

Attendees

Voting Members

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

Non-Voting Members

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

A. Call to Order

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. School Spotlight- Principal Steve Basnight, Staff & Students of JP Knapp Early College

Principal Basnight celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Knapp Early College. He presented data on the success of the school. He noted achieved goals and the increased ACT average reading scores. The ACT is now incorporated in student courses throughout the day. The school received an A on the state's grading scale. Senior summer meetings are conducted with every senior.

4. Student Art Calendar Recognition

Students were recognized for their art used in the 2018-2019 Currituck County Schools Student Art Calendar.

B. Approval of Agenda (Action)

The Agenda was amended to include High School Performance Presentation and Greenhouse Discussion. Item #5 of the consent agenda was removed and Item #7 was revised to 1st Reading rather than 2nd Reading to allow more discussion on both policies.

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Karen Etheridge

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

C. Public Comment Session

With no comments, the session was closed.

D. Student Board Member Report

Student Board Members reported on back to school events, schedules and athletics.

E. Discussion Item: Confidential Information

Dr. Dobney presented past performance data on the schools. He said he was attacked in a recent article in the Daily Advance and it was incorrect when it was stated that while he served as Superintendent and Board Chair the district's performance had declined. Dr. Dobney added that while he was serving, CCHS was noted as one of the top 10 most improved high schools in the state. Janet Rose asked where the 2017-2018 data was obtained. Superintendent Stefanik said a full report would be given at the October meeting.

Janet Rose said the current CCHS greenhouse has been in use since 1976. The sprinkler and heating systems are not working properly. Students have tried to get grants and even presented plans for a new greenhouse to the County Commissioners. She added how different funding avenues have been researched. Student Board Member Sidney MacDonald said she noticed the greenhouse was in bad shape. Karen Etheridge said she supported funding a new greenhouse. Commissioner Hall, who was in the audience, said he was exploring the issue. Superintendent Stefanik said in January 2019 requests for the following year's Capital Outlay projects will be reviewed and there may be funds available to start the project.

Will Crodick said he would like to see the full Capital Outlay request. He also mentioned an agriculture site that offers grants. Janet Rose made a motion to review current Capital Outlay money or use the Fund Balance to support the greenhouse project by funding 1/2 of the cost. Karen Etheridge supported the motion. Will Crodick questioned the cost of demolition and concerns with using the Fund Balance. Mr. Crodick made a friendly amendment to obtain more information over the next two months and make a collective decision. Superintendent Stefanik said he would review this year's savings on Capital Outlay projects and possibly next year's funds to help fund the greenhouse. Mrs. Rose said the greenhouse has been discussed since May with no movement. The motion was withdrawn and would be placed on the October work session for discussion.

Will Crodick then referenced the Daily Advance article that Dr. Dobney had mentioned earlier. Mr. Crodick said he was not pleased with the 50% efficiency in Math. He said a new hire was also mentioned in the article and he found the statement to be undermining to staff members, to the Board, the Superintendent and also hurts the confidence of the parents. Mr. Crodick said confidential information related to staff committees and personnel should not be shared. He said he had lost faith in Dr. Dobney's ability and asked him to step down as Chairman. Dobney said he expressed his first amendment right and refused to step down as Chairman. Mr. Crodick said that he did not lie to the newspaper and undermining does not help any of the students. He also said the district is not performing as well as it once was. He said that 50% of something is not success. Dr. Dobney said he never said he did not support the new hire. Mr. Crodick said it was about being kind. He made a motion requesting that Dr. Dobney be removed as Chairman. The motion was not seconded and failed.

1. High School Performance
2. Discussion on CTE Greenhouse

F. Consent Agenda (Action)

Item #7 was revised to 1st Reading and Item #5 was removed to allow for more discussion.

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Karen Etheridge

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

1. Personnel Report Dated September 6, 2018
 - a. (c) Leave Report
2. 1st Reading of Revision to Policy 3410
3. 1st Reading of Revisions to Policy 6420 Contracts with the Board
4. 1st Reading of Revisions to Policy 9120 Bidding for Construction Work
5. 2nd Reading of Revisions to Policy 5010 Parent Organization
6. 2nd Reading & Adoption of Policy 9115 Prequalification of Bidders for Construction Projects
7. 2nd Reading & Adoption of Revisions to Policy 1710/4021/7230 Prohibition Against Discrimination Harassment and Bullying
8. Contract Listing:
 - a. Outer Banks Physical Therapy, LLC
9. Closed Session Minutes for August 2, 2018
10. Board Meeting Minutes August 2, 2018
11. Closed Session Minutes for May 17, 2018
12. Title I Approval

G. Information Items

1. Work Session - October 4, 2018- Knapp Professional Learning Center, 4:00 p.m.
2. Board of Education Meeting- October 4, 2018- Historic Currituck County Courthouse, 6:30 p.m.

H. Board Members & Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Stefanik said the district recently received three safety grants - including funds for an additional SRO and Social Worker.

Mr. Crodick spoke about the recent joint commissioners meeting and how capacity numbers needed to be agreed upon.

Mrs. Rose asked parents and the community to please volunteer in the schools. She added that collecting box tops was a helpful way to support the schools.

Dr. Dobney asked for anyone interested in driving a school bus to contact the district.

Mrs. Etheridge welcomed Dr. Matney to CCHS. She wished Principal Steve Basnight the best with his new position as Superintendent of Hyde County.

It was announced that on September 15, 2018 Currituck County will celebrated its 350th Year Celebration with an array of related events. On September 10th the Board will meet with the Tourism Board and there is a scheduled meeting with the State Superintendent on September 14th to discuss CTE funding.

I. Adjourn Meeting (Action)

Motion made by: Karen Etheridge

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary