

Meeting Minutes

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Board of Education Meeting**5/13/2013 7:00:00 PM**

Currituck Historic 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
Jonathan Jackson Student Board Member
Rick Lage Student Board Member
Thomas Poston Student Board Member

A. Call to Order**1. Invocation**

Invocation was conducted by Karen Etheridge. She read from "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff" by Richard Carlson.

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Valerie Bobola, JP Knapp Early College

Valerie Bobola, Senior at JP Knapp Early College, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. School Spotlight - Principal Renee Dowdy, Students and Staff of J.P. Knapp Early College

The JP Knapp Early College was featured during the School Spotlight. Renee Dowdy, Principal, provided statistics on the graduating seniors. Several students are graduating with 40 credit hours in addition to the 28 credits required to graduate from high school. Eleven graduates have completed their requirements for an associate's degree.

Several graduating students spoke about their experiences at JP Knapp Early College and College of The Albemarle. Valerie Bobola graduated with an Associate of Science, earning an A in every class. She thanked the Board for allowing her to attend Governor's School, an experience that changed her life. Alyssia Dey decided to stay an extra year which allowed her to receive an associate degree in her fifth year. Grace Smith, a graduate, spoke on her experiences at JP Knapp and then transitioning to Appalachian State.

4. Student Recognition

Angie Collier, School Nurse at Shawboro Elementary School, informed the Board that Shawboro Elementary had participated in a poster contest for Asthma Awareness through the Albemarle Asthma Coalition. It included students in grades 3 through 5. Mayce Wall was awarded 1st place at the school level. Mayce's poster went on to win 3rd out of 7 districts and Hannah Dozier received honorable mention. The contest helps students understand Asthma.

5. Approval to Amend Agenda (Action)

The agenda was amended to add B4 - 1:1 Project Funding.

Motion made by: Jackie Simmons

Motion seconded by: Karen Etheridge

Voting

Unanimously Approved

6. Work Session Update

Work Session items included an update on the district's current initiatives.

B. Globally Competitive Students

1. Student School Board Member Report
Student Board Members, Jonathan Jackson, Thomas Poston, and Rick Lage reported on year end events, award banquets and high school graduations. The Tarheel Junior Historian Club received 1st place for their art model of the Rosenwald School. The club's project will be on display at the NC Museum of History.
2. Field Trip Request (Action)
 1. CCHS - National FCCLA Leadership Training, Nashville, TN 7/6-7/12/2013

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Darnell Gaddis

Voting

Unanimously Approved

3. Give Five Read Five - Reading Campaign
Superintendent Sholar announced the Give 5 Read 5 summer reading initiative endorsed by the NC Department of Public Instruction. She asked parents and community members to donate five new or gently used books to the elementary schools. The goal is to give each elementary student 5 books by the last day of class.
4. One to One- Chromebooks Initiative (Action)
Paul O'Briant, Chief Information Officer, updated the Board on the Chromebook pilot. This program helps with the transition into digital learning. Based on the feedback of the pilot, Mr. O'Briant asked for approval to expand the program and offer Chromebooks to all students in grades 6-12. The cost of supplying the students is \$630,000. Staff has identified \$222,000 that can be redirected to the program. The remaining \$410,000 would come from the fund balance. Mr. O'Briant explained that Option B would cost less but only provide Chromebooks to students in grades 8-12. After meeting with principals and staff, the desire is include all middle school students.

Board members discussed the benefits of the computer. It helps offset the lack of state funds for textbooks. Professional development will help staff use the Chromebooks in addition to textbooks. Currently there is a bill, if passed, that would allow the use of NC Lottery funds. Dr. Dobney asked Laurie Trussell, Finance Officer, if Chromebooks could be considered capital outlay. She stated there were currently restrictions on using funds for technology. Currituck County High School teachers have been visiting JP Knapp teachers, where one to one has been in use for several years.

At the Board's request, Mr. O'Briant explained how the internet would run through the district's filters for safety measures. Teachers also have the availability to see what tabs are been using by the students and remotely close tabs. The Board agreed to fund the project for grades 6-12.

Motion made by: Jackie Simmons

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting

Unanimously Approved

C. Healthy and Responsible Students

1. Project Graduation Request (Action)
Teresa Brinkley and Crystal Schultz, teachers and sponsors for project graduation, requested funding. The event promotes a safe night for graduating seniors. This year students will go to American Indoor Carting and a laser tag facility. The sponsors asked for the same funding received last year; fuel for the bus, iPads for student raffles, and funds to help pay for the event. The Board agreed to help fund the event.

Dr. Dobney asked Ms. Schultz about a recent student competition. Ms. Schultz explained that her Physical Science students had entered the STEM roller coaster competition. Competing against other North Carolina students, Currituck students received 1st place in both the coaster category and overall category. The contest encouraged student collaboration and the opportunity to receive classroom materials. A trophy will be awarded to the students.

Motion made by: Karen Etheridge

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting

Unanimously Approved

D. 21st Century Systems

1. Child Nutrition Price Increases for 2013-2014 (Action)

Angela Rodriguez, Child Nutrition Director, proposed a \$.10 price increase to student lunches for the 2013-2014 school year. Elementary will increase from \$2.15 to \$2.25 and high school will increase from \$2.45 to \$2.55. The increase is due to the increase in food costs.

There will be federal reviews to ensure the district is operating within the guidelines of the reimbursement meal plan. A majority of local districts are increasing their prices by at least \$.10. Breakfast prices will remain the same for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion made by: Karen Etheridge

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

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E. Consent Agenda (Action)

Motion made by: Jackie Simmons

Motion seconded by: Darnell Gaddis

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Unanimously Approved

1. Personnel Report Dated May 13, 2013
2. Board Minutes for April 17, 2013
3. Board Minutes for April 22, 2013
4. CTE Executive Summary & Plan
5. Academically/Intellectually Gifted Plan
6. Banking Reconciliations

F. Public Comment Session

With no comments, the session was closed.

G. Information Items

1. Next Work Session - June 10, 2013- 4:00 p.m. at Knapp Professional Learning Center
2. Next Board Meeting - June 10, 2013 - 7:00 p.m. at Historic Currituck County Courthouse
3. Board Meeting to Close Year Out- June 28, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. at J.P. Knapp PLC
4. Graduation Dates- JP Knapp Early College May 24th & Currituck County High School June 7th

H. Board Member Comments

Karen Etheridge congratulated the JP Knapp Early College students on their accomplishments.

Jackie Simmons asked everyone to come out and support the second round playoffs for softball and baseball teams.

Dwan Craft congratulated the JP Knapp students. She recently visited Shawboro Elementary, Moyock

Elementary and Central Elementary School. She was very impressed with all of the schools.

Darnell Gaddis told the JP Knapp students they were motivators to other students pursuing their graduation goals. Last week was Staff Appreciation Week and Ms. Gaddis thanked staff for all of their hard work and dedication.

Dr. Dobney had a pleasant tour of Currituck County Middle School. He announced that Superintendent Sholar will be at Dr. W.T. Griggs Elementary on Friday, May 17th. Parents should call to make an appointment if they would like to meet with her.

I. Adjourn Meeting (Action)

Motion made by: Jackie Simmons

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting

Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary