

**Board of Education Meeting
April 20, 2020
6:30 PM, Virtual Meeting**

Members Present: Chairman Covil (via phone), Vice-Chairperson Page (via phone), Mr. Ashworth (via phone), Ms. Allen (via phone), Ms. Jackson (via phone), Ms. Gibbs (via phone), and Ms. Corley (via phone)

Members Absent: None

Others: Superintendent Aaron Greene, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Ronette Dill (via phone), Director of Accountability and Technology Dave Scherping, Finance Officer Debbie Lovelace and Attorney Phillip Feagan (via phone)

Call to Order and Welcome

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

Approval of the March 16, 2020 Board Minutes

Mr. Covil called the Board's attention to a copy of the March 16, 2020 Board minutes. Mr. Covil entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Allen made the motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

I. INSTRUCTIONAL

Instructional Update - Ronette Dill (Information)

Ronette Dill spoke to the Board regarding an instructional update. Ms. Dill went over the attached brief that had been included on the electronic agenda and spoke to the Board in more detail about instruction.

EC Update - Mike Melton (Information)

Mike Melton spoke to the Board regarding an update for the Exceptional Children's (EC) program. Mr. Melton went over the attached brief that had been included on the electronic agenda and spoke to the Board in more detail about the EC program.

Testing Update - Dave Scherping (Information)

Dave Scherping spoke to the Board regarding a testing update. Mr. Scherping went over the attached brief that had been included on the electronic agenda and spoke to the Board in more detail regarding testing.

Technology Update - Dave Scherping (Information)

Dave Scherping spoke to the Board regarding a technology update. Mr. Scherping went over the attached brief that had been included on the electronic agenda and spoke to the Board in more detail regarding technology.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

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. Page made the motion, which Ms. Gibbs seconded. Chairman Covil called for questions or comments and there were none. The motion was approved 7-0.

Proposed 2020-2021 Budget- Debbie Lovelace (Action)

2020-2021 Proposed Budget/Capital Outlay for Commissioners

2020-2021 Proposed Budget and the Capital Outlay for Commissioners were attached to the electronic agenda with the total expenditures at \$5,464,788 and the Capital at \$312,000. Superintendent Greene stated that due to not have a budget for the 2019-2020 school year the proposed budget for 2020-2021 is the same with the understanding that there will be changes to the budget in the future. Chairman Covil called for any questions or comments from the Board and there were none. Ms. Allen made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 proposed budget and capital outlay as presented and with the understanding that there will be changes in the future to the budget. Ms. Page seconded the motion. The 2020-2021 proposed local budget and capital outlay budget were approved 7-0.

Head Start - Kathy Harding

1. COLA (Action)
2. Quality Improvement (Action)
3. Special Summer Funding (Information)
4. COVID Response Funding (Action)

Chairman Covil gave the floor to Kathy Harding, Preschool Director. Ms. Harding reviewed the documents attached to the Board Agenda including the COLA, the Quality Improvement, Special Summer Funding, and COVID Response Funding. Ms. Harding spoke to the Board regarding each item. The COLA, Quality Improvement, and COVID Response Funding were all action items. The Special Summer Funding will be brought back for approval when there is more information. Chairman Covil called for a motion to approve the COLA, the quality improvement plan, and the COVID Response Funding. Ms. Corley made a motion to approve the three action items and Ms. Gibbs seconded the motion. The COLA, Quality Improvement Plan, and the COVID Response Funding were approved 7-0.

2019-2020 Calendar Update - Dave Scherping (Action)

Dave Scherping went over the 2019-2020 School Calendars. With the information that had been provided, Mr. Scherping shared with the Board that remote learning would go until May 15 for all schools except Polk County Early College. Polk County Early College is scheduled to finish on May 15. The calendars will be updated as information is received.

Food Service Update - Dave Scherping (Information)

Dave Scherping went over with the Board information on the Food Service program. Mr. Scherping went over in detail the brief that he attached to the electronic agenda. He explained that all children are receiving lunch for the current day and breakfast for the following day. He also told the Board that the District had given out over 4,000 lunches since March 18. Superintendent Greene wanted to express to the Board that the District is not only feeding Polk County School children, but all public, charter, private, and homeschool children that come through the line. Mr. Greene also wanted the staff to know that there are some staff that are delivering meals to those children who have no way to come to the sites to pick it up. Ms. Dill stated that she wanted to express thanks to Thermal Belt and Beulah Baptist Church for the donation of school supplies.

Policy 3460 Graduation Requirements - Aaron Greene (Action)

Superintendent Greene spoke to the Board regarding Policy 3460, Graduation Requirements. A copy of the current policy was attached to the electronic agenda. Mr. Greene requested that the Board agree to suspend Policy 3460 for 2020 to allow seniors to graduate with 22 units instead of 28 that Polk County Schools normally requires for graduation. Ms. Gibbs made a motion to temporarily suspend Policy 3460 for 2020 to allow seniors to graduate with 22 units instead of 28 and it was seconded by Mr. Ashworth. Policy 3460 was temporarily suspended for 2020 on a vote of 7-0.

Student Transfer Request - Aaron Greene (Action)

Superintendent Greene spoke to the Board regarding the Student Transfer Request that had been previously shared with them. The Board agreed to go ahead on vote on the request. Ms. Gibbs made a motion to approve the student transfer request and it was seconded by Ms. Page. The student transfer request was approved on a vote of 7-0.

Superintendent Update - Aaron Greene (Information)

Superintendent Greene gave updates to the Board on daily operations. He spoke regarding leave, pay, contracts, the budget, student health, employee health, etc. Mr. Greene would like to offer some type of bonus to food service and child care staff if the Board does not object. The Board agreed that the Bonus was a good idea. Mr. Greene is also working on ways to honor seniors and preserve graduation. Mr. Scherping spoke to the Board regarding the PCHS HVAC project. The district has asked Building Clarity put place the project on hold due to the uncertainty of the budget. There are three different phases that they can pursue when the time comes. Phase one is to replace the chiller, phase 2 is to change the AC and Heating in the classrooms, and phase three is to complete the gym area. Mr. Greene spoke his appreciation to the Board for all of their help in the last several weeks.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None

V. INFORMATION – Mr. Covil went over these items with the Board:

March Policy Council Meeting Minutes Presented to the Board

March Pre-K Monthly Report Presented to the Board

Pre-K Financial Report Presented to the Board

Monthly Financial Report Presented to the Board

Credit Card Report Presented to the Board

May Board of Education meeting - May 11, 2020, at 6:30

BOARD TRAINING

VI. PUBLIC INPUT

None

VII. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

Superintendent Greene informed the Board that there was no information for closed session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to come before the Board, Mr. Covil declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Mr. Covil, Board Chair

Aaron Greene, Board Secretary
AG/TO