

Meeting Minutes
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Board of Education Meeting
08/03/2017 06:30 PM
Historic Currituck County Courthouse

Attendees

Voting Members

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

Non-Voting Members

Mark Stefanik, Superintendent
Jenna Akers, Student Board Member
Colin Coffie, Student Board Member
Keelan Hartmann, Student Board Member
Tyler Little, Student Board Member

A. Call to Order

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Swearing-In of New Student Board Members

Ray Matusko, Currituck County Clerk of Superior Court, swore in newly appointed Student Board Members Colin Coffie and Keelan Hartmann. Colin will represent the junior class at JP Knapp Early College with Keelan representing the junior class at Currituck County High School.

4. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Revised classified Pay scale D1

Pull Item 6 to discuss Item E2

Motion made by: Will Crodick

Motion seconded by: Janet Rose

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

B. Public Comment Session

With no comments, the session was closed.

C. Student Board Member Report

The students welcomed the newly appointed Student BOE Members and reported on back to school items.

D. Schools Budget Update

Superintendent Stefanik explained that for the past 11 years the district has used the fund balance to maintain the budget. Again this year there are concerns on how state laws will impact the local budget. The district received an increase of approximately \$200,000 in local funding; however, new state mandates had over a \$500,000 impact to the budget. The district trimmed expenses to save over \$300,000. Direct student services were not impacted. After covering the new expenses, only \$7,000 was actually added to the budget.

Mr. Crodick thanked Laurie Trussell, Finance Officer, and the Finance Dept. for finding \$36,000 in savings in worker's compensation and garage liability insurance.

Ms. Trussell and Michelle Chambers, Payroll Manager, reported on the new pay scale for the district's non-certified staff. The district has been studying the pay scale of the non-certified staff for the past year. The pay scale has been frozen so long wages are not fair and comparable to neighboring districts. This new pay scale includes a 5-year span. The new scale does not apply to bus drivers who are on a different pay scale. Ms. Trussell said the local supplement will no longer be separate but rolled into the pay scale. Eighty-seven out of 130 employees were updated.

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Janet Rose

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

E. Approved Field Trip Request:

1. CCHS - National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, IN Oct. 24-27 2017

F. Consent Agenda (Action)

Mr. Crodick expressed his concern with the proposed early release schedule for Currituck County High School, which included costs and loss of instruction time. He said he would not be voting in favor of the new schedule.

Mrs. Rose said she thought the teacher time built into the new calendar would be helpful to allow collaboration and sharing which would benefit the students. She expressed her support.

Dr. Dobney asked about the required hours. Sandy Kinzel, Assistant Superintendent, said the new modified schedule actually increased the instruction time. She added that professional development time will positively impact instruction time.

Mr. Crodick expressed his concern with possible idle time. He said he would wait to see how the different bus schedules would be affected and the transportation expense.

Tyler Little explained the benefits of allowing students to meet with teachers on Friday afternoons. Also clubs could meet earlier in the day allowing more students to participate.

Mr. Crodick did not believe Currituck County High School and JP Knapp Early College could be equally compared because JP Knapp students have to go through an application process for enrollment. He also thought students would not attend early release on Fridays; therefore, increasing absenteeism.

Ms. Kinzel said she thought there was a perception that JP Knapp was better than CCHS, which was not true. There are talented teachers at CCHS. The playing field should be leveled and CCHS students should be offered the same level of services.

Mr. Crodick said he was not saying CCHS was less - but there was an extra effort to attend JP Knapp because of the application process.

Sandy Kinzel said maybe the math scores are better at JP Knapp since teachers have the time to improve instruction.

Tyler stated that JP Knapp is rigorous and because of this it may not allow time for those students who have other interest such as band and athletics.

Jenna said she thought the new schedule would be beneficial to CCHS, allowing her time to job shadow at a hospital in addition to extra time in her classes. The time will not be wasted.

Karen Etheridge said they should try to model what is working and give it a try. If it fails then the district would regroup. She believes that Principal Dowdy has done her homework. Mrs. Etheridge added that the Transportation Dept. must follow strict guidelines and not jeopardize the efficiency rating which effects funding. She was in support of the modified schedule.

Dwan Craft reminded everyone that Renee Dowdy, Principal of Currituck County High School, served as an Assistant Principal at JP Knapp and would not implement something at CCHS that would not work.

Mr. Crodick was the only Board Member voting against the modified CCHS calendar.

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Karen Etheridge

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

1. Personnel Report Dated August 3, 2017

a. (c) Leave Report

2. Closed Session Minutes for June 29, 2017

3. Board Meeting Minutes June 29, 2017

4. (c) Banking Reconciliations
5. Approval of Title I Plan
6. 2017-2018 Currituck County High School Calendar

G. Information Items

1. Work Session - Thursday, September 7, 2017- Knapp Professional Learning Center at 4:00 p.m.
2. Board of Education Meeting- Thursday, September 7, 2017- Historic Currituck County Courthouse at 6:30 p.m.
3. Student Art Reception - Thursday, September 7, 2017 - Superintendent's Office at 5:30 p.m.

H. Board Members & Superintendent Comments

The Board and Superintendent reported on several school visits and school events.

I. Adjourn Meeting (Action)

Motion made by: Karen Etheridge

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary