

MEETING MINUTES

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Attendees

Voting Members

Karen Etheridge, Chairman
Dwan Craft, Board Member
Dr. Bill Dobney, Board Member
Janet Rose, Vice Chairman
Kelly Williams Peters, Board Member

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Matt Lutz, Superintendent
Albert Mercado, Student Board Member
Daniel Walker, Student Board Member

A. Call to Order

1. Invocation

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. School Spotlight- Principal Mike Greco & Dr. W.T. Griggs Elementary School

Principal Mike Greco and Assistant Principal Kristy Ryan introduced their students and staff to the Board. Ms. Corleto and Ms. Johnson spoke on the importance of reading and deep thinking. Exposing students to an array of interesting reading material which can be challenging. The teachers encouraged their students to take part in a global reading that included over 40,000 students from 800 countries. The school ranked 21st in the competition. Students spoke about participating in the contest and how they enjoyed being part of the challenge.

4. Swearing In of Student Board Members

Ray Matusko, Currituck County Clerk of Superior Court, swore in Scarlett Stalets and Sofia Oshier. The newly sworn in students took their seats on the board.

B. Public Comment Session

Renee Dowdy, Assistant Superintendent, thanked Baba's Pizzeria in Chesapeake for a donation to the district's EC-PreK programs.

C. Approval of Agenda (Action)

The Budget Amendments listed in the Consent Agenda were explained.

Motion made by: Dr. Bill Dobney

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

D. Transportation Update & Recognition

Jimmy Calvert, Transportation Director, showcased his drivers and support staff. The department has seen many changes over the years. The department has seen many changes to the department over the years. The department has drivers that just recently started to drivers dedicating over 45 years of service. Mr. Calvert presented gifts of appreciation to Christine Woodley (45 years) Ella Skinner (45 years) Liz Cody (30 years) and Betty Spain (30 years).

Kelly Peters asked to review the data presented in the PowerPoint. Mr. Calvert said ridership is currently down, but he is seeing a steady increase especially in the northern part of the county. When possible bus routes have been combined to save money. Diesel for the district is currently at \$3.09 per gallon. Mrs. Etheridge shared a personal experience and expressed her gratitude to the drivers for keeping students safe on the road. Dr. Dobney also expressed his appreciation for the bus drivers and what they do for the district.

E. Student Board Member Report

Student Board Members, Daniel Walker and Albert Mercado presented their report on school events, activities and results of student competitions. As the end of the school year near, students are busy with scholarship applications.

F. Facilities Update:

Dr. Lutz presented the monthly construction update. Demolition on the MES cafeteria is complete. Work has started on the underground utilities. The Moyock Middle School project is slightly delayed due to the delay in receiving fencing materials. Request for Qualifications for the new elementary school have been collected and are being reviewed. The County has applied for a \$30 million state facilities grant which would be used for the new elementary school. The grant is not tied to the district's tier funding status which is promising.

1. Expansion Projects

2. New Construction

G. Resolution on Career and Technical Education Graduation Track (Action)_

Renee Dowdy, Assistant Superintendent, was pleased to announce and advocate for a CTE graduation track. One size does not fit all as far as meeting the educational needs and career goals of all students. The district started promoting the option a few years ago and met with local representatives and State BOE Members. The track would not offer less rigor, but rigor that would apply to the needed skills. The resolution will be introduced to the State BOE as well as other superintendents around the state. Dr. Dobney stated that in 2014 the state offered a separate tract but it was removed as an option. Dr. Dobney presented the resolution.

Chairman Etheridge said the Board had discussed the resolution in depth. She explained that it can be very difficult for students to earn a trade with the current diploma tract. The Board discussed the fact that parents were probably not aware of the diploma options which are offered in other states. The Board discussed the importance of sharing the information with the community and reaching out to state and local representatives. Student Board Member Daniel Walker said that he has seen students turn around after joining AG programs. He agreed that a different diploma track was needed.

Dr. Dobney explained the difference between what is needed in a trade versus what is being offered in the current graduation track. The current track does not apply.

Motion made by: Janet Rose

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

H. 2022 NCSBA Legislative Committee Nomination (Action)

Janet Rose was nominated to serve on the NCSBA Committee. The primary task of the committee is to create a NCSBA legislative agenda for consideration and adoption.

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Karen Etheridge

Voting:

Karen Etheridge - Vote Not Recorded

Dwan Craft - Vote Not Recorded

Dr. Bill Dobney - Vote Not Recorded

Janet Rose - Vote Not Recorded

Kelly Williams Peters - Vote Not Recorded

I. Overnight Field Trips:

1. CCHS Regional Wrestling - S. Brunswick NC - 2/11-12, 2022
2. CCHS State Indoor Track - Winston-Salem NC - 2/11-12, 2022
3. CCHS State Wrestling- Greensboro, NC - 2/16-19, 2022
4. MMS District Band - UNC Wilmington, NC- 2/17-19, 2022
5. CCMS District Band-UNC Wilmington, NC - 2/17-19, 2022
6. CCHS District Band- UNC Wilmington, NC - 2/17-19, 2022
7. CCHS Basketball State Playoff- Fayetteville, NC - 2/21-22, 2022
8. CCHS HOSA State Conference- Greensboro, NC - 3/9-12, 2022
9. CCHS FBLA State Leadership Conference - Greensboro, NC - 3/23-26, 2022
10. JP Knapp FBLA State Leadership Conference- Greensboro, NC - 3/23-26, 2022

J. Safe Schools Update

Virginia Arrington stated that since the last meeting in February, only 39 cases of COVID had been reported. Positive cases and quarantines continue to drop. The motion was made to keep masks optional in the schools and on the buses. Dr. Lutz said approximately 20% of students/staff were wearing masks without any issues.

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Janet Rose

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

1. Masks in the Schools (Action)

K. Consent Agenda (Action)

Dr. Dobney asked that the Board be informed prior to the meeting if an item was going to be removed from the agenda. To clarify, the Budget Amendments were not removed from the Consent Agenda but instead were presented by Finance Officer Susan Mizelle so that details could be provided.

Ms. Mizelle explained the budget amendments which included increases to various programs and K-5 enhancements. The funds given by the County for the instructional coach positions is kept separate. Federal money continues to trickle in late. The increase to the Capital Outlay fund includes the MMS & MES projects. Two local expenditures had an error that was corrected.

Dr. Dobney asked that the public information documents listed on the agenda be provided to student BOE members prior to the meetings.

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Janet Rose

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

1. Personnel Report Dated March 15, 2022

a. Confidential Leave Report March 15, 2022

2. Board Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2022

3. Closed Session Minutes for February 9, 2022

4. Contracts:

a. NetSource- Promethean Boards

b. Trafera - Chromebook Purchase - Informational

5. Budget Amendments

6. Banking Reconciliation - Informational

7. Amendment to Superintendent's Contract

a. Assistant Superintendent Contract Extension

L. Information Items

1. Work Session - April 13, 2022- Knapp Professional Learning Center, 4:00 p.m.
2. Board of Education Meeting - April 13, 2022 - Historic Currituck County Courthouse, 6:30 p.m.

M. Board Members & Superintendent Comments

Dr. Dobney asked that thank-you notes be sent to donors. He announced that the drug dog purchased by the district was retiring.

Dawn Craft asked the community to come out and support the FFA plant sale. She had the opportunity to visit several schools.

Kelly Peters congratulated the new BOE students. She was delighted with the student wax museum at JES

and the embryology programs which are hatching chicks in the schools. The Board then discussed bullying in the schools and asked parents to encourage their children to reach out and help stop bullying.

Janet Rose said the AFROTC cadets recently marched 16 miles to commemorate the Bataan death march. This month is band month, so a shout out to all of the district's band members. She congratulated Mr. Pinto and his students for participating in the chess competition. In closing, she asked students to speak up if they see a student being bullying. The prom venue will not change and will remain on the campus of CCHS.

Dr. Lutz said he was thankful for a meeting without a lengthy conversation on masks. He thanked everyone and was pleased to announce the district had received a K-12 athletic facilities award from the state in the amount of \$109,000. The funds will allow the press boxes on the softball and baseball fields to be replaced.

Congratulations to Daniel Walker for receiving the ECSU scholarship.

Karen Etheridge too had attended the wax museum. She thanked everyone for working so very hard.

N. Adjourn Meeting (Action)

Motion made by: Karen Etheridge

Motion seconded by: Janet Rose

Voting:

Unanimously Approved