

Meeting Minutes
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Board of Education Meeting
03/01/2018 06:30 PM
Historic Currituck County Courthouse

Attendees

Voting Members

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

Non-Voting Members

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

A. Call to Order

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. School Spotlight - Principal Angel Lasher & Dr. W.T. Griggs Elementary School

Principal Lasher introduced several students who informed the Board about their reading initiative "Read Across the Rainbow".

The program encourages students to read an array of books. Student are rewarded with a charm of their choice.

B. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Motion made by: Karen Etheridge

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

C. School Safety Presentation

Jenna Akers, Student Board Member, gave a presentation on school safety. Since the recent school shooting in Florida, schools have been reviewing how to better protect students and staff. Dr. Dobney said that Commissioner Bobby Hanig had given his support to increase school safety.

Ms. Akers showed the Board a new door locking system that could be engaged during lock down. Chief Deputy Matt Beikert assisted her with the presentation. Ms. Akers said she would like to make an impact before departing the Board this June.

The purchase price of the lock is \$59.95 with a \$15.00 installation cost using the CCS Maintenance Dept. The total installation cost for the district would be approximately \$37,000.

The Board discussed additional safety measures such as metal detectors and other locking mechanisms. Including linking school cameras to the Sheriff's Department in real time mode so there is not a delay. Dr. Dobney also demonstrated the use of a red line being used in the classrooms to help keep students and staff out of the line of vision.

The Board discussed having additional school resource officers and grants to assist with funding.

The Board discussed creating a School Safety Task Force Committee. Mr. Crodick said he would like to see a safety specialist added to the committee. Superintendent Stefanik cautioned the group on maintaining the confidentiality of the district's crisis plan. Certain elements of the plan should not be shared with the general public.

The motion was made to move forward with the safety task force.

Motion made by: Janet Rose

Motion seconded by: Karen Etheridge

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

D. Public Comment Session

With no comments, the session was closed.

E. Student Board Member Report

Student Board Members reported on athletics, school events and student competitions.

F. CTE Support Letters (Action)

Renee Dowdy, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Instruction, presented the CTE letters and asked the Board for approval.

Mr. Crodick asked if the district or the school were currently penalized for students who chose the vocational tract but selected a different math other than the state's required math. Mrs. Dowdy replied yes. The district is penalized when it substitutes a different math course. Negative math rigor information is reflected on the NC Report Card report. The data is also a prong used in the accreditation process.

The Board discussed the different course pathways and allowing students to take a different math. For example the the Board discussed the educational needs of a student entering into a field such as heating and air. Mr. Crodick said he did not want to see students take a lesser or less math in order to graduate or receive certification in one of the CTE programs.

Mrs. Dowdy said she would like to see more personalized tracks for students, instead of losing or discouraging students with the current requirements.

Mr. Crodick said he wanted to better serve students and maintain rigor. The Board discussed how Math I & Math II now include Algebra and Geometry. Mr. Crodick said he did not want students to fail but the district should address the low performance in math. An audience member said that math books were needed.

Dr. Dobney said it was a disservice to students requiring unrelated courses. A meaningful career tract could help reduce student debt.

Mr. Crodick asked for his name to be included in the letters but as opposed to the recommendations. He said he believed what President Trump said about vocational schools

in his recent State of the Union speech was taken out of context.

Motion made by: Karen Etheridge

Motion seconded by: Dwan Craft

Voting:

Dr. Bill Dobney - Yes

Karen Etheridge - Yes

Dwan Craft - Yes

Will Crodick - No

Janet Rose - Yes

G. 2018-2019 Currituck County Schools Calendar Options

Superintendent Stefanik presented two options for the 2018-2019 school calendar. The calendars will be shared with staff and parents to gain input. The recommendations will be brought back to the Board at the March 29, 2018 meeting.

Option 1 - 1050 instructional hours

Option 2- 1032 instructional hours

To allow an adequate buffer for possible inclement weather during the school year, it was discussed adding 10 minutes to the school day. Dr. Dobney inquired about creating a calendar that would end the 1st semester before the holiday break.

H. 1st Reading of Policy 7410 Teacher Contracts

Superintendent Stefanik presented the first reading of Policy 7410 Teacher Contracts. He explained the state was giving districts options on the length of new or renewal contracts for teachers. There is some concern among superintendents that this will cause competition in neighboring districts. Superintendent Stefanik said Option 2 mirrors other levels in education.

The policy will be shared with staff to gain input. The policy will be brought to the Board during the March 29, 2018 meeting for the second reading and adoption.

I. Field Trip Requests:

1. CCHS - State Indoor Track, Winston-Salem, NC - Feb. 8-9 2018
2. CCHS- East Region Orchestra, Pinehurst, NC - Feb. 16-18 2018
3. CCHS- Girls Basketball Playoffs, High Point, NC - Feb. 21-23, 2018
4. CCHS- Welding Camp, Jacksonville, FL - Feb. 23-25, 2018

It was noted that participation at this conference can result in a student scholarship.

5. CCHS - Baseball Tournament, Hatteras, NC, March 9-10, 2018

J. Consent Agenda (Action)

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Janet Rose

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

1. Personnel Report Dated March 1, 2018
 - a. (c) Leave Report
2. Closed Session Minutes for February 6, 2018
3. Board Meeting Minutes February 6, 2018
4. Banking Reconciliations (Informational Only)
5. Surplus Vehicle Sale #8164 Vin#2FAFP71W0XX107620
6. Contracts:
 - a. CenturyLink Wide Area Network - 5yr contract
 - b. Cox Internet Service to Knotts Island - 3yr contract

K. Confirm Date for April Board Meeting**L. Information Items**

1. Work Session - March 29, 2018- Knapp Professional Learning Center at 4:00 p.m.
2. Board of Education Meeting- March 29, 2018- Historic Currituck County Courthouse at 6:30 p.m.

M. Board Members & Superintendent Comments

Mr. Crodick was impressed with the student's Wax Museum at Jarvisburg Elementary.

Mrs. Rose asked the community to visit the Go Fund Me site created to help the Currituck students who were recently injured in a car wreck. She also ask for volunteers to help the CCHS Boosters.

Mrs. Etheridge was also impressed with JES Wax Museum.

Mrs. Craft ask for prayers for the inquired students and visited several schools and events.

Dr. Dobney said he would like to gather input from the Board on school safety and the safety committee. This past month he attended the first meeting of the bullying committee. He added that he and Superintendent Stefanik had recently met with a lobbyist who would work to secure more funding and the possibility of Knotts Island Elementary receiving isolated school funding.

N. Adjourn Meeting (Action)

Motion made by: Dwan Craft

Motion seconded by: Will Crodick

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary