

MINUTES OF MEETING
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 7, 2019

The Columbus County Board of Education met on this date in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Columbus County Board of Education. The following persons were present:

Monte Herring, Chair
Worley Edwards, Vice-Chairman
Randy Coleman
Junior Dew
Ronnie Strickland

Deanne Meadows, Superintendent
Jonathan Williams, Assistant Superintendent
Bill Phipps, Board Attorney
Bonita Pridgen, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Herring.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the minutes of the September 3, 2019, meeting were approved.

By motion of Mr. Dew, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the final agenda for October 7, 2019, was approved.

Ms. Diane Mathews (The News Reporter, Inc.) and two community members were present as guests.

The floor was opened for public comments.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Dew, the Board gave their preapproval for the items sold at the surplus auctions and the removal of the sold items from the property on the date of the respective sales. See attachment No. 4014.

By motion of Mr. Dew, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the Board approved driveway access between Old Dock Elementary School and Old Dock Methodist Church, as discussed by Mr. Timmy Ward.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Dew, invoice #4009, in the amount of \$4,325.00, from Soles & Walker, PA, PLS, for additional property acquisition at Cerro Gordo Elementary School was approved. Invoice will be sent to Mrs. Bobbie Faircloth, County of Columbus Finance Officer, for payment. See attachment No. 4015.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the payment request for two invoices (numbered 13 and 14) from Szostak Design, Inc. (Tabor City PreK-8 Project \$58, 392.60) and the West Columbus PreK-8 Project (\$25, 039.00) were approved. Invoices will be sent to Mrs. Bobbie Faircloth, County of Columbus Finance Officer, for payment. See attachment No. 4016.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Dew, the request from Chief Deputy Aaron Herring with the Columbus County Sheriff's Department for supplies that could be used as presentation materials (chalkboards, projectors, projector screens or any other type of presentation materials that could be used for training and briefings) deemed as surplus by the school system was approved.

By motion of Mr. Dew, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the contract, in the amount of \$7,500.00, for professional development services with Dr. John Carlough for the period August 1, 2019, for the 2019-2020 SY was approved. See attachment No. 4017.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Dew, the Memorandum of Agreement between YWCA of the Lower Cape Fear, Inc. and Columbus County Schools was approved. See attachment No. 4018.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the request from Acme Delco Middle School Principal, Kristie Leinthall, to issue lockers to students in grades 6-8 was approved.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the voting delegates for the 50th Annual Conference on Board Member Development was approved. See attachment No. 4019.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Dew, the revisions to Policy code: 4700 Student Records was approved, as presented. See attachment No. 4020.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the proposed option 1, using October 25, 2019, as a student day and the use of instructional hours for the remaining days missed for Hurricane Florence, of the revised school calendar for the 2019-2020 SY was approved. See attachment No. 4021.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Dew, the appointment of Paige Lanier, Kelli Jacobs, Shanita Troy, and John King to the Acme Delco Middle School advisory board was approved. Previously appointed members Shelton Lowery, Kimberly Powers, Ronald Stukes, Tequanna Patrick declined to serve.

By motion of Mr. Dew, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the School Justice Partnership Resolution Thirteenth Judicial District Fifteenth Prosecutorial District was approved, as discussed by Mr. Phipps. See attachment No. 4022.

The following items were presented as information:

--Mrs. Mary Wheatley presented "Symptoms of Dyslexia".

--The board was recognized on its receipt of the "Gold Bell Award" for Whole-Board Training during the 2018-2019 academy year of the North Carolina School Board Associations.

-- Mr. Timmy Ward reminded the board of the dates for the surplus sale at Cerro Gordo Elementary School (October 19, 2019, at 12 noon) and Tabor City Elementary School (October 26, 2019, at 12 noon).

--A Hurricane Dorian damages/concerns were shared by Mr. Timmy Ward.

--An update on the phase II roofing project at West Columbus High School was shared.

--Board was informed of request for an overnight school trip from South Columbus High School FFA to travel to the NC State FFA Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina June 16-18, 2020.

--Dr. Williams reviewed the West Columbus PK-8 grade school bus parking sketch.

--The probable costs for replacement of school facilities at Tabor City Elementary School and Cerro Gordo Elementary School were shared by Dr. Williams.

--Mrs. Lisa Brown provided an update on beginning teachers. Columbus County Schools has received a \$5,000.00 funding gift from Wells Fargo through the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. This gift will allow ten beginning teachers to attend all three of Beginning Teacher Professional Development sessions to be held on November 15, 2019, February 28, 2020 and May 8, 2020. Reimbursement for the cost of substitute teachers will be paid at a rate of \$103.00 per day.

Mrs. Brown shared information regarding the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) announcement that beginning December 2019 the first NCCAT Beginning Teacher of the Year will be recognized. The mission of the NCCAT Beginning Teacher of the Year process was developed to honor beginning teachers and to retain teachers who show promise as excellent teachers and educational leaders in North Carolina public schools and public charter schools. Mr. Brandon Inman was selected to represent Columbus County Schools.

--Dr. Pigot shared information on the "Say Something Anonymous Reporting System". See attachment No. 4023.

--Notification of the revised presentation dates for the "Hunter Dalton HD Life" was shared by Dr. Pigot.

--Board was asked to review the ATMC Smart Connections 2019 grant recipients as follows:

- Rod Gore – Guideway Elementary School
- Kim Andrews – Old Dock Elementary School
- Velvet Hardwick/Clay Reaves/Julie Sellers – Nakina Middle School
- Donna Thigpen – South Columbus High School

--The Board was made aware of the list of sponsors of the Administrative Retreat and New Teacher Orientation 2019-2020: Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, The Young Group, Curriculum Associates, Surry Insurance, First Bank, Horace Mann, PNC Bank, ValuTeachers, BB&T, Southeastern Behavioral, Integrated Family Services, Advantage Behavioral, Coastal Horizons Center, and Gore Trailers.

--The Board was informed of the overnight school trip request from East Columbus High School FFA to travel to Raleigh, North Carolina for the FFA State Dairy Judging CDE March 26-27, 2020.

--Overnight school trips from West Columbus High School FFA to travel to Federation Leadership School October 4-5, 2019, at White Lake, North Carolina FFA Camp, State Land Judging CDE November 14-16, 2019, at Ash County, North Carolina, State FFA Vet Science CDE November 22-23, 2019, Central Carolina, Sanford, North Carolina, and State FFA Livestock CDE November 25-26, 2019, Hunt Horse Arena, Raleigh, North Carolina were shared.

--Board was asked to review dates to remember.

--The monthly financial report were shared by Mrs. Lisa Nowlin. See attachment No. 4024.

--Notification of leave requests was shared. See attachment No. 4025.

--Overnight school trip requests from Columbus Career and College Academy to travel to William Peace University in Raleigh, North Carolina November 8-9, 2019, and April 17-28, 2020, were shared.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the Board went into closed session to discuss information that is privileged, confidential, and not a public record under GS 143-318.11 (a) (1).

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the Board returned to open session.

By motion of Mr. Strickland seconded by Mr. Coleman, personnel actions and addendum to personnel action (as amended) were approved, as recommended by Dr. Meadows. See attachment No. 4026.

In other business, the following items were discussed and action, when necessary, taken:

The Board was informed of the overnight school trip requests from Columbus Career and College Academy to travel to William Peace University in Raleigh, North Carolina November 8-9, 2019, and April 17-28, 2020.

The Board will meet in regular session on November 4, 2019, at the Columbus County Board of Education in the conference room at 5:30 p.m.

By motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Superintendent/Secretary