

Currituck County Schools**Meeting Minutes****Printed : 5/7/2019 2:54 PM EST****(4:45 p.m. Closed Session) Board of Education Meeting****04/01/2019 05:45 PM**Knotts Island Elementary School-
Knotts Island, NC**Attendees****Voting Members**

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

Non-Voting Members

Keelan Hartmann, Student Board Member
 Mark Stefanik, Superintendent
 Mallory Fields, Student Board Member
 Sydney MacDonald, Student Board Member

A. Call to Order

Dr. Dobney joined the meeting via teleconference.

1. Invocation
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
2. School Spotlight- Principal Deborah Gorza & Knotts Island Elementary School
 Principal Gorza introduced her staff and students who showcased individualized learning. She spoke how traditional resources are integrated into technology in all grade levels. Students demonstrated how technology is used in their classrooms.

B. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Item H was removed from the agenda. A special meeting will be scheduled to discuss the Capital Outlay Budget.

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Janet Rose

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

C. Public Comment Session

With no comments the session was closed.

D. Student Board Member Report

Student Board Members reported on school events, competitions and athletics.

E. Field Trips (Informational):

Knotts Island Elementary has requested a trip to the Whalehead Club and the Corolla Lighthouse in Corolla, NC. Students will be transported by a short boat ride rather than drive the long trip. Superintendent Stefanik said the trip request had been reviewed by the school's attorney.

Motion made by: Janet Rose

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

1. CCHS - Softball Tournament, Greenville, NC 4/19-20 2019
2. JP Knapp - Science Olympiad, Cary, NC 4/26-27 2019

F. 2019-2020 School Calendars (Action)

Mr. Crodick said he was not in favor of the early release Fridays at CCHS due to the added transportation expense. He would rather see full days and workdays than 1/2 days. He was in favor of the traditional K-8 and JP Knapp Early College calendars.

The Board discussed the benefits of the JP Knapp calendar and the uniqueness of the school with many students attending classes on the campus of College of The Albemarle. The Board continued to discuss the differences and likeness of JP Knapp and CCHS.

Student BOE Members stated they were in favor of the extra student time on Fridays which allowed them time to study and meet with teachers.

Mr. Crodick again stated that he was not in favor of the schedule because of the added transportation cost. The transportation funding formula is based on bus capacity and routes. The early release on Fridays requires the running of extra routes which causes the district to be penalized.

Chairman Etheridge said she is willing to give CCHS a full year and then review the school's scores and student success to see if the extra time is being used correctly. The Board discussed how the extra time also allows students to participate in clubs; whereas, after school transportation can be difficult for many students and parents.

Dwan Craft said that she wanted to make sure that teachers are given time to collaborate.

Renee Dowdy, Assistant Superintendent, said that she was part of the initial start up of the JP Knapp. When the late buses were discontinued in 2008, the early release on Friday was a benefit for students. It also allowed teachers time to work together. When she became the Principal at CCHS she saw the need for teacher collaboration. She believes if staff were surveyed they would agree the time is used to network vertically and help students. She felt the benefit outweighed the expense.

Janet Rose said that many CCHS students also attend COA on a daily basis and allowing teachers planning time is essential. She recently met with the school's Business Liaison and was very impressed to see students participating/working in local businesses.

Mr. Crodick iterated he was not in favor of half days due to the added expense to the district.

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Karen Etheridge

Voting:

Dr. Bill Dobney - Yes

Karen Etheridge - Yes

Dwan Craft - Yes

Will Crodick - No

Janet Rose - Yes

G. School Capacity Updated Listing

Superintendent Stefaink would like to share the capacity numbers with the County's Planning Board. The chart list the lowest student numbers for grades K-3. There was no discussion.

H. Capital Outlay Budget for 2019-2020 (Action)

This items was removed from the agenda.

I. Consent Agenda (Action)

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Janet Rose

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

1. Personnel Report Dated April 1, 2019
 - a. Leave Report Dated April 1, 2019
2. Board Meeting Minutes March 13, 2019
3. Closed Session Minutes March 13, 2019
4. Bus Leasing Agreement
5. Bank Reconciliations

J. Information Items

1. Work Session - May 2, 2019- Knapp Professional Learning Center, 4:00 p.m.
2. Board of Education Meeting- May 2, 2019- Historic Currituck County Courthouse, 6:30 p.m.

K. Board Members & Superintendent Comments

Mr. Crodick recently visited KIES. He spoke about HB 96 which would provide KIES with rural school funding and HB 97 that would revisit the transportation funding formula to keep the district from being penalized due to the geographic of the county. He hopes the two bills pass. He is also very humbled to have eradicated combination classes at KIES.

Superintendent Stefanik thanked the BOE for approving the bus leasing agreement. The agreement will provide the district with seven new activity buses; 3 mini and 4 full size. The agreement is also being approved by the County Commissioners during their April 1st meeting.

Moving to another topic, Superintendent Stefanik said the district's fund balance is low and does not match the current funds used to balance this year's budget. The district will not be able to draw from the fund balance next year. The Board is looking for input on future savings. He enjoyed the student spotlight hosted by KIES.

Dwan Craft said she always enjoys her visits to KIES. She reported that Shawboro Elementary did a wonderful job in the recent Math 24 competition. She also found last week's bullying presentation very informative.

Janet Rose was very impressed with the KIES students. She is a native of Knotts Island. She recently visited Raleigh and met with Representatives asking them to support school issues.

Karen Etheridge also attended the bullying presentations. She added that The Amore Conference planned for April 6th at JP Knapp is for all high school girls. The conference is full of events that promotes student health and friendships. In closing, FFA is selling plants beginning April 10, 2019.

L. Adjourn Meeting (Action)

Motion made by: Janet Rose

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary

