and parents not bureaucrats in Raleigh.

Dr. Dobney noted that the district's students will have access to the internet and question that particular language in the resolution. Mr. Crodick and Dr. Lutz said the internet service in the County was not perfect and devices were not currently available to all students in need. At a cost the district is providing devices and services to students to provide an education.

Motion made by: Will Crodick

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

F. Capital Budget and Improvements (Action)

At a meeting in June, it was noted the the Capital Budget Fund balance was \$644,260. Dr. Lutz said he though it was the amount in the General Fund perhaps the Board though so as week. After checking it was realized there was more funds in the Capital Budget Fund, it was determine to reduce the balance. Dr. Lutz provided a list of items that will be repaired or purchased: \$32,000 wrestling mats; \$106,544 maintenance contingency carryover (\$50,000 mobile unit set up, \$33,000 mobile unit furniture and \$23,000 scoreboards); \$75,000 technology bulk purchases carryover; \$195,000 track resurfacing.

Dr. Lutz explained that these items were removed from the initial Capital Budget. Due to COVID and funding concerns, the County Government asked the school district to reduce the budget by \$140,000.

He also explained that federal funds had been used to purchase technology items, so the district would like to keep \$75,000 to \$100,000 in the Capital Budget for technology and \$150,000 for major repairs - leaving a balance of \$235,715.

Mr. Crodick was thankful that Dr. Lutz recognized the large balance and acted on reducing it. He added that he had spoke about the funds in the Capital Budget for a some time and that it was not necessary to hold the funds but rather spend the funds to address the needs of the district.

Motion made by: Will Crodick

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

G. Consent Agenda (Action)

Motion made by: Dr. Bill Dobney

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

1. Personnel Report Dated August 6, 2020
 - a. Leave Report - Confidential
2. Banking Reconciliation
3. June 25, 2020 Closed Session Minutes
4. June 25, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
5. July 27, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
6. Budget Amendments:
 - a. Informational Only -dated 6/30/2020
7. Title I Plan
8. Revision of Policy 6430 Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials and Supplies
9. 1st Reading of Revised and New Spring Policy Update
 - a. 1320 Title I Parent & Family Engagement
 - b. 1610/7800 Professional & Staff Development
 - c. 3460 Graduation Requirements
 - d. 4110 Immunization & Health Requirements for School Admission
 - e. 4120 Domicile or Residence Requirements
 - f. 4230 Communciable Diseases- Students
 - g. 4270/6145 Concussion & Head Injury
 - h. 7240 Drug Free & Alcohol Free Workplace
 - i. 7241 Drug & Alcohol Testing of Commercial Vehicle Operators
 - j. 7503 Teleworking

- k. 7560 Permitted Salary Deductions or Absences and Discipline of Certain Exempt Employees
- 10. 1st Reading of Revised and New Title IX Policies
 - a. 1710 Discrimination & Harassment Prohibited by Federal Law
 - b. 1720 Title IX Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex
 - c. 1725 Title IX Sexual Harassment - Prohibited Conduct & Reporting Process
 - d. 1726 Title IX Sexual Harassment & Grievance Process
 - e. 1730 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disabilities
 - f. 4040 Staff-Student Relations
 - g. 4329 Bullying & Harassing Behavior Prohibited
 - h. 4331 Assaults & Threats
 - i. 4340 School-Level Investigations
 - j. 7232 Discrimination & Harassment in the Workplace

H. Information Items

1. Work Session - September 3, 2020- Knapp Professional Learning Center, 4:00 p.m.
2. Board of Education Meeting- September 3, 2020- Historic Currituck County Courthouse, 6:30 p.m.
3. Superintendent Search Update. Chairman Etheridge thanked Dr. Lutz for serving as Interim Superintendent and the Return to Lean Plan.

I. Board Member and Superintendent Comments

Mr. Crodick said that summer was leaving but COVID was still around. As soon as schools open the ripples in the pond will cease. He will try to be positive. He is more fearful of the medicine versus the pandemic. He hopes everyone does well with the virtual learning and that it is not needed very long.

Mrs. Rose wished all of the graduates the best on their new adventures. She thanked all of the local business for the student scholarships. She encouraged parents with question to reach out to the school system.

Dr. Dobney thanked the staff who created the Return to Learn Plan and looks forward to seeing its success.

Mrs. Craft gave staff and student words of encouragement.

Dr. Lutz said it was unprecedented time and he looks forward to get students back in the school buildings. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new CCHS green house will take place as soon as the old one is demolished.

Chairman Etheridge read a letter from the Office of State Superintendent Mark Johnson. She said that the email summed up her thoughts as far as what the schools are facing. She reiterated that parents should contact the schools for help.

J. Adjourn Meeting (Action)

Motion made by: Janet Rose

Motion seconded by: Karen Etheridge

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary