

**Currituck County Schools****Meeting Minutes**

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**Board of Education Meeting****03/11/2020 06:30 PM**

Historic Currituck County Courthouse

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**Attendees**

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**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**

Mark Stefanik, Superintendent  
Mallory Fields, Student Board Member  
Sydney MacDonald, Student Board Member  
Olivia McDonald, Student Board Member  
Taylor McCarthy, Student Board Member

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**A. Call to Order**

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. School Spotlight- Principal Angel Lasher, Dr. W.T. Griggs Elementary School

Principal Lasher showcased her teachers who organized and students who participated in the school's literacy project. Students showed projects they made based on the books they read. They also spoke about the books and how much they enjoyed reading. Due to the popularity, they hope to make the literary fair an annual event at the school.

4. Teacher Bonus Recognition

Dr. Matt Lutz and Renee Dowdy, Assistant Superintendents, recognized 3rd grade teachers whose Reading scores ranked in the top 25% in the state and/or LEA:

Chelsy Eaves-GES  
Meagan Mattera- CES  
Lindsey Evans- SES  
Annette Markman- GES

Chad Shmuck, CCHS- Received bonus for scores in AP History. Mr. Schmuck was inadvertently left off the February recognition.

**B. Public Comment Session**

With no comments the session was closed.

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

The agenda was amended to remove the following items from the Consent Agenda: Item H3 - School Calendars and H5 - Closed Session Minutes for 2/10/2020.

Motion made by: Dr. Bill Dobney

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

#### **D. Student Board Member Report**

Student BOE Members reported on school events, activities, student competitions and athletics.

#### **E. Field Trip Requests:**

1. CCHS - Basketball Playoffs, Eden, NC - 2/25-26 2020
2. CCHS- Basketball Playoffs, Thomasville, NC - 2/26-27 2020
3. CCHS - Eastern Regional Orchestra, Southern Pines, NC - 2/28-3/1 2020
4. CCHS - FFA State Ag Sale & Business Management, Mt. Olive, NC - 3/10-11 2020
5. CCHS- State Wrestling, Greensboro, NC - 2/19-22 2020
6. CCHS - Baseball Tournament, Cape Hatteras, NC - 3/13-14 2020
7. CCHS - Softball Tournament, Cape Hatteras, NC - 3/13-14 2020
8. CCHS - AP Government Trip, Washington DC - 5/25-27 2020

#### **F. Athletic Scoreboards**

Mr. Crodick said that he has received several calls about the broken scoreboards at CCHS and CCMS. Todd Parker, Athletic Director, said all the boards need replacing or repair. He presented a quote for \$23,000 to replace the current boards with the same models. Superintendent Stefanik and Mr. Parker explained that Title IX requires that funding must be spread out evenly among the district's sports teams. Adding the larger, modified scoreboards increased the quote to approximately \$55,000 and could be negotiated to \$50,000 with All American - a supplier of scoreboards. Again, distribution of funds must be comparable even if one program decided to have a fundraiser for the boards.

Mr. Crodick said if the district went with the larger boards and had engineers provide plans the installation could possibly be cheaper if the project was outsourced.

Superintendent Stefanik said that he recently met with coaches and was informed that several schools in our conference have the larger boards showing inning information. He was informed this type of board would be too big for the softball field. However, the standard new boards would work for both sports and fields.

The middle school boards could be replaced now with the high school's replaced next season. Funding was discussed along with the understanding that boards must be comparable for both sports under Title IX regulations.

Taylor McCarthy, BOE Student Member, stated that the score board shared for basketball and volleyball games is dated.

Mr. Croddick said the district has needs and wants. He would like take care of the needs now and

repair broken items.

The BOE discussed the time frame of receiving and installing the scoreboards.

Mrs. Roses said that she was informed that coaches were willing to wait for the larger boards but understood the softball field could not accommodate the size. Mr. Parker said the one for the softball field would be 4 ft shorter to accommodate the field size.

Mr. Codick said he would like to purchase the boards and outsource the installation for cost savings. A motion was made by Will Crodick and seconded by Janet Rose.

Dr. Dobney and Mrs. Craft both inquired about fundraising to help with the cost.

Chairman Etheridge asked Todd Parker to look into fundraising for all the boards .

The motion was modified. Will Crodick motioned to replace the two middle school boards now and authorize \$25,000 in funding to be set aside for the standard replacements of the high school boards with the anticipation that fundraising will provide funds to purchase the larger boards eventually. Outsourcing would be used for installation.

Dwan Craft inquired about the funds and if it would be taken from another item. Matt Mullins, Director of Building & Grounds, replied that the funds would be set aside in the Maintenance Budget.

Sidney MacDonald, Student BOE Member, asked about repairing the track. Mr. Parker said the repair is in next year's budget.

Motion made by: Will Crodick

Motion seconded by: Dr. Bill Dobney

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

## **G. High School Tournament Schedule & Travel**

Todd Parker explained how playoff travel requires students to miss class time. This occurs every year. Suggestions have been made to the NCHSAA but the issue is never addressed. Mr. Parker said it is his understanding that they are aware of the issue but it only affects a small percentage of schools. Mr. Parker is asking the Principal and Superintendent Associations to come together to support change.

Mr. Paker suggested playing games in smaller regions and at neutral sites. He said his ideas have met some resistance from coaches because at times it would require teams to play each other more than once in a season.

The CCHS basketball team recently missed four days of school due to the current playoff schedule.

The Board discussed the amount of time students miss school and the cost of travel to the district. It was added that NCHSAA receives money from the athletic playoffs.

Dr. Dobney asked Superintendent Stefanik to compose a letter requesting change to the playoff schedule and send it to NCHSAA, the State Superintendent, the Governor, State Board of Education Members and State Delegates. It was also suggested to contact the rural school districts effected by the playoff schedule.

The Student BOE Members spoke about how hard it is to travel, miss school and maintain grades.

It was also asked that the letter be sent to the County Commissioners for support too.

Dr. Dobney explained how teams are traveling five hours one-way in early playoff games.

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

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Will Crodick

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

1. Personnel Report Dated March 11, 2020
  - a. Leave Report - Confidential
2. Banking Reconciliation
3. 2020-2021 School Calendars (Removed from Agenda)
4. Budget Amendments Dated March 11, 2020
5. Board Meeting Minutes for Closed Session - February 10, 2020 (Remove from Agenda)
6. Board Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2020
7. Board Meeting Minutes for Closed Session - February 17, 2020
8. Contracts:
  - a. Mobile Unit Contract
9. Summer School Plan 2020

## **I. Information Items**

1. Board of Education Meeting- April 2, 2020- Historic Currituck County Courthouse, 6:30 p.m.

## **J. Board Member and Superintendent Comments**

Dr. Dobney commented on the improvement of the new backstop wall and netting at the CCHS baseball field.

Dwan Craft made several visits and saw great things happening in the schools.

Will Crodick said that great things are happening in the schools but the district does not receive the funding like it once did. The Board of Education and Commissioners have to work within their means. There may come a time when taxes will be raised to keep the level of service. He said the BOE is very concerned about the needs and understands the wants of the district.

Janet Rose spoke about the successes of various Currituck sports teams and athletes. The greenhouse construction at CCHS is moving forward. She was contacted by parents about the indoor competition pool which could cost approximately 8 to 10 million. The BOE does not have the funds but she supports the cause. She asked principals and staff to be mindful of the budget process and to please provide Administration with their buildings' needs.

Superintendent Stefanik said the Mobile units purchased was approved in the consent agenda for a 5-year lease to purchase option. It will be submitted to the County Commissioners for funding discussions.

Karen Etheridge said she and Superintendent Stefanik have been meeting with land owners but a track of land has not been selected for the new school site in the Moyock area as of yet. They will perform their due diligence.

**K. Adjourn Meeting (Action)**

Motion made by: Will Crodick

Motion seconded by: Dr. Bill Dobney

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

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Chairperson

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Secretary