

MINUTES OF MEETING
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 6, 2020

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

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

Deanne Meadows, Superintendent
Jonathan Williams, Associate Superintendent
Lisa Nowlin, Finance Officer
Bill Phipps, Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Edwards.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the minutes from the March 2, 2020, March 9, 2020, and March 15, 2020, were approved.

By motion of Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Dew, the agenda for April 6, 2020, was approved.

Mrs. Diana Matthews (The News Reporter, Inc.) and Mr. Deuce Nivens (Tabor City Tribune) were present as guests.

An opportunity for public comments was not provided due to the social distancing order issued by the President and North Carolina Governor.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Dew, the traffic proposals at Acme Delco Elementary School, East Columbus High School, Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary School, and Old Dock Elementary School, as presented by Mr. Ken Clark, North Carolina Department of Transportation and Dr. Williams was approved. See attachment No. 4074.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the Child Nutrition Bids, 2020-2021 SY were approved, as shared by Dr. Williams. See attachment No. 4075.

Dr. Williams discussed cheerleading at the southern end for SY 2020-2021. The combined football teams from Nakina Middle School, Tabor City Middle School, and Williams Township School play a maximum of eight games. Cheerleading will be allotted 3, 3, and 2. The schools will determine which site will begin first and rotate each year.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the payment, in the amount of \$4,500.00, for the completion of the Level of Environmental Review Determination for Columbus County – Cerro Gordo Elementary School by the Tribal Directory Assessment was approved as shared by Dr. Williams. Invoice will be forwarded to Mrs. Bobbie Faircloth, County of Columbus Finance Officer, for payment. See attachment No. 4076.

By motion of Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Coleman, revisions to Policy 3460: Graduation Requirements, were approved. See attachment No. 4077.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the proposed changes to PK-8 and 9-12 Uniform Descriptions, 2020-2021 SY were approved. See attachment No. 4078.

By motion of Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the summer hours, 2020 were approved. See attachment No. 4079.

Dr. Meadows provided an update on the COVID-19/social distancing/virtual learning opportunities/child nutrition meals.

The Daughters of the American Revolution – Major General Robert Howe Chapter – 2019-2020 American History Essay, Christopher Columbus Essay Chapter, and DAR Youth Citizenship Award recipients were shared by Dr. Meadows.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Dew, the Board approved the renaming of East Columbus High School to include East Columbus Junior High School effective July 1, 2020, until a new K-8 school is constructed on the eastern end.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Herring, the Columbus Career and College Academy Calendar for 2020-2021 SY was approved. See attachment No. 4080.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Board approved revisions to Policy 7500: Workday and Overtime. See attachment No. 4081.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Dew, the adoption of the March 1, 2019 NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Records Retention and Disposition Schedule/General Records Schedule for Local Government Agencies available for review at: <https://archives.ncdcr.gov/documents/general-records-schedule-local-government-agencies>, was approved.

The following items were presented as information:

--Board was asked to review dates to remember.

--Mrs. Lisa Nowlin shared the monthly financial report. See attachment No. 4082.

By motion of Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the federal, capital outlay, special revenue, and child nutrition budgets, 2019-2020 SY were approved. See attachment No. 4083.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Budget Resolution SY 2019-2020 was approved. See attachment No. 4084.

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) and to discuss the acquisition of real estate/the terms of an employment contract GS 143.318.11. (a) (5).

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 were approved, as recommended by Dr. Meadows. See attachment No. 4085.

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

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the new North Carolina School Board Association Policy: 7503 – Teleworking was approved. See attachment No. 4086.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Herring, the consensus by the Board to allow administration to negotiate acquisition of real estate was approved.

The Board will meet in regular session on May 5, 2020, at the Columbus County Board of Education in the conference room at 5:30 p.m.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.