

**Board of Education Meeting
July 27, 2020
6:30 PM, Polk County High School Media Center**

Members Present: Chairman Covil, Vice-Chairperson Page, Mr. Ashworth, Ms. Allen, Ms. Gibbs, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Bell

Members Absent: None

Others: Superintendent Aaron Greene, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Ronette Dill, Director of Accountability and Technology 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.

Approval of the June 15, 2020 and June 29, 2020 Board Minutes

Ms. Covil called the Board's attention to a copy of the June 15, 2020 and the June 29, 2020 Board minutes. He asked if there were any additions or corrections and there were none. Mr. Covil entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Jackson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Swearing in of New Board Member: Sara Bell

The Clerk of Court administered the oath of office to Sara Bell. She took the oath and affirmed to fulfill the constitutional and statutory obligations contained in the oath of office.

Honoring 2019-2020 Retirees

Superintendent Greene recognized four 2019-2020 Polk County Schools Retirees. He presented each of the retirees with a special gift from Polk County Schools. The retirees that were honored were Nancy Burrow, Martha Halford, Scott Harding, and Sheila Morley.

Superintendent Greene recognized Mr. Preston Allen, the new hired principal at Sunny View Elementary, as being in attendance and welcomed him to the district.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

2019-2020 Final Budget Amendment- Debbie Lovelace (Action)

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

Head Start No Cost Extension - Kathy Harding (Action)

Superintendent Greene recognized Kathy Harding to present the Head Start No Cost Extension to the Board. She explained to the Board that this COVID money was awarded to the District on 6/30/2020 but was to be spent by 7/1/2020. Given the unmanageably tight timeline, the requested extension will allow the District to spend the COVID money within the 2020-2021 school year. It was noted that the ending date was corrected on the presented document. Chairman Covil entertained a motion to approve the attached Head Start No Cost Extension. Ms. Gibbs made a motion

to approve the Head Start No Cost Extension and it was seconded by Ms. Allen. The Head Start No Cost Extension was approved 7-0.

Reopening Plan (Plan B) - Aaron Green (Action)

Superintendent Greene made a presentation to the Board regarding administrative recommendations for the opening of Polk County Schools for the 2020-2021 academic year. The attached presentation included data from surveys from staff and students, and information from the CDC, NCDPI, NCDHHS, and local sources. There was conversation among Board members and several clarifying questions were posed. Superintendent Greene stated that the District will need to be prepared to change plans quickly, and that the plan could change before the start of school depending on pandemic numbers. The Public Input section of the agenda was moved to this this time to accommodate questions about reopening. The public asked questions of the Board and the Board answered. A verbatim account of public input and all open meeting Board discussion is available via video and audio recording. Chairman Covil entertained a motion to approve Superintendent Greene's reopening recommendations for a hybrid version of Plan B. Mr. Ashworth made a motion to approve reopening Plan B as presented and it was seconded by Ms. Page. The Plan B Reopening Plan was approved 7-0.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None

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

Credit Card Report

Monthly Financial Report

BOARD TRAINING

1. Core Training - July 20, 2020 - August 20, 2020 - Online
2. NCSBA Annual Conference - November 5-7 - Greensboro

VI. PUBLIC INPUT

Public input is listed under the Reopening Plan section of the minutes. A verbatim account of public input and all open meeting Board discussion is available via recording.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

At 8:20 PM Mr. Covil entertained a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Ms. Allen made the motion to go into closed session and it was seconded by Ms. Gibbs. 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 9:05 pm, Ms. Gibbs made a motion to return to open session. Ms. Allen 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. Mr. Ashworth made the motion to approve the recommendations of the Superintendent and the Human Resource Officer. Ms. Bell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Information:

Tamara Black	School Counselor	Tryon	Resigned
Adam Dedmom	EC Teacher	PCHS	Resigned
Brittany Gilbert	Teacher	PCHS	FMLA
David McEntire	Custodian	PCMS	FMLA*
Bridget Franklin	Secretary	Sunny View	FMLA*
Leslie Meeks	Custodian	Tryon	FMLA*
Linda Hines	Accounts Payable	Stearns	FMLA*
Sophie Hebbard	Food Service	PCMS	FMLA*

Action:

Name	Position	School	Hometown	College	Licensure Area	Years Exp
Preston Allen	Principal	Sunny View	Ellenboro	Western Carolina	Administrative	5
Andrea Hill	Science Teacher	PCMS	Tryon	Liberty University	Elementary	Years
Mandy Wolfe	EC Teacher	Tryon	Columbus	Western Carolina	EC General Curriculum	
Jessica Searcy	Teacher Assistant	Saluda	Mill Spring		N/A	2
Larissa Ingle	Teacher Assistant	Saluda	Forest City	ICC	N/A	
Rachel Childers	Teacher Assistant	Polk Central	Columbus	Blue Ridge	N/A	Years
Ashley Bryant	Pre-K Teacher Assistant	Polk Central	Tryon	Blue Ridge	N/A	1
Lindsey Lewis	Teacher Assistant	Saluda	Columbus	UNCA	N/A	
Cassidy Page	Occupational Therapist - R	All Schools	Tryon	Jefferson College of Health Sciences		3
Mandy Wolfe	EC Teacher	TES	Columbus	Western Carolina	EC General Curriculum	4
Nicole Travieso	5th Grade Teacher	TES	Charlotte	UNC-C	Elementary	2
Jennifer Morton	2nd Grade Teacher	TES	Tryon	ASU	Elementary	12
Claire Nichols	3rd Grade Teacher	TES	Hendersonville	FL State	Elementary	3
Jeanette Miller	EC Teacher Assistant	TES	Tryon	Louis University	NA	

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to come before the Board, Mr. Covil declared the meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Mr. Covil, Board Chair

Aaron Greene, Board Secretary
AG/TO