

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Board of Education Meeting****11/13/2013 7:00:00 PM**

Historic Currituck County 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
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
Led by Lucy Chappell of Central Elementary.
3. School Spotlight - Principal Daun Belangia & Central Elementary  
Central Elementary School utilizes Steven Covey's Seven Habits which teaches students an array of leadership skills. Several students spoke about how they use the method to stay focus, set goals and problem solve. Principal Belangia said the staff also recreated their Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) using the seven habits.
4. Approval of Agenda (Action)  
Motion made by: Darnell Gaddis  
Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft  
Voting  
Unanimously Approved
5. November 13th Work Session Update  
The early work session included presentations on the following items:  
  
Wifi on buses  
STEM School discussion  
Accountability Results  
Policy Review

**B. 21st Century Professionals**

1. American Education Week Proclamation (Action)  
Sandy Kinzel, Assistant Superintendent, presented the American Education Week Proclamation. This national annual celebration is an opportunity to honor the individuals who are making a difference in the education of children. She read the proclamation and asked the Board for action to adopt.  
  
Motion made by: Jackie Simmons  
Motion seconded by: Darnell Gaddis  
Voting

- Unanimously Approved
2. 2013-2014 Teacher Assistant of the Year Recognition  
The following Teacher Assistants were recognized by the Board:  
Beth O'Briant, CCHS  
Annette Samborski, JP Knapp and County  
Jewyl Harris, MMS  
Antoine Sawyer, CCMS  
Donna Hermann, KIES  
Jodi Sikorski, MES  
Debbie Boyce, SES  
Kaysha Banks, CES  
Christina Greschak, GES  
Gwen White, JES
  3. 2013-2014 Teacher of the Year Recognition  
The following Teachers were recognized by the Board:  
Mary Cosnahan, CCHS  
Sarah Adams, JP Knapp  
Lisa Lane, MMS  
Robert Struhar, CCMS  
Jennifer Roche, KIES  
Luana Palimetakis, MES, SES and County  
Rebecca Alder, CES  
Pam Younger, GES  
Dana Newbern, JES
  4. 2013-2014 Principal of the Year Recognition  
Daun Belangia, Principal of Central Elementary

### **C. Globally Competitive Students**

1. Student Board Member Reports  
Student Board Members reported on school activities and events. The fall play "These Desperate Hours" will start Friday with performances through Sunday. Several holiday events and food drives will be taking place in November and December. The high school football team enters into the first round of the playoffs. In recognition of Veterans' Day, the students thanked all veterans for their services and sacrifices.
2. Field Trip Requests (Action)
  1. CCHS Teen PEP Retreat- Virginia Beach, VA - Nov. 14-16, 2013 \* polled BOE 11/4/2013
  2. CCHS NC SADD Conference- Raleigh, NC - Nov. 15-17, 2013
  3. JP Knapp NC SADD Conference - Raleigh, NC - Nov. 15-17, 2013

Motion made by: Karen Etheridge  
Motion seconded by: Darnell Gaddis  
Voting  
Unanimously Approved
3. Night of 1000 Stars Reading Challenge sponsored by Whalehead  
Superintendent Sholar presented information on the Night of 1000 Stars Reading Challenge. She explained the challenge started through a partnership with Whalehead and introduced Ray Meiggs, Chief Executive Officer, and Ann Sensibaugh, Director of Education. Whalehead has been able to reach out to Currituck County Schools with internships. Now with the challenge in place, 106 teachers are participating with over 2,000 students reading. Whalehead's grand illumination, scheduled for December 6th, will showcase the students'

participation with lights.

4. Accountability Results

Paul O'Briant, Chief Information Officer, reported on the district's accountability results. Mr. O'Briant spoke on and explained the Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO's) used to determine progress. He also explained how the EVAAS system is used to review and compare student data in a particular class. The proficiency rates are low because of so many changes, including changes in the curriculum. The standards are higher and the curriculum is rigorous. The standards not only ask if the student is ready for the next grade level, but are they on track for college ready. Mr. O'Briant presented the proficiency percentages for each school. Principals have the disaggregated data they will use to identify areas of improvement in the schools. There are a lot of complexities. Realizing the effect, NC State Board of Education voted not to negatively impact the students. Students will bring home individual reports this week.

**D. 21st Century Systems**

1. STEM School ( Action)

The Board voted not to support a STEM school outside of Currituck County. The Board felt students would fair better if offered the educational opportunity in the county.

Motion made by: Darnell Gaddis

Motion seconded by: Karen Etheridge

Voting

Unanimously Approved

**E. Consent Agenda (Action)**

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Jackie Simmons

Voting

Unanimously Approved

1. Personnel Report Dated November 13, 2013
2. Board Minutes for October 14, 2013
3. Closed Session Minutes for October 14, 2013
4. Special Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2013
5. Banking Reconciliation
6. Revision to Policy 3420 Student Promotion & Accountability (1st reading)
7. Series 6000 Policy Review - 2nd Reading & Adoption
8. Series 6000 Policy Updates- 2nd Reading & Adoption
9. Series 4000 Policy Review - 2nd Reading & Adoption
10. Series 4000 Policy Updates - 2nd Reading & Adoption

**F. Public Comment Session**

With no comments, the session was closed.

**G. Information Items**

1. Next Work Session - December 9, 2013- 5:00 p.m. at Knapp Professional Learning Center
2. Next Board Meeting- December 9, 2013 - 7:00 p.m. at Historic Currituck County Courthouse
3. Education Celebration at CCHS, November 20, 2013 - 4:00 p.m., hosted by NCAE.

**H. Board Member Comments**

Karen Etheridge congratulated Superintendent Sholar on her marriage. She thanked John Wheeler for coaching a winning football team and wished everyone a nice Thanksgiving.

Jackie Simmons attended various athletic events and was very impressed with the students. He invited everyone out to support the football team as they head into the first round of the championships.

Dwan Craft recently visited several schools and individual classes. She was very impressed with the students and teachers.

Darnell Gaddis invited everyone to the CCHS play where they would see the district's very talented students perform. She thanked the students of Central Elementary for their earlier presentation.

Dr. Dobney also had the opportunity to visit several schools and he was very proud to say the students were activity engaged at every school.

**I. Adjourn Meeting (Action)**

Motion made by: Darnell Gaddis

Motion seconded by: Jackie Simmons

Voting

Unanimously Approved

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Chairperson

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Secretary