

Meeting Minutes
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Board of Education Meeting
12/01/2016 06:30 PM
Historic Currituck County Courthouse

Attendees

Voting Members

Dr. Bill Dobney, Chair
Dwan Craft, Board Member
Will Crodick, Board Member
Karen Etheridge, Board Member
Janet Rose, Board Member

Non-Voting Members

Mark Stefanik, Superintendent
Jenna Akers, Student Board Member
Cydney Christian, Student Board Member
Tyler Little, Student Board Member
Jacob Walton, Student Board Member

A. Call to Order

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. School Spotlight -Principal Greta Nelson with Staff & Students of Shawboro Elementary and Principal Tommy Wilson with Staff & Students of Moyock Middle School

Principal Nelson introduced her staff and students. Ms. Reynolds and her AIG students showed how they have integrated technology, such ipads & SmartBoards, into the classroom. The group demonstrated how they use iPads when studying Social Studies.

Principal Wilson introduced Kyle Cook, Chorus Director, who led a large group of 8th grades students into a holiday song. Mr. Cook also spoke about the curriculum and instruction provided to the chorus students.

4. Recognition of CCHS Cheerleaders and Coaches

The Board recognized the CCHS Competition Cheering Squad and coaches for earning the state title in the Division II large varsity non-tumbling competition.

5. December 1, 2016 Work Session Review

Work Session Agenda Items for 12/1/2016:

- A. Swearing-in of Board Members
- B. Review of School Improvement Plans:

1. Individual School Plans:

- a. Central Elementary
- b. JP Knapp Early College High School
- c. Currituck County High School

C. K-3 Class Size State Law Update

D. Chromebook Update

E. 1st Reading of Policy 3565/8307 Title I Program Comparability of Services

6. Election of Board Officers

The meeting was turned over to Superintendent Stefanik for the Election of Officers. Superintendent asked for a nomination for chairman. Dwan Craft made the motion to elect Dr. Dobney. The motion was seconded by Karen Etheridge. The Board voted and unanimously elected Dr. Dobney to serve as Chairman.

The meeting was turned over to Dr. Dobney who asked for a nomination for Vice-Chair. Will Crodick made the motion to elect Karen Etheridge. The motion was seconded by Dwan Craft. The Board voted and unanimously elected Karen Etheridge as Vice-Chair.

7. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Motion made by: Karen Etheridge

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

B. 21st Century Professionals

1. Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Recognition

Virginia Arrington, Director of Secondary Education, presented banners to five schools receiving PBIS recognition. She explained the schools were recognized for their emotional and educational student success. The schools have an active Administration and have completed training models which includes internal and external evaluations. Griggs Elementary, Moyock Middle received green ribbon recognition, second level of recognition went to Central Elementary, Moyock Elementary & Currituck County Middle School.

C. Globally Competitive Students

1. Recognition of 2016 Student Holiday Card Winners

The Board recognized the 2016 Student Holiday Card Winners; Erin Wilson, Riley Rohenbach, Deanna Lynch, & Savanna Gilbert.

2. Recognition of Honors Chorus & Orchestra Students

Chorus Directors Kyle Cook, Tiffany Arbogast and Lee Burgess, CCHS Band Director, were delighted to introduce and recognized several students who were recently selected to participate in Honors Chorus & Honors Orchestra:

Connor Tumlinson

James Brewer

Matthew Berry

Matthew Weeks

Connor has also been selected to perform in the All National Honors Concert Band.

3. Student Board Member Reports

Student Board Members announced various holiday programs and events being held throughout the schools.

4. Approved Field Trip Requests:

a. CCHS Wrestling Tournament, Moorehead City, NC - 11/18-19 2016

b. CCHS Wrestling Tournament, Newport, NC - 12/9-10 2016

D. 21st Century Systems

1. K-3 Class Size State Law Update

Superintendent Stefanik gave a brief summary on the state's class size mandate for grades K-3 beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. The new class size ratio reduces the maximum class sizes from the current 24 students. This reduction includes a reduced funding ratio. As is, the district will need seven new teachers and \$400,000 in additional funding.

A state level review of the mandate is being conducted, but if no changes are made additional funding will be needed. The district will have to make revisions in order to provide the funds.

E. Consent Agenda (Action)

Motion made by: Karen Etheridge

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

1. Personnel Report Dated December 1, 2016

2. Board Meeting Minutes November 3, 2016

3. Special Board Meeting Minutes November 15, 2016

4. (c) Closed Session Minutes November 3, 2016

5. Individual School Plans:

- a. Central Elementary
- b. JP Knapp Early College High School
- c. Currituck County High School
- d. Currituck County Learning Center

6. (c) Banking Reconciliation

7. 1st Reading of Policy 3565/8307 Title I Program Comparability of Services

F. Public Comment Session

Andrea Ritter, CCHS parent, expressed her concern with teacher turnover. Her child's science class has had four different teachers so far this year. The class currently has a substitute teacher. It was her understanding that teachers were leaving for better pay in Virginia. She added that Principal Dowdy could only do so much.

Dr. Dobney asked Superintendent Stefanik and Principle Renee Dowdy to look into the issue.

Ms. Ritter's second concern was with the district's current student drug testing policy. She thought the testing singled out the wrong students. Only students who are issued parking passes and/or participates in athletics are being tested. She also said that students were selling drugs in the high school.

Dr. Dobney said the district recently purchased a drug dog that would be used to monitor drug activity in the schools. The dog will report to the schools in March or April of 2017. In addition, the district's student drug testing practice must follow the law and ensure individual rights are not being violated.

Mrs. Ritter added that drugs were also in the middle schools.

Mr. Crodick said he was going make sure that the drug problem was eradicated in the schools and would utilize resources to make it happen.

Principal Renee Dowdy said the drug dog cannot be used to search students while in the classroom but can search cars, lockers and school property. The dog will not be able to detect prescription drugs which is a major concern.

G. Information Items

1. Work Session - January 5, 2017 at Professional Learning Center (PLC) located on the campus of JP Knapp Early College, 4:00 p.m.

2. Board of Education Meeting - January 5, 2017 at Historic Currituck Courthouse, 6:30 p.m.

H. Board Member Comments

Karen Etheridge attended homecoming where a tribute was made to the memory of Jackie Simmons. She wished everyone a wonderful Christmas.

Dwan Craft visited all ten schools this past month. She enjoyed the veterans luncheon at CES and was amazed by the number of perfect attendance students at GES.

Will Crodick appreciated his invitation and was delighted with the performance of the district's theater department. As a technician, he has a great appreciation for talent and was truly impressed with the students and staff. He added that he was humbled to serve on the Board.

Janet Rose said the Student Government Organization is collecting items for families this holiday season. She has been asking for more community support which has been very well received. She too is very excited to serve on the Board.

Dr. Dobney said he looked forward to working with the two new Board members. He congratulated the CCHS girls volleyball team on reaching the state semi-finals. He added the vintage firetruck was dedicated to Jackie Simmons during homecoming.

Mrs. Rose was selected through an interview process and will serve on the Board until the elections of 2018.

I. Adjourn Meeting (Action)

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Janet Rose

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary