

Special Called Board of Education Meeting

June 27, 2025

5:30 PM, at Stearns Education Center Board Room

Members Present: Chairman Mr. Ashworth, Vice Chairman Mr. Covil(Virtual), Ms. Gibbs (Virtual), Ms. Page (Virtual), Ms. Allen, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Stich

Members Absent: None

Others: Superintendent Aaron Greene, Director of Human Resources Todd Murphy, Finance Officer Debbie Lovelace and Attorney Phillip Feagan

Call to Order and Welcome

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Swearing in of the incoming Superintendent

The Polk County Clerk of Court, Pam Hyder, administered the oath of office to Mr. Todd Murphy. Mr. Murphy took the oath of office and swore to fulfill the constitutional and statutory obligations contained therein.

I. 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 as submitted. Ms. Allen made the motion, which Ms. Jackson seconded. 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 to discuss the student transfer requests in closed session.

Lottery Distribution Request – Brandon Schweitzer (Action)

Dr. Brandon Schweitzer presented to the Board a North Carolina Education Lottery distribution request. This request is for \$500,000 for the Polk County High School Paving Project. Chairman Ashworth called for questions or comments and there were none. Mr. Stich made a motion to approve the lottery distribution request and the motion was seconded by Ms. Allen. The lottery distribution request was approved as presented 6-0 with Ms. Jackson recusing herself from the vote.

II. INFORMATION PRESENTED TO THE BOARD

Cell Phone Policy Discussion - Aaron Greene (Information)

Superintendent Greene turned the floor over to Mr. Murphy and Dr. Schweitzer to speak regarding the cell phone policy. There was a detailed conversation among the Board regarding the Cell Phone Policy. Administration will bring the revised policy to the Board for second reading on August 11.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

At 5:39 PM Mr. Ashworth entertained a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel and an Attorney-Client Privilege. Ms. Jackson made the motion to go into closed session and it was seconded by Ms. Allen. 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 6:13 pm, Ms. Jackson made a motion to return to open session. Ms. Allen 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 Resources Officer. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Information:

Name	Position	School	
Amanda Padgett	EC Teacher	PCHS	Resigning
Lori Nichols	Clerical Guidance	PCHS	RIF

Action:

Name	Position	School	Hometown	College	Licensure Area	Years Exp
Kellie Bradley	Transfer from SVES EC Teacher to EC Compliance Coordinator at Central Office	Central Office	Mill Spring	Converse College	EC	0
Madison Butler	Transfer from EC Teacher at PCMS to CTE Teacher at PCMS	PCMS	Tryon	Appalachian	EC	11
Mark Emory	Head Varsity Wrestling Coach	PCHS	Forest City	UNC	N/A	Years
Skylar Lancaster	Custodian	SVES	Mill Spring	N/a	N/A	Years
Conner Horne	EC Teacher	PCMS	Spartanburg, SC	Erskine College	Early Childhood	25
Paula Hamrick	EC Teacher	PCES	Shelby	Appalachian	EC	7
Johnna Gordon	Teacher	PCES	Columbus	UNC Charlotte	El Ed	Student Taught
Paula McFarland	Transfer from EC Teacher Assistant at PCMS to EC Teacher at PCMS	PCMS	Rutherfordton	Winthrop	Will Apply	0
Victoria Young	EC Teacher	PCHS	Mill Spring	UNC	Will Apply	0
Rita Culbreth	Administrative Assistant	Central Office	Tryon	ICC	N/A	25

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to come before the Board, Mr. Ashworth declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Mr. Ashworth, Board Chair

Todd Murphy, Board Secretary
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