

**Board of Education Meeting
February 12, 2018
6:30 PM, Stearns Education Center
Board Room**

Members Present: Chairman Tennant, Vice-Chairman Page, Ms. Allen, Mr. Covil, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Corley

Members Absent: Mr. Patterson

Others: Superintendent Greene, Attorney Feagan, Director of Accountability and Technology Scherping, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dill.

Call to Order and Welcome

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

Approval of the January 8, 2018 Board Minutes

Mr. Tennant called the Board's attention to a copy of the January 8, 2018 Board Minutes. He asked if there were any additions or corrections. There were none. Chairman Tennant entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Jackson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Page seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

I. INSTRUCTIONAL

PCMS STEM Offerings (Information) – Dale Rush

Hank Utz, principal of Polk County Middle School (PCMS) introduced Mr. Dale Rush, STEM teacher at PCMS. Mr. Utz stated that PCMS was very fortunate to have Mr. Rush in this position. Mr. Rush told the Board that once he became familiar with the program he felt the need to expand on the type of activities offered to students. He added an aviation unit to the eighth grade program supported by the involvement of Lieutenant Colonel Ayers at Burns High School. Lieutenant Colonel Ayers has visited PCMS and PCMS has visited his program. Burns High School has a flight simulator and drones that the students and staff could use and fly. Four students from PCMS spoke about projects they had completed and what they had learned from each project. The presented projects included a bridge out of straws made to hold seven pounds, a marble roller coaster, a floor skimmer, and a CO2 dragster. One student spoke about his experience at Burns High School flying the drone and using the flight simulator. Mr. Rush told the Board that he has written three grants and is working on the fourth. He should start hearing from those grant applications beginning April 1. Superintendent Greene spoke of his appreciation to Mr. Rush for all that he is doing at PCMS with the students.

Fall 2017 – 1st Semester Testing – Dave Scherping (Information)

Mr. Scherping let the Board know that PCHS has completed their fall testing and all went well. There was not a notable change in the scores from previous years. He informed the Board that “Check-In Testing” is going on currently for 4th – 6th grade. With “Check In Testing” the teacher and students get to see the test and answers after they are scored. They can use this more in-depth feedback to see what was missed and what needs more instructional attention. Chairman Tennant asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board and there were none.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

2017-2018 Calendar Changes (Action) – Dave Scherping

Mr. Scherping explained to the Board that there are three different calendars: All Polk Schools, Saluda Elementary, and Polk County Early College. Mr. Scherping explained to the Board what days were being replaced. The majority of our schools are still meeting the 180 days that the district wishes to keep. Saluda Elementary and Polk County Early College are not meeting the 180 days, due to other changes with their calendars, but both schools will meet the state instructional hour requirement. Chairman Tennant asked if the Board had any questions for Mr. Scherping and there were none. Ms. Page made a motion to accept the calendars that were presented by the administration and Ms. Allen seconded the motion. The calendars were approved 6-0.

Budget Amendment (Action) – Debbie Lovelace

Superintendent Greene spoke on behalf of Finance Officer Debbie Lovelace. He reviewed the budget amendment that had been included on the agenda. Chairman Tennant called for questions, and there were none. Chairman Tennant entertained a motion that the budget amendment be approved as submitted. Mr. Covil made a motion, which Ms. Corley seconded. The motion was approved 6-0.

Policy Updates (Action) – Dave Scherping

Mr. Scherping told the Board that due to the large number of policies, he created a spreadsheet that explained the changes. Some of the Policies have law changes and some have technical changes. He briefly went over the policies that had changes. There was short discussion regarding the policies. Superintendent Greene and Mr. Scherping submitted the following policies for first reading: 1510/4200/7270, 5015, 5020, 4260, 2310, 2400, 3110, 3230/7330, 3220, 3225/4312/7320, 3226/4205, 3300, 3460, 3530, 3540, 4040/7310, 4240/7312, 4600, 6321, 6340, 6420, 6430, 6442, 6450, 7130, 7240, 7510, 7530, 7810, 7900, 7930, 7940, 8210, 8510, 9110, 9115, 9120, 9400, 1310/4002, 1800, 3000, 3100, 4155, 6520, 1610/7800, 3101, 3105, 3102, 3115, 3130, 3200, 3210, 3400, 3405, 3410, 3420, 3430, 3431, 3450, 3640/5130, 4150, 4320, 5000, 5026/7250, 6120, 6220, 6230, 6410, 6524, 6530, 7335, 9010. Ms. Jackson made a motion to accept the above listed policies on first reading and Ms. Page seconded the motion. Chairman Tennant called for questions or comments from the Board and there were none. The above mentioned policies were approved on first reading on a vote of 6-0.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Greene told the Board that there is possibly a compromise between the House and Senate on the K-3 Class size bill. The state is going to begin a phase-in approach, to help fund program enhancement teachers. As the K-3 class sizes go down the program enhancement funding will go up. This compromise will also free up some Pre-K money to allow more students to be served in Pre-K.

The District will be taking credit cards for Pre-K and Afterschool payments in the near future. Ms. Jackson asked Superintendent Greene about the fees associated with credit card usage. Mr. Greene told the Board that the District will absorb those fees for now and watch them over time. The company the District is working with never changes the fees, and the software attaches to the school funds' software that the district already uses.

News sources are reaching out to the District concerning sickness/flu. Some classrooms have been hard hit with absences but not the overall district. Kathy Harding is keeping a watch on absences. She is also sending out information about what the district can do to help with sicknesses and keeping the administration informed on how to respond to questions about the flu.

Superintendent Greene requested to hold the March Board of Education meeting at Saluda Elementary School. Chairman Tennant asked the Board's pleasure and everyone agreed.

V. INFORMATION

Mr. Tennant went over these items with the Board

January Head Start Policy Council Minutes Presented to the Board

January Pre-School Monthly Report Presented to the Board

Pre-K Financial Report Presented to the Board

Monthly Financial Report Presented to the Board

Month to Date Credit Card Report Presented to the Board

Ms. Corley spoke her appreciation for the PreK staff for all of their hard work with the PreK visit.

BOARD TRAINING

Chairman Tennant spoke to the Board regarding Board Training. Ms. Jackson had asked about the Board doing some webinars together as a group to meet the 12-hour yearly requirement. Chairman Tennant wants the Board to look at a list of the webinars and see if there are some that the Board would be interested in. The Board could watch them as a group or on their own time. Attorney Feagan asked if the Board could log in individually or did they have to be at the district. Administration is looking into what can be used for hours of training. Chairman Tennant said that the Board has completed Level 1 and Level 2 of Master Boardmanship training. Level 3 and Level 4 training is now available taking approximately 20 hours each to complete. Superintendent Greene said that the District could have trainings for the Board to equal Levels 1-3.

I. PUBLIC INPUT

Michael Veatch from Green Creek had a few questions regarding the policies that were discussed. He asked about Policy 2310 and the time limit on public input being between three to

five minutes. He recommended having the limit at five minutes. Some people lose their conclusion at three minutes and are cut off and do not get to finish. He also asked about Policy 5020 regarding probation officers. He wanted to know if there was anything in the Policy about ICE Officers. Superintendent Greene answered that there is not a current policy regarding ICE Officers. Mr. Veatch asked if the District would be prepared for an ICE Officer visit. Mr. Greene replied that school administrators have been instructed to request that any activity that might cause disruption to the normal school day be conducted at the student's residence or at another location off of the school campus. Mr. Veatch told the Board that he enjoyed the meeting.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

At 7:48 PM Chairman Tennant entertained a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel and an Attorney/Client matter. Ms. Corley made the motion to go into closed session and it was seconded by Ms. Page. The motion carried 6-0.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Resumption of Regular Session: With all discussion concluded in closed session, Chairman Tennant called for a motion to return to open session. Ms. Jackson made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Page. It was approved 6-0. The Board returned to Open Session at 8:43 PM.

Chairman Tennant called the Board's attention to those matters on the regular personnel agenda that required Board approval. The Chairman asked the Board's pleasure in regard to a motion. Mr. Covil made the motion to approve the recommendations of the Superintendent and Human Resource Officer in regard to the personnel agenda as submitted. Ms. Allen seconded the motion. It was approved 6-0.

INFORMATION:

Hank Utz	Principal	PCMS	Retiring
Tracy Bradly	Bus Driver	SVE	Terminated
Tammy McClellan	Substitute Teacher	All Schools	Resigned
Melissa Baron	Substitute Teacher	All Schools	Resigned
Sherrie Huffman	FMLA	PCMS	School Counselor
Jennifer Painter	FMLA	PCES	Teacher Assistant
April Crowder	FMLA	PCES	Teacher Assistant
Jennifer Huskey	FMLA	PCHS	School Nurse
Molly Hill	FMLA	PCHS	Teacher
Jeffrey Jones	FMLA	PCMS	Custodian

ACTION:

Barbara Wilder	Transfer from Substitute American Sign Language Interpreter to Temporary Full Time American Sign Language Interpreter	PCMS
Shirley Case	Food Service Worker	Tryon
Jonathan Perkowski	Substitute Teacher	
Christopher Jackson	Add Substitute Custodian job	
Angela Kelly	Transfer from Full-Time Food Service worker/Bus Driver to Full-Time EC Teachers Aide	PCHS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Geoffrey M. Tennant, Board Chairman

Aaron Greene, Board Secretary

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