

MINUTES OF MEETING
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 1, 2020

The Columbus County Board of Education met on this date in regular session at 5:30 p.m. at East Columbus High School in the cafeteria. The meeting was live streamed on the website: www2.columbus.k12.nc.us for the public and media outlets. 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 May 5, 2020, meeting, were approved.

By motion of Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the final agenda (with the addition of Policy 5030: Community Use of Facilities) for June 1, 2020, was approved.

The floor was opened for public comments. There were no public comments.

There were no special presentations.

Dr. Williams shared the National School Lunch (NSLP) Equipment Assistance Grant awarded to Child Nutrition. The grant, in the total amount of \$23,468.55, will provide a generator for freezers and coolers at Acme Delco Elementary School, East Columbus High School, South Columbus High School, West Columbus High School, and Williams Township Elementary School. See attachment No. 4096.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Dew, meal prices for a second student meal (\$2.50) and adult breakfast (\$1.80) and lunch (\$3.80) were approved. See attachment No. 4097.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the payment, in the amount of \$2,815.75, for the Commonwealth Heritage Groups, Inc., for Historical Architectural Evaluations at Cerro Gordo Elementary and Tabor City school buildings 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. 4098.

By motion of Mr. Dew, seconded by Mr. Herring, Charter Bus Service companies for the 2020-2021 SY were approved. See attachment No. 4099.

Mr. Timmy Ward and Dr. Williams discussed the roof collapse at West Columbus High School.

By motions of Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the invoice, in the amount of \$91,700.00, from Dreambox Learning was approved. See attachment No. 4100.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Herring, the continuation of coverage with The Young Group for Catastrophic Student Accident Insurance and Student Accident Insurance, 2020-2021 SY, was approved. See attachment No. 4101.

Dr. Meadows reviewed the Education/Vocational Rehabilitation Annual Program Report for FY 2019-2020 SY.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Dew, the Contract for School Nursing Services, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00, with the Columbus County Health Department for the period August 1, 2020, and ending May 31, 2021, was approved. See attachment No. 4102.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Memorandum of Understanding with the Columbus County Health Department's "Mobile Dental Unit" for all fourteen Columbus County Schools was approved. See attachment No. 4103.

Dr. Meadows provided an update on the impact of COVID-19 on the 2019-2020 SY.

No action was taken on the proposed revised school calendars for Columbus County Schools and Columbus Career and College Academy, 2020-2021 SY were approved

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, 2020-2021 SY memberships were approved as follows: NCSBA Custom Policy Update Services (\$6,900.00), Web Hosting Service Initial Development/Fee/Annual Web Hosting Fee (\$3,650.00), NCSBA Membership Dues/Legal Assistance Fund Contribution (\$14,557.00), North Carolina School Boards Action Center (NCSBAC) Contribution (\$3,000.00), North Carolina School Boards Trust Errors and Omissions/General Liability Fund (Participation Agreement) (\$10,744.00), North Carolina School Boards Association 2020-2021 Annual Subscription to *Education Law in North Carolina* (\$75.00), Cognia, Inc. (formerly Advanced ED) (\$4,800.00), North Carolina Association of School Administrators (\$5,350.00), Sandhills Regional Education Consortium (SREC) dues (\$13,750.00), and North Carolina Council of School Attorneys membership dues, 2020-2021 SY (\$355.00). See attachment No. 4104.

By motion of Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Dew, the following North Carolina School Board Associations Spring 2020 Policy updates were approved: Title I Parent and Family Engagement (1320/3560), Professional and Staff Development (1610/7800), Testing and Assessment Program (3410), Immunization and Health Requirements for School Admission (4110), Drugs and Alcohol (4325), Parking Areas for Students (6325), Drug-Free and Alcohol-Free Workplace

(7240), and Drug and Alcohol Testing for Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators (7241). See attachment No. 4105.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Dew, the North Carolina School Board Associations Spring 2020 Policy Updates with only minor changes to wording, legal references, and/or cross references were approved as follows: 1310/4002 - Parental Involvement, 1600 - Governing Principal – Professional Development, 3102 - Online Instruction, 3227/7322 - Web Page Development, 3300 - School Calendar and Time for Learning. 3405 - Students at Risk of Academic Failure, 3420 - Student Promotion and Accountability, 3470/4305 - Alternative Learning Programs/Schools, 3610 - Counseling Programs, 4040/7310 - Staff-Student Relations, 4152 - Unsafe School Choice Transfer, 4210: Release of Students from School , 4345 - Student Discipline Records, 5040 - News Media Relations, 6306 - School Bus Idling, 7360/8225 - Crowdfunding on Behalf of the School System, 7500 - Workday and Overtime, 7505 - Compliance with State Board of Education Employment Policies, 7510: - Leave, 7540 - Voluntary Shared Leave, 7805 - Superintendent Evaluation, and 8350 - Fixed Assets Inventory. See attachment No. 4106.

By motion of Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Dew, the local revisions to the following North Carolina School Board Associations policies Testing and Assessment Program (3410) and Teacher Contracts (7410) were approved. See attachment No. 4107.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Herring, the North Carolina School Board Associations revised policies to comply with certain provisions of new N.C. Session Law 2020-3 (SB 704) pertaining to remote meetings during the current pandemic state of emergency as follows: Remote Participation in Board Meetings (2302), Hearings Before the Board (2500) and School Assignment (4150). See attachment No. 4108.

By motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Dew, Mr. Randy Britt was reappointed to serve on the Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees for a four-year term effective July 1, 2020, and ending on June 30, 2024.

The 2020-2021 Board of Education meeting dates were shared.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Dew, the memorandum of agreement, in the annual amount of \$2,000.00, between Whiteville City Schools and Columbus County Schools for the lease of property behind the bus garage to be used as parking for events at Legion Stadium, was approved for the period July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2025. See attachment No. 4109.

The request from Mr. John E. Butcher, Jr., requesting to hold an alumni event on the Acme Delco Middle School campus before demolition was discussed. Dr. Williams will contact Mr. Butcher to discuss the use of school facilities and requirements to hold the event.

Revisions to North Carolina School Board Associations regulations were shared as follows: Dual Enrollment (3101-R), Class Ranking (3450-R), and Leave Request Process (7510-R). See attachment No. 4110.

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. 4111.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Budget amendments (federal, local and state) SY 2019-2020 were approved, as discussed by Mrs. Nowlin. See attachment No. 4112.

By motion of Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Dew, continuing budget resolution, 2020-2021 SY and the year-end closeout only of the 2019-2020 SY, as shared by Mrs. Nowlin, was approved. See attachment No. 4113

By motion of Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Coleman, Policy code: 5030 - Community Use of Facilities fee increases were approved. See attachment No. 4114.

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).

Notification of leave requests were shared.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Herring, Dr. Meadows was authorized to act on the appeals for new request (grades NC PK – 12) for student reassignment for the 2020-2021 SY in accordance with established Board policy.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Coleman, Dr. Meadows was authorized to act on the new request (grades NC PK – 12) for student reassignment for the 2020-2021 SY in accordance with established Board policy.

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. 4115.

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

By motion of Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Coleman, Mr. Phipps was authorized to continue the lease/purchase negotiations with Davis Academy. Terms shall include the lease effective date of July 1, 2020, and the agreed offer to sale, in the amount of \$425,000.00, for the property at Chadbourn Middle School.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Coleman, Mr. Phipps was authorized to contact the Columbus County Board of Commissioners regarding the purchase of the following school

properties: Acme Delco Middle School, Columbus Career and College Academy – Fair Bluff Campus, and Guideway Elementary School.

The Board will meet in regular session on July 13, 2020, at the Columbus County Board of Education in the conference room at 5:30 p.m.

By motion of Mr. Herring, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 p.m.