

## Board of Education Meeting

May 12, 2025

6:30 PM, in the Sunny View Elementary School Boardroom

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others:** Superintendent Aaron Greene, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jan Crump, Director of Human Resources Todd Murphy, Director of Operations Brandon Schweitzer, and Attorney Phillip Feagan

### **Call to Order and Welcome**

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Approval of April 10, 2025, April 14, 2025 and April 21, 2025 Board Minutes (Action)**

Chairman Ashworth called the Board's attention to a copy of the April 10, April 14, and the April 21, 2025 Board Minutes. Mr. Ashworth asked if there were any additions or corrections and there were none. Mr. Ashworth entertained a motion to approve minutes as presented. Ms. Jackson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Stich seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Sunny View Elementary School Presentation**

Sunny View fourth grade teacher, Jamie McGinnis, had several of her students read poetry that they had written. The assignment was given after Hurricane Helene to help students express how they felt going through those difficult times. The poems were combined to create a book of their poetry. Each student read their poem for the Board, and the Board offered their appreciation for the students' work and presentation.

## I. INSTRUCTIONAL

### **Afterschool Grant Funding – Tiffany Dennis (Information)**

Tiffany Dennis spoke with the Board regarding Afterschool grant funding. Ms. Dennis shared a report with the board regarding data from the afterschool program. For the school year 2024-2025 there were 445 students served. Ms. Dennis informed the Board of grants that the program has been awarded for the upcoming school year.

### **Summer Feeding Program – Jennifer Peeler (Information)**

Ms. Jennifer Peeler held discussion with the Board regarding the summer feeding program. She discussed the different events that the district will be feeding this summer including Bible Schools, Summer Camps, etc. Last year there was five breakfast and five lunches handed out for each child. This year there will be seven breakfasts and seven lunches handed out. This will happen on Thursdays from 4-6pm.

### **Overnight Field Trip Requests - Aaron Greene (Action)**

Superintendent Greene requested approval from the Board for overnight field trip requests for the FFA Camp, The NC FFA State Convention, and Wrestling Camp. Chairman Ashworth called for a motion to approve the presented overnight field trip requests. Ms. Gibbs made a motion to approve both requests and it was seconded by Ms. Allen. The overnight field trip request for the FFA Camp, The NC FFA State Convention, and the Wrestling Camp were approved 7-0.

### **Spring Testing – Angela Dufford (Information)**

Ms. Angela Dufford presented a Spring Testing update with the Board. Ms. Dufford presented the information previously shared on the electronic agenda. This information consisted of general information, testing schedules, additional assessments, and reporting results. Mr. Ashworth called for questions and there were none.

## **II. ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **Budget Amendment - Debbie Lovelace (Action)**

Debbie Lovelace reviewed the budget amendment included with the agenda. Chairman Ashworth asked for a motion that the budget amendment be approved. Mr. Covil made the motion to approve the Budget Amendment and it was seconded by Mr. Jackson. Chairman Ashworth called for questions or comments and there were none. The motion was approved 7-0.

### **Student Transfer Request - Brandon Schweitzer (Action)**

The Board agreed that there was no need to discuss the student transfer request further in closed session. Chairman Ashworth called for a motion to approve the student transfer request. Ms. Allen made a motion to approve the student transfer request as presented and it was seconded by Mr. Stich. The student transfer request was approved 7-0.

### **Establish Dates for Summer Board Meetings - Aaron Greene (Information)**

Superintendent Aaron Greene held discussion with the Board regarding summer Board meeting dates. The Board agreed to keep the regular meeting scheduled for 6/9 at 6:30, and have the second summer meeting, a special called meeting, on 6/27/25 at 5:30 pm.

### **Local Supplement Adjustment - Aaron Green (Action)**

Superintendent Greene requested this item be removed from the agenda because the amount of the final supplement will be very close to the amount that was previously approved. The Board agreed to remove the item.

### **Drivers Education Contract - Aaron Greene (Action)**

Superintendent Greene presented the 2025-2026 Drivers Education Contract. This is the same standard agreement that the district has had with Mountain Professionals in the past. Superintendent Greene recommends the district continue with the agreement. Mr. Greene stated that there is no double payment and the money comes to the district and the district pays Mountain Professionals. Mr. Stich made the motion to approve the 2025-2026 Drivers Education Contract and it was seconded by Ms. Gibbs. The 2025-2026 Drivers Education Contract was approved 7-0.

### **Strategic Planning - Aaron Greene (Information)**

Todd Murphy, Brandon Schweitzer, and Jan Crump shared in detail the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan. There was discussion regarding the plan's development, goals, and strategies. The 2025-2030 Strategic Plan will be brought back to the Board for approval at the June Board meeting.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS**

Superintendent Greene explained to the Board that there needed to be a change in the language within the AIG plan to mirror the statute language. This plan was approved at the April Board meeting. He asked for permission to change the language in the plan. The Board agreed for Mr. Greene to correct the language in the previously approved plan.

Superintendent Greene updated the Board regarding the ongoing Calendar Law discussion in the General Assembly. Mr. Greene stated that he is unsure of the direction of the calendar law, and encouraged the Board to watch for any future action or updates.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

Superintendent Greene spoke with the Board congratulating Mr. Doug Lanning on obtaining his SC Commercial General Contractors license.

Superintendent Greene informed the Board that the PCHS Golf and the PCHS Track teams will be traveling to the State Championships in the coming weeks.

#### V. INFORMATION

April Preschool Monthly Report

Pre-K Financial Report

Monthly Financial Report

Month to Date Credit Card Report

PCEC Graduation - May 16, 2025 @ 6:30 pm at the PCHS Auditorium

PCHS Graduation - May 23, 2025 @ 7pm at PCHS

Last Day of School for Students - May 23, 2025 (1/2 Day)

Memorial Day Holiday - May 26, 2025

Last Day of School for Staff - May 29, 2025

ICC Graduation July 31, 2025

#### NCSBA OFFERED OPTIONAL BOARD TRAINING

Summer Leadership Conference/June 16-20/Wrightsville Beach

LEAD Training Program/September 19/WRESA

NCSBA Annual Conference/November 12-14/Greensboro

#### VI. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

#### VII. CLOSED SESSION

##### Closed Session

At 7:35 PM Mr. Ashworth entertained a motion to go into closed session for the purposes of discussing personnel and Attorney-Client Privilege. Ms. Gibbs made the motion to go into closed session and it was seconded by Ms. Jackson. The motion carried 7-0.

##### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Resumption of Regular Session: With all discussion concluded in closed session, Mr. Ashworth called for a motion to return to open session. At 8:34 pm, Mr. Covil made a motion to return to open session. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

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

##### **Information:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>	
Kathy Harding	Preschool Director	Central Office	Retiring
Gail Spitznogle	Exceptional Children Compliance Coordinator	Central Office	Retiring
Bryanna Doucette	EC Teacher	Saluda	Resigned

Dawn Michelle White	Elementary Teacher	Polk Central	Resigned
Samantha Bailey	PE Teacher	SVES/PCES	Resigned
Kristy Cox	Elementary Teacher	PCES	Resigned
Stephanie Luedi	Science Teacher	PCMS	Resigned
Sampson Hudson	Bus Driver	Bus Garage	Resigned

**Action:**

Name	Position	School	Hometown	College	Licensure Area	Years Exp
Holly Stone	Social Studies Teacher	PCEC	Monticello, FL	Florida Atlantic University	Pending	29
Grayson Randolph	Science Teacher	PCHS	Spindale	Pfeiffer University	Pending	4
Madison Brown	Math Teacher	PCHS	Boone	Appalachian State University	Pending	Student Taught
Laurel Brooks	ELA Teacher	PCMS	Mooreboro	Gardner-Webb University	Pending	Student Taught
Taylor Edwards	Elementary Teacher	Saluda	Hendersonville	North Greenville Universtiy	Pending	Student Taught
Logan Luckadoo	EC Teacher	Saluda	Forest City	Western Carolina	Exceptional Children	2
Gabrielle Devine	Teacher Assistant	TES	Tryon	N/A	N/A	1
Amanda Caputo	Teacher Assistant	TES	Mill Spring	Florida International University	N/A	1
Sydney Cash	Cheerleading Coach	PCHS	Rutherfordton	N/A	N/A	Years
Laura Jane Howald	Transfer from Preschool Education Director to Pre-K Director	Central Office	Columbus	UNC Greensboro	Early Childhood	10
Marie Burnett	Transfer from Assistant Food Service Manager to Food Service Manager	PCHS	Mill Spring	N/A	N/A	2
Kenzi Bridges	Science Teacher	PCMS	Ellenboro	Gardner-Webb	Pending	Student Taught

Barbara Lynn Hicks	Substitute Teacher	All Schools	Columbus	UNC Pembroke	Music K-12	18
Kevin Blackwell	Substitute Teacher	All Schools	Tryon	East Carolina University	N/A	29

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no more business to come before the Board, Mr. Ashworth declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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Mr. Ashworth, Board Chair

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Aaron Greene, Board Secretary  
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