

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Board of Education Meeting****10/14/2013 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  
Mrs. Etheridge read from "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff." The topic was compassion.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Washington Bennette, Moyock Elementary
3. School Spotlight - Principal Whitney Bisbing & Moyock Elementary  
The School Spotlight featured Moyock Elementary. Principal Whitney Bisbing introduced Ms. Teresa Burnett, Teacher Assistant, and several 5th grade students. Students explained how they renewed the school's newspaper the "Panther Press." Then each student spoke about their role as publisher or editor.
4. Approval of Agenda (Action)  
Motion made by: Jackie Simmons  
Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft  
Voting  
Unanimously Approved
5. October 13, 2013 Work Session Update  
In a Special Session held earlier, the Board voted 4 to 1 on a book challenge. Board Member Karen Etheridge voted against keeping the book "A Bad Boy Can Be Good for a Girl" in the Currituck County High School library.

The earlier work session items included:

Child Nutrition Department Update

Information on the Golden Leaf Grant

Information on new teacher contracts and ending teacher tenure in 2018

Policy review of 4000 series and 6000 series

Superintendent Sholar added that Paul O'Briant, Chief Information Officer, and the district's media specialist created a book-check out procedure which includes

parental consent. Parents may opt-in to participate. The procedure includes three options: 1) Parents can provide a list of books that are not to be checked out. 2) Parents can provide a list of books that can be checked out. 3) Parents can send their approval or disapproval via email before each book is checked-out. Books will remain on the shelf until confirmation is received. The approval process will be handled through email. An automated call will go out to notify parents of the new procedure.

## **B. Globally Competitive Students**

1. Student Board Member Reports  
Student Board Members reported on testing and various schools events such as Red Ribbon Week and a large scale field trip that allowed students to attend Currituck's Civil War Encampment event. The graduation ceremony at Currituck County High School has been set for Friday, June 13, 2014. A survey was used to pole parents, students and staff.
2. Kids Walk for Kids with Cancer  
Mary Cate Morgan, student at Currituck County High School and North Carolina Chair Person for the Kids Walk for Kids with Cancer, provided the Board with statistics on pediatric cancer. She thanked the Board for allowing the organization to advertise and promote the fund raiser. The walk will take place this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. She invited everyone out to the event. Over the past three years Kids Walk has raised \$55,000.
3. Field Trip Requests
  1. JP Knapp Early College, NC SADD Conference -Raleigh, NC - Nov. 15-17 2013
  2. CCHS, NC SADD Conference -Raleigh, NC - Nov. 15-17 2013

Motion made by: Karen Etheridge  
Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft  
Voting  
Unanimously Approved

## **C. 21st Century Professionals**

1. Exceptional Children's Teacher of Excellence  
Doug Towle, Director of Exceptional Children, presented the district's Exceptional Children's Teacher of Excellence award to Margaret Pavey of Currituck Middle School. Ms. Pavey meets all the requirements which include positive outcomes and leadership qualities. Principal Rhonda James- Davis said it was very easy to nominate Ms. Pavey due to her work ethic and passion for the job.
2. Principal Appreciation  
In recognition of National Principals Month, Superintendent Sholar presented each principal with a certificate and a token of appreciation. Sandy Kinzel, Assistant Superintendent, and Anne Mackin, Director of Personnel, assisted Superintendent Sholar with the presentations.
3. Currituck County Schools' Principal of the Year  
Daun Belangia, Principal of Central Elementary School, was named Currituck County Schools 2013-2014 Principal of the Year.

**D. Consent Agenda (Action)**

Motion made by: Jackie Simmons

Motion seconded by: Darnell Gaddis

Voting

Unanimously Approved

1. Personnel Report Dated October 14, 2013
2. Board Minutes for September 9, 2013
3. Closed Session Minutes for September 3, 2013
4. Closed Session Minutes for September 9, 2013
5. Closed Session Minutes for September 23, 2013
6. Banking Reconciliation
7. Approval to Change December Payroll Date to 12/20/2013 (due to holiday schedule)
8. Approval of 2013-2014 Currituck County Schools Budget
9. Series 6000 Policy Review - 1st Reading
10. Series 6000 Policy Updates- 1st Reading
11. Series 4000 Policy Review - 1st Reading
12. Series 4000 Policy Updates - 1st Reading

**E. Public Comment Session**

With no one signed up to speak, the public comment session was closed.

**F. Information Items**

1. Next Work Session - Nov. 13, 2013- 5:00 p.m. at Knapp Professional Learning Center
2. Next Board Meeting- Nov. 13, 2013 - 7:00 p.m. at Historic Currituck County Courthouse

**G. Board Member Comments**

Karen Etheridge invited everyone to come out for homecoming.

Jackie Simmons asked everyone to support the athletic teams.

Dawn Craft thanked Moyock Elementary School and their students for the presentation given during the School Spotlight.

Darnell Gaddis thanked principals for all they do. She also had a terrific time while visiting Knotts Island Elementary.

Dr. Dobney recently visited Currituck County Middle School. He was very impressed after seeing several classes of students and teachers using their new Chromebooks .

**H. 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