

Meeting Minutes

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Board of Education Meeting**4/3/2014 6:30:00 PM**

Historic Currituck Courthouse

Attendees - voting members

Dr. Bill Dobney	Chair
Jackie Simmons	Vice Chair
Dwan Craft	Board Member
Karen Etheridge	Board Member
Darnell Gaddis	Board Member

Attendees - other

Allison Sholar	Superintendent
Alexandra Carter	Student Board Member
Rick Lage	Student Board Member
Thomas Poston	Student Board Member
Katie Traylor	Student Board Member

A. Call to Order

1. Invocation
Mrs. Etheridge read from *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff*.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
Olivia Williams led the Pledge of the Allegiance.
3. School Spotlight- Principal Steve Blackstock & Jarvisburg Elementary
Jarvisburg Elementary School was featured during the school spotlight. Principal Steve Blackstock introduced staff and students. Mr. Ron Hall, guidance counselor, and several 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students spoke about the importance of character traits. When a Jarvisburg student is selected student of the month, the family is also honored. Students also receive Lincoln medals. Over 87% of the students at JES have been recognized and awarded.
4. April 3rd Work Session Update
Items discussed during the April 3rd Work Session:
 - English Language Learners
 - School Improvement Plan presentation for Central Elementary, W.T. Griggs Elementary and Currituck County High School
 - Capital Outlay Budget review
 - Teacher Support Resolution

Dr. Dobney spoke about the state mandated curriculum Common Core. If the district decided against it, funding would be lost.

5. Approval of Agenda (Action)
Motion made by: Karen Etheridge
Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft
Voting
Unanimously Approved

B. Globally Competitive Students

1. Student Board Member Reports
Student Board Members reported on school events, athletics and results of several student competitions. The Knapp Early College FBLA team placed second in the state competition. Alexander Carter was selected as the FBLA state parliamentarian.
2. Overnight Field Trip Request (Action)

1. CCHS JV & Varsity Softball Tournament - Greenville, NC - 4/18-19 2014

Motion made by: Jackie Simmons

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting

Unanimously Approved

C. Consent Agenda (Action)

Motion made by: Karen Etheridge

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting

Unanimously Approved

1. Personnel Reports Dated April 3, 2014
 - a. Leave Request
2. Board Minutes for March 10, 2014
3. Board Minutes for Closed Session March 10, 2014
4. School Improvement Plans:
 - a. Currituck County High School
 - b. Central Elementary
 - c. Dr. W.T. Griggs Elementary
5. Approval of 2014-2015 Capital Outlay Budget
6. Contracts & Agreements
 - a. eRate Applications: LAN & WLAN
 - b. Colonial Webb Contractors - project #631
 - c. Colonial Webb Contractors- project # 632

D. 21st Century Professionals

1. Teacher Support Resolution (Action)

Dr. Dobney presented the Teacher Support Resolution. The resolution opposes the 25% Legislation and the resulting unfair pay structure it has caused.

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Darnell Gaddis

Voting

Unanimously Approved

2. Response from Teacher Representative regarding Teacher Support Resolution
Janet Rose, teacher and Vice President of the Currituck Chapter of NCAE, thanked the Board for supporting teachers and for speaking out against the 25% Legislation.

E. Public Comment Session

Dr. Dobney informed the public that a timer had been installed for the purpose of keeping time during the public comment session.

Mr. Will Crodick, parent and Knotts Island resident, stated that he would like to see a word class education system. When reviewing the budget for the 2014-2015 school year, he asked the Board not to forget the eight teaching positions that would alleviate the combination classes. He also asked the Board not to rely on the state for funding and to consider and explore other options.

Jinger Brinkley, parent and Currituck resident, said she did not agree with the invocation and believed weaknesses should be identified and addressed. Mrs. Brinkley spoke against Common Core. She believed it was the Board's responsibility and duty to parents and students to explore other funding options. She was not pleased by the Board's reaction to Common Core. Mrs. Brinkley said other funding options should be found besides relying on state and federal funding.

F. Information Items

1. May Work Session on May 1, 2014- Knapp PLC at 5:00 p.m.
2. May Board of Education Meeting on May 1, 2014- Historic Currituck Courthouse at

6:30 p.m.

G. Board Member Comments

Dwan Craft spoke about her recent visits to Shawboro Elementary and JP Knapp Early College. She was very pleased with what she saw happening in the schools. Darnell Gaddis spoke about her recent school visits. She congratulated Rick Lage on his acceptance to UNC Chapel Hill with paid tuition. Mrs. Gaddis was very impressed with the Jarvisburg students and their presentation on life lessons.

Karen Etheridge stated that she took offense when the Board was criticized during the public comment session. She asked for solutions on how to find additional funding. She stated that she was offended that it was implied she was not doing a good job. Mrs. Etheridge added that she felt the district was moving forward and morale was high.

Jackie Simmons attended a recent cheering competition where the district's competition team was awarded 3rd place. He added that he was very impressed with the students participating in spring sports and with Thomas Poston for receiving a letter of acceptance from Harvard. Mr. Simmons said he was thankful for teachers and proud to be a teacher advocate.

Dr. Dobney spoke about touring schools where he found very attentive students. He also attended Jarvisburg Elementary School's book kickoff and was delighted with a video created by school staff.

H. Adjourn Meeting (Action)

Motion made by: Jackie Simmons

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting

Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary