

Currituck County Schools**Board of Education Meeting****12/06/2018 06:30 PM**

Historic Currituck County Courthouse

Meeting Minutes**Printed : 2/26/2019 4:55 PM EST**

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. Swearing-in of Board Members: Dr. Bill Dobney, Mrs. Karen Etheridge & Mrs. Janet Rose
Ray Matusko, Clerk of Superior Court Currituck County, swore in Karen Etheridge, Janet Rose and Dr. Bill Dobney.
4. School Spotlight- Principal Greta Nelson, Shawboro Elementary School & Dr. Dav Davenport, Principal Moyock Middle School
Principal Nelson, staff and students explained how the school's buddy program operates. Recently two different grades joined together on a STEAM project to reduce noise pollution in the cafeteria. Through donations, the students created sound absorbing panels to use in the cafeteria.

Moyock Middle School's staff and students spoke about cross-curricular lesson planning. Using the standards the teachers connected to a book focusing on ecosystems in the surrounding Currituck area. Students also visited the Great Dismal Swamp and used their experiences to incorporate courses such as Math and English.

5. Recognition of Student Holiday Card Winners
6. Recognition of Exceptional Teacher of Excellence- Molly Hurdle
Mrs. Sharon "Molly" Hurdle was recognized for her accomplishments in the EC Department.

B. Election of Officers

1. Chairman
The meeting was turned over to the Superintendent for the election of Chairperson. Prior to the vote, Dr. Dobney announced he would be stepping down as Chairman.

Will Crodick nominated Karen Etheridge, seconded Janet Rose. All members were in favor.

2. Vice-Chairman
The meeting was turned over to Chair Woman Etheridge.

Mrs. Etheridge asked for a nomination for Vice Chairperson. Will Croddick nominated Janet Rose, seconded by Karen Etheridge. All members were in favor.

C. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Motion made by: Dr. Bill Dobney

Motion seconded by: Janet Rose

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

D. Public Comment Session

With no comments, the session was closed.

E. Student Board Member Report

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

F. Discussion on Policy 6420 Contracts with the Board & Policy 9120 Bidding for Construction Work

The Board discussed the prior approved revisions to Policy 6420 & 9120. The revisions increased the project approval amount from \$50,000 to \$90,000. This would allow Administration to move forward on projects not exceeding \$90,000 - without the Board's approval. Dawn Craft asked about recommendations from NCSBA and the schools' attorney. Mr. Stefanik said \$90,000 was now the normal limit. Mr. Croddick said he may have made an error in judgement voting in favor of the increase but due to the upcoming budget he was now concerned. He believed having multiple people review projects before spending may be best.

Janet Rose said she thought it was a good idea to report to the board each month items above \$50,000. It was determined that the current policy does include the monthly reporting requirement. Dr. Dobney asked if the majority of the items were already approved in the Capital Outlay Budget. It was determined that not all repair items/projects were included.

Laurie Trussell, Finance Officer, said maybe half of the items between \$50,000 to \$90,000 are in the Capital Outlay Budget. Other items such as cleaning contracts, lawn care, waste removal, CHKD athletic trainers and worker compensation are not in Capital Outlay. Superintendent Stefanik also noted that now the total of multi-year contracts must be presented, not the individual yearly cost. Mr. Croddick made a motion to reverse the amount back to \$50,000 (seconded by Karen Etheridge)

Motion made by: Will Croddick

Motion seconded by: Karen Etheridge

Voting:

Dr. Bill Dobney - No

Karen Etheridge - Yes

Dwan Craft - No

Will Croddick - Yes

Janet Rose - Yes

G. Policy 2450 Suspension of Board Policy (Action)

The Board agreed to use Policy 2450 to suspend policies 3410 & 3320.

1. Policy 3410 Testing & Assessment Program

Current policy requires the end of course testing to count as 20% of the final grade. The state's standards in Math have changed. A study of the results will delay the district's test results. Results will not be back in time to be counted by the end of the semester. The state has already announced new standards for next year's English test; however, anticipated revisions to policy will alleviate the need to suspend the district's testing policy in the future.

A motion was made by Dwan Craft, seconded by Dr. Dobney. All members were in in favor.

A motion was made by Janet Rose and seconded by Karen Etheridge to suspend the portion of policy 3410 referencing students exemption from final exams. With the policy suspension, the district would follow the CCHS student handbook which stated students will be exempt. Dr. Dobney and Mr. Crodick asked for discussion. The Board does not want a student with a C average to be exempt for testing. The number of courses where a student is not required to take a end of course exam is minimal.

Superintendent Stefanik reminded the Board the policy was just revised to monitor the practice and not to allow unexcused absences.

It was decided the language in the CCHS student handbook must match the language in the testing & assessment policy. The handbook language will be changed from "will be exempt" to "may be exempt." This will give teachers the opportunity to make the decision on what is best for the students.

Superintendent Stefanik reiterated the motion to help clear the issue. He asked those in favor of the CCHS handbook language to vote yes, those not in favor of the handbook but rather with the policy to vote no. Voting yes Janet Rose, voting no Dr. Dobney, Will Crodick, Karen Etheridge and Dwan Craft.

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Dr. Bill Dobney

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

2. Policy 3320 School Trips

Janet Rose asked about charging students a fee when a field trip is in connection with the curriculum. Superintendent Stefanik said he would check on the legal term of extending the curriculum.

The Board agreed to suspend the school trip policy to allow the AFJROTC to travel to Hawaii for the Pearl Harbor ceremony.

A motion was made by Dr. Dobney, seconded by Will Crodick.

H. Field Trip Requests:

1. CCHS - Football State Playoff, Croatan High School, Pine Knoll Shores, NC, Nov. 17-18, 2018
2. CCHS - AFJROTC- Pearl Harbor Day, Honolulu Hawaii, Dec. 3-8, 2018

I. Consent Agenda (Action)

DC

1. Personnel Report Dated December 6, 2018
 - a. Leave Request Report - Confidential
2. Board Meeting Minutes November 14, 2018
3. Closed Session Minutes November 14, 2018
4. Approval of FY 2017-2018 Audit Report
5. 1st Reading of 2018 Fall Policy Updates

J. Information Items

1. Work Session -January 3, 2019- Knapp Professional Learning Center, 4:00 p.m.
2. Board of Education Meeting- January 3, 2019- Historic Currituck County Courthouse, 6:30 p.m.

K. Board Members & Superintendent Comments

Will Crodick congratulated the reelected Board Members. He said at one time the district had approximately 14 combination classes. Since then there has been a joint effort to eliminate the combination practice. He appreciates those who helped to make this possible.

Janet Rose asked for the community to support the schools - such as becoming a reading buddy. She also asked the community to come out and support the winter athletic teams.

Dr. Dobney thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as chairman for the past eight years. He added that the play written by CCHS staff member Buddy White was wonderful and the CCHS cheerleaders just won the state competition.

Dwan Craft also attended the play and she commended SES for their December spotlight presentation. She wished everyone a happy holiday.

Superintendent Stefanik said the school spotlight showed the connection of the curriculum standards and real life experiences. He commended schools for embracing this educational philosophy.

Karen Etheridge said she was proud to represent the Board as Chair Woman and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

L. Adjourn Meeting (Action)

Motion made by: Dr. Bill Dobney

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary