

Board of Education Meeting

June 28, 2021

6:30 PM, at Stearns Education Center Board Room

Members Present: Chairman Covil, Vice-Chairman Mr. Ashworth (via zoom), Ms. Page, Ms. Allen, Ms. Bell, Ms. Gibbs, Ms. Jackson

Members Absent: None

Others: Superintendent Aaron Greene, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Ronette Dill, Assistant Superintendent Dave Scherping, Finance Officer Debbie Lovelace and Attorney Phillip Feagan

Call to Order and Welcome

Mr. Covil called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 PM and welcomed all in attendance.

Tryon International Equestrian Center

Superintendent Greene read a statement on behalf of the Board thanking the Tryon International Equestrian Center for allowing Polk County Schools to hold the Class of 2021 commencement ceremony. This statement expressed appreciation to all departments that helped and made the commencement ceremony a success. The Board agreed to allow Superintendent Greene to publish the statement of appreciation.

Assistant Superintendent Scherping, directors, and principals all spoke to the Board regarding the appreciation of Polk County Schools Staff, students, and community of Superintendent Greene. Directors and principals read comments from families that were made during a survey done during the pandemic. Superintendent Greene spoke his appreciation of everyone who helped him along the way.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Resolution to Increase Micro-Purchasing Threshold - Aaron Greene (Action)

Superintendent Greene passed out the Resolution to increase the micro-purchasing threshold to the Board for review. This would approve the limit of micro-purchasing to the Board policy, which is anything over \$50,000 must have Board approval. This Resolution will be brought back to the Board for approval at the August Board meeting.

Budget Amendment - Debbie Lovelace (Action)

Debbie Lovelace reviewed the budget amendment included with the agenda. Chairman Covil asked for a motion that the budget amendment be approved as submitted. Ms. Bell made the motion, which Ms. Page seconded. Chairman Covil called for questions or comments and there were none. The motion was approved 7-0.

Teaching Assistant Pay - Aaron Greene (Action)

Superintendent Greene spoke to the Board regarding a pay increase for teaching assistants hired after 2013. Mr. Greene recommends the pay be increased from \$2,052.07 to \$2,152.07. Ms. Bell asked if these positions were 12-month employees. Superintendent Greene stated that the majority of these employees are 10-month. Ms. Gibbs made a motion to approve the pay increase for Teaching Assistants hired after 2013 from \$2052.07 to \$2152.07 and it was seconded by Ms. Allen. The pay increase was approved 7-0.

Mental Health Policy - 1st Reading - Aaron Greene (Action)

Superintendent Greene stated that this item is not a policy, it is an improvement plan that is mandated by state law. This requires that the district address social and emotional well being of students. Most of these requirements are

already in place. Ms. Allen made a motion to approved the Mental Health Improvement Plan and it was seconded by Ms. Gibbs. The Mental Health Improvement Plan was approved 7-0.

myFutureNC Resolution to Support Attainment Goal - Aaron Greene (Action)

Superintendent Greene spoke to the Board regarding the myFutureNC Resolution to Support Attainment Goal. This is a cooperative effort with the NC Chamber and other agencies. This is to make sure that students are counseled early, set career goals and pathways early, and get the support that they need. Ms. Bell made a motion to approve the myFutureNC Resolution and it was seconded by Ms. Page. The myFuture NC Resolution was approved 7-0.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Greene spoke to the Board regarding his phone call to parents regarding guidance of the 2021-2022 school year.

V. INFORMATION

None

BOARD TRAINING

None

VI. PUBLIC INPUT

Several Polk County residents attended the meeting and spoke public input to the Board. A verbatim account of public input and all open meeting Board discussion is available via digital audio recording.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

At 7:30 PM Mr. Covil entertained a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel and an attorney-client matter. Ms. Gibbs made the motion to go into closed session and it was seconded by Ms. Page. The motion carried 7-0.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Resumption of Regular Session: With all discussion concluded in closed session, Mr. Covil called for a motion to return to open session. At 8:38 pm, Ms. Bell made a motion to return to open session. Ms. Page seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Covil called the Board's attention to those matters on the personnel agenda that required Board approval. Mr. Covil asked the Board's pleasure in regard to a motion. Ms. Allen made the motion to approve the recommendations of the Superintendent and the Human Resource Officer. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Information:

Rex Wells	Athletic Director	PCHS	RIF
Jessie Spencer	School Psychologist	Stearns	Resigned

Action:

Name	Position	School	Hometown	College	Licensure Area	Years Exp
Brandi Roddy	Teacher	Sunny View	Tryon	Gardner Webb	El Ed	7
Erin Wilson	School Nurse	PCMS	Rutherfordton	UNC Charlotte	Nursing	7
Eilene Corcoran	Transfer from Middle School Science Teacher to High School Science Teacher	PCHS	Tryon	Walden University	Science 6-9 Science Biology	28
Hannah Rimer	Transfer from Teaching Assistant to Teacher	Polk Central	Columbus	Western Caolina	B-K	
Stacey Stafford	Transfer from Teaching Assistant to Teacher	Polk Central	Tryon	Western Caolina		
Eric Riberdy	Transfer from Full-Time Teaching Assistant/Afterschool/Food Service to Full Time Teaching Assistant	Sunny View	Forest City	Western Caolina	N/A	
Robert Franklin	Transfer from Temporary Full-Time Custodian to Permanent Full-Time Custodian	Tryon	Tryon	N/A	N/A	
Amy Scott	Transfer from Substitute Teaching to Pre-K Teacher Assistant	TBD	Columbus	University of AZ	N/A	
Shrilla Honeycutt	Transfer from Substitute Teacher to Pre-K Teacher Assistant	Tryon	Tryon	University of the East	N/A	
Angela Wilson	Teaching Assistant	Sunny View	Mill Spring	N/A	N/A	

Marsha Greene	Part-Time Food Service Aide	PCMS	Columbus	N/A	N/A	
Katie Connolly	Part-Time Food Service Aide	Tryon	Mill Spring	N/A	N/A	3
Francisca Campos	School Nurse	Sunny View/Saluda	Winston-Salem State University	Forest City	Nursing	5
Lacey Bolt	Pre K Teaching Assistant	Polk Central	North Greenville University	Landrum, SC	N/A	1
Chelsey Price	Teaching Assistant	Polk Central	N/A	Tryon	N/A	Years
Beth Brangan	Teaching Assistant	Polk Central	Eastern Michigan University	Plymouth, MI	N/A	30+

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to come before the Board, Mr. Covil declared the meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Mr. Covil, Board Chair

Aaron Greene, Board Secretary
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