

Special Called Board of Education Meeting

June 29, 2023

6:30 PM, at Stearns Education Center Board Room

Members Present: Chairman Mr. Ashworth (Zoom), Vice Chairman Mr. Covil, Ms. Page (Telephone), Ms. Allen, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Parsons (Telephone)

Members Absent: Ms. Gibbs

Others: Superintendent Aaron Greene (Zoom), Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jan Crump, Finance Officer Debbie Lovelace and Attorney Phillip Feagan

Call to Order and Welcome

Mr. Covil called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 PM and welcomed all in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Budget Amendment - Debbie Lovelace (Action)

Debbie Lovelace reviewed the budget amendment included with the agenda. Vice Chairman Covil asked for a motion that the budget amendment be approved as submitted. Ms. Allen made the motion, which Ms. Jackson seconded. Vice Chairman Covil called for questions or comments and there were none. The motion was approved 6-0.

Henderson/Polk Agreement for Inter-County Transfers - Aaron Greene (Action)

Superintendent Greene presented the Henderson/Polk Agreement for Inter-County Transfers to the Board. Mr. Greene stated that this is the same agreement the two districts have shared in the past, and he would recommend it for approval. Ms. Jackson made a motion to approve the Henderson/Polk Agreement for Inter-County Transfers and it was seconded by Mr. Parsons. The Henderson/Polk Agreement for Inter-County Transfers was approved on a vote of 6-0.

Student Transfer Request - Aaron Greene (Action)

The Board agreed to take the student transfer request to closed session for further discussion.

Head Start Grant Carry-Over Request - Kathy Harding (Action)

Kathy Harding spoke with the Board regarding the Head Start Grant Carry-Over request. Ms. Harding stated that the Board must approve the request to carry over \$1,194,694 of the Head Start Grant. Vice Chairman Covil asked for a motion to approve the Head Start Grant Carry-Over request. Ms. Allen made a motion to approve the Head Start Grant Carry-Over Request as presented and it was seconded by Ms. Jackson. The Head Start Grant Carry-Over Request was approved 6-0.

Polk Central Paving Project - Brandon Schweitzer (Action)

Dr. Brandon Schweitzer presented to the Board regarding the Polk Central Paving Project. Dr. Schweitzer explained that the project would include the roadway that carries behind the gym is in disrepair. Teachers and Pre-K parents both travel this area daily. Dr. Schweitzer explained in detail what this project would entail. The three bidders were Tarheel Paving, Caldwell Paving, and Stott's Paving. Caldwell Paving had the lowest bid at \$84,455. The facilities subcommittee recommends Caldwell Paving to complete this project. Ms. Jackson recused herself from the subcommittee due to her connection with Tarheel Paving and was replaced by Ms. Gibbs. Mr. Parsons made a motion to approve the Polk Central Paving Project as presented with Caldwell Paving and it was seconded by Ms. Allen. The motion was approved 5-0 with Ms. Jackson abstaining.

District Server Refresh - Brandon Schweitzer (Action)

Dr. Brandon Schweitzer communicated with the Board regarding a District Server Refresh. Dr. Schweitzer is proposing a server refresh, which would bring data storage operations back on site. The three bids for the server replacement were from STS, Howard Technologies, and Thinkmate. STS came in with the low bid and is the company that Dr. Schweitzer proposed. Vice Chairman Covil called for a motion to approve the District Server Refresh with STS. Ms. Jackson made a motion to approve STS and the District Server Refresh and it was seconded by Ms. Allen. The motion was approved 6-0.

VII. CLOSED SESSION**Closed Session**

At 5:55 PM Mr. Covil entertained a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel and student matter. Ms. Allen made the motion to go into closed session and it was seconded by Ms. Parsons. The motion carried 6-0.

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 6:15 pm, Ms. Jackson made a motion to return to open session. Mr. Parsons seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

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. Mr. Parsons seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. Mr. Covil called for a motion to approve contract renewals that were presented. Ms. Allen made a motion to approve the contract renewals and it was seconded by Ms. Jackson. The motion was approved 6-0.

There was discussion amongst the Board regarding student transfer requests. Mr. Covil called for a motion to approve the discussed student transfer requests. Ms. Jackson made a motion to approve the requests and it was seconded by Mr. Parsons. The motion was approved 6-0.

Information:

Name	Position	School		
Joshua Money	Facilitator	PCEC	Resigning	
Margaret Conner	Occupational Therapist	Central Office	Resigning	
Stacy Evans	Teacher	PCMS	Resigning	
Bruce Ollis	Teacher	PCHS	Retiring	
Jessica Marrow	Substitute Teacher	Transfer from Polk Central Teacher Assistant to PCMS Substitute Teacher		
Linda Jackson	Custodian	Transfer from PCHS to Polk Central		
Kelsey Filadelfo	Teacher	Transfer from Sunny View to Polk Central		
Destine Conner	Pre K Teacher	Transfer from Polk Central to Tryon		
Virginia Bowyer	Afterschool Group Leader	PCMS	Resigned	

Action:

Name	Position	School	Hometown	College	Licensure Area	Years Exp
Meghan Eadus	Pre K Teacher	Tryon	Tryon	University of Vermont	Pending	Years
MaKayla Earl	6th Grade Social Studies	PCMS	Forest City	Appalachian State	SS 6-9	2
Candace Jackson	CTE Teacher	PCMS	Saluda	Winston-Salem State University	Pending	Years
Margo-Aminah Harden	Afterschool Site Director	Tryon	Columbus	Emory University	N/A	12
Jennifer McAbee	Custodian/Bus Driver	PCHS	Rutherfordton	N/A	N/A	Years
LaNora McIntyre	ELA Teacher	PCMS	Spindale	Gardner-Webb	Pending	Years
Kelly Tomblin	Science Teacher	PCMS	Rutherfordton	Mars Hill	Pending	1

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to come before the Board, Mr. Covil declared the meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Mr. Ashworth, Board Chair

Aaron Greene, Board Secretary
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