

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
January 13, 2020 5:30 p.m.  
Central Office

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Mr. Worley T. Edwards

MINUTES

December 2, 2019 and December 18, 2019

ADOPTION OF FINAL AGENDA – January 13, 2020

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. Columbus County Schools Donation Presentation to Veteran’s Memorial Park – Ms. Angela Norris, President of Columbus County Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Memorial Post 8073
- (A) 2. Recognition of National Geographic Educator Certification – Ms. Kathaleen Trost, K-5 Art Teacher
- (B) 3. Recognition of International Paper Grant winner, Ms. Sandi McGirt – Amazon Fire Kids Readers, Williams Township School
- (C) 4. Recognition of Donors Choose Grants recipients

Williams Township School

Mrs. Sandi McGirt, Kindergarten Teacher Assistant, Headphones, Tablet Cases  
Ms. Kathy Butler, Kindergarten Teacher Assistant, Headphones, TIME for Kids  
Mrs. Cassie Hoffman, AIG Teacher, Rubiks Cubes  
Ms. Kathaleen Trost – Art Teacher, Art Supplies  
Ms. Charity Worley, Media Center, Community Helpers Lego Sets  
Mrs. Jessica Hughes, Speech Pathologist, Articulation/Sensory Materials  
Ms. Tracy Cox, Third Grade Teacher, Classroom Rugs  
Ms. Amanda Greene, Seventh Grade Mathematics Teacher, Calculators  
Ms. Martha Cotton, PreK Assistant, Classroom Supplies, Sand/Water Table, Paint,  
Laminating Film

5. Recognition of newly certified National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
  - a. Cerro Gordo Elementary School – Mrs. Casey Waddell Nealy
  - b. Evergreen Elementary School - Ms. Erica Jackson

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Mrs. Kelly F. Lovett, representing concerned parents of students at Guideway Elementary School and **Reverend Josh Glagola, Pastor of Old Zion Wesleyan Church Tabor City, North Carolina**
2. Nico Lagunas, Guideway Elementary School parent and on behalf of **Ms. Tammy Nunez**
3. Mrs. Lynne Thompson, speaking on behalf of herself, Karen and Kenneth Rivenbark and Mr. Brent Watts
4. Mr. Tervon Strickland, speaking regarding the closing of Guideway Elementary School
- (D) 5. Columbus Career and College – Fair Bluff Campus Faculty and Staff
6. **Lieutenant Dwayne Barnes, Dare Officer - Columbus County Sheriff's Department**
7. Mr. Lofton Cox, Guideway Elementary School Advisory Council member and **Mr. Ken Smith, Pastor of Dulah Missionary Baptist Church**

## AUXILIARY SERVICES

- (E) Review and action on invoices from Affinity Energy & Environmental Engineers, P.A. for Tabor City Elementary Phase I and Cerro Gordo Elementary Phase I Environmental Assessment

## CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION/ACCOUNTABILITY

None

## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

None

## GENERAL ITEMS

- (F) 1. Review and action on proposed 2020-2021 School Calendar
- (G) 2. Review and action on revised North Carolina School Board Associations policies due to legislative and other policy updates:
- a. 2300: Board Meetings
  - b. 4040/7310: Staff-Student Relations
  - c. 4325: Drugs and Alcohol
  - d. 4333: Weapons, Bomb Threats, Terrorist Threats, and Clear Threats to Safety
  - e. 4400: Attendance
  - f. 5015: School Volunteers

- g. 5070/7350: Public Records – Retention, Release, and Disposition
  - h. 5071/7351: Electronically Stored Information Retention
  - i. 5210: Distribution and Display of Non-School Material
  - j. 6125: Administering Medicines to Students
  - k. 6420: Contracts with the Board
  - l. 7100: Recruitment and Selection of Personnel
  - m. 7130: Licensure
  - n. 7240: Drug-Free and Alcohol-Free Workplace
  - o. 7410: Teacher Contracts
- (H) 3. Discussion and action on new policies from the North Carolina School Boards Association
- a. 3228/7323: Use of Personal Technology to Conduct School Business
  - b. 4334/5035/7345: Use of Unmanned Aircraft (Drones)
  - c. 7360/8225: Crowdfunding on Behalf of the School System
- (I) 4. Review and action on minor substantive changes to text to policies by the North Carolina School Boards Association
- a. 1200: Governing Principle – Student Success
  - b. 1400: Governing Principle – School Initiatives
  - c. 1500: Governing Principle – Safe, Orderly, and Inviting Environment
  - d. 1600: Governing Principle – Professional Development
  - e. 1700: Governing Principle – Removal of Barriers
  - f. 1800: Governing Principle – Stewardship of Resources
  - g. 2010: Board and Superintendent Relations
  - h. 6305: Safety and Student Transportation Services
- (J) 5. Discussion on possible revision to AR Code 3320-R School Trips and action (if necessary) on Policy Code 3320: School Trips to align with AR Code
- (K) 6. Review and action on special update of policy code 4240/7312: Child Abuse and Related Threats to Child Safety (formerly Child Abuse – Reports and Investigations)
- (L) 7. Review and action on overnight in state/out-of-state school trip requests:
- a. South Columbus High School Beta Club to attend the North Carolina Senior Beta Club Convention February 5-7, 2020, in Greensboro, North Carolina
  - b. West Columbus High School Varsity Cheerleaders to attend the Cheer Ltd Canam Nationals March 18-22, 2020, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
  - c. Middle School AIG students (county-wide) to travel to WonderWorks March 24, 2020, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
  - d. Nakina Middle School Junior Beta Club to travel to Charleston, South Carolina March 25, 2020
  - e. Williams Township School Beta Club to travel to the State Beta Convention in Greensboro, North Carolina February 3-5, 2020

- f. Tabor City Middle School Beta Club to travel to New York City April 16-20, 2020
- 8. Discussion and action on request from East Columbus High School for a supplement for a JV Girls' Soccer coach
- 9. **Discussion on protocol for public input meetings as follows:**
  - January 27, 2020 – West Columbus High School – 6:30 p.m.**
  - January 28, 2020 – South Columbus High School – 6:30 p.m.**
  - January 30, 2020 – East Columbus High School – 6:30 p.m.**
- 10. **Discussion and action on appointment of representative to participate on the Southeastern Community College Presidential Search Committee**
- 11. Date(s) to remember

January 7	---	Second Grading Period Ends (Grades K-8)
January 13	---	Furth Grading Period Ends (Grades 9-12)
January 20	---	Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 27	---	Public Input Meeting at West Columbus High School 6:30 p.m.
January 28	---	Public Input Meeting at South Columbus High School 6:30 p.m.
January 30	---	Public Input Meeting at East Columbus High School 6:30 p.m.
February 27	---	Middle School Battle of the Books at West Columbus High School 9:00 a.m.
March 20–21	---	Celebrate the Arts at West Columbus High School (no field trips on these dates)
April 20	---	No field trips for the remainder of the 2019-2020 SY
May 21	---	East Columbus High School Graduation at 6:00 pm
May 22	---	Columbus Career and College Academy Graduation at 10:00 a.m. at Southeastern Community College
		West Columbus High School Graduation at 6:00 pm
May 23	---	South Columbus High School Graduation at 10:00 a.m.

**FINANCE**

- (M) Review of monthly financial report – Mrs. Lisa Nowlin

**MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

I move that the Columbus County Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of (one or more of the following):

- 1. Discussing information that is privileged, confidential, or not a public record under GS 143-318.11 (a) (1);
- 2. Discussing the conferring of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize or similar award GS 143-318.11 (a) (2);

3. Consulting with our attorney concerning:
  - a. the handling of a claim by \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. judicial action brought by \_\_\_\_\_ against the Columbus County Board of Education
  - c. an administrative procedure brought by \_\_\_\_\_
4. Discussing the acquisition of real estate/the terms of an employment contract GS 143.318.11 (a) (5).
5. Considering a personnel action that involves an officer or employee of this Board.
6. Planning, conducting, hearing, and reports concerning the investigation of alleged criminal misconduct GS 143.318.11 (a) (7).

#### APPEALS/PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

- (N) 1. Notification of Leave Requests
- (O) 2. Ms. Lana Allen, parent

#### MOTION FOR OPEN SESSION

- (P) Review and action on personnel actions

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- (Q) 1. **Discussion and action on contract with Commonwealth Heritage Group, Inc., for Historical Architectural Evaluations of Cerro Gordo and Tabor City School buildings – Dr. Jonathan Williams**
2. Next regular meeting February 3, 2020, at the Columbus County Board of Education in the conference room at 5:30 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT