

**Jackson County Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Sylva, North Carolina
Fairview Elementary School**

251 Big Orange Way, Sylva

December 20, 2016

6:00 p.m.

The Jackson County Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at Fairview Elementary School, 251 Big Orange Way, Sylva, North Carolina. The following members were present:

Ken Henke, Chairman
Elizabeth Cooper
Margaret McRae
Wes Jamison

Also present were Dr. Michael Murray, Superintendent; Chris Campbell, School Board Attorney; and Cora Fields, Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ken Henke called the business meeting to order.

Mr. Henke introduced Fred Osborn, Principal of Fairview Elementary School.

Representatives of the Fairview Elementary School Science Olympiad Team led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representatives of the Fairview Elementary School Honor Chorus sang the national anthem.

Mr. Osborn spoke to the board about the numerous programs and accomplishments of Fairview Elementary School students and staff, which included the LEGO Robotics Team, the running club, and the Safe Routes to School event.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Margaret McRae, the board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

OPEN SESSION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT ACTION AGENDA

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mr. Wes Jamison the board unanimously approved the consent action agenda:*

- A. Open Session Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 29, 2016.

INFORMATION AGENDA

- A. **Agenda Item:** Superintendent's Report
Presenter: Dr. Michael Murray, Superintendent

Dr. Murray reported on the following:

1. The Jackson County School of Alternatives will hold their mid-year graduation at Smoky Mountain High School on December 21st, at 5:30 p.m.
2. Jackson County Public Schools will take part in the Solar Eclipse event on August 21, 2017.

- B. **Agenda Item:** Capital Projects Update
Presenter: Darin Allison, Director of Capital Projects

Mr. Allison provided the board with a graph showing completion of various capital projects through Jackson County Public Schools.

- C. **Agenda Item:** Unaudited Financial Summary
Presenter: Gwen Edwards, Finance Officer

Ms. Edwards presented the Unaudited Financial Summary as of December 20, 2016.

ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Agenda Item:** Budget Amendments
Presenter: Gwen Edwards, Finance Officer

Ms. Edwards asked for approval of budget amendments and transfers for the State Public School Fund, Local Current Expense Fund, Other Specific Revenue Fund, and other local transfers.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Margaret McRae the board voted unanimously to approve the State Public School Fund, Local Current Expense Fund, Other Specific Revenue Fund and other local transfers and budget amendments.*

- B. **Agenda Item:** Dixon, Hughes, Goodman Audit Report
Presenter: Brian Broom, CPA

Mr. Broom presented the annual audit report for Jackson County Public Schools for 2015-2016.

Action: *No Action Taken*

- C. **Agenda Item:** Amend Board of Education Meeting Schedule 2016-2017
Presenter: Dr. Michael Murray, Superintendent

Dr. Murray asked for approval of a change in location for the January, February and March board meetings due to previous commitments by school personnel.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mr. Wes Jamison the board voted unanimously to approve the change of location for the January, February and March Board of Education meetings.*

D. Agenda Item: Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) Resolutions

Presenter: Dr. Michael Murray, Superintendent

Dr. Murray asked for approval of the QZAB resolutions for the Blue Ridge School, Fairview Elementary School, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School, Scotts Creek Elementary School, Smokey Mountain Elementary School and Smoky Mountain High School construction projects.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Margaret McRae, the board voted unanimously to approve the QZAB Resolutions.*

E. Agenda Item: Policy Updates

Presenter: Dr. Michael Murray, Superintendent

1st Reading:

1. Focus on Students (4000)

Policy Updates:

1. Governing Principle-Stewardship of Resources (1800)
2. Title 1 Program Comparability of Services (3565/8307)
3. Extracurricular Activities and Student Organizations (3620)
4. Domicile or Residence Requirements (4120)
5. Tuition for Discretionary Admission (4135)
6. Weapons and Explosives Prohibited (5027/7275)
7. Network Security (6524)
8. School Administrator Contracts (7425)
9. Use and Selection of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, and Construction Managers at Risk (9110)

Dr. Murray presented the proposed changes to above listed policy updates and asked for board approval.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mr. Wes Jamison, the board voted unanimously to approve the policy updates as listed above.*

F. Agenda Item: Field Trips

Presenter: Dr. Michael Murray, Superintendent

1. NC A&T University – JCPS LEGO Robotics Teams, Grades 5-8, Greensboro, NC, Jan. 13, 2017, TT #3224.
2. Dodgen Middle School – Fairview Elementary School Science Olympiad Team, Grades 6-8, Marietta, GA, TT #3048.

Dr. Murray reviewed the above listed field trip requests and asked for board approval.

Action: Upon a motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Margaret McRae, the board voted unanimously to approve the above listed field trips.

CLOSED SESSION

The board unanimously approved a motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mr. Wes Jamison, to enter into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11 for the following purposes: under subsection; (a) (1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-32 and (a) (3) to discuss matters protected by attorney-client privilege.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mr. Wes Jamison, the board voted unanimously to return to open session.

OPEN SESSION

PERSONNEL ACTION AGENDA

Action: Upon a motion made by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Margaret McRae, the board voted unanimously to approve the personnel agenda as recommended by Dr. Murray. The board unanimously approved the following recommendations:

Employee Recommendations:

1. Geary, Saskia Maria – EC Teacher, School of Alternatives
2. Gunter, James – Mechanic II, Transportation Department
3. Lovedahl, Rebekah – Afterschool Assistant, Fairview Elementary School
4. Mathis, Danny – Custodian and Bus Driver, Smoky Mountain High School
5. Nicholson, Shayla – Afterschool Assistant, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School
6. Nicholson, Shayla – Tutor, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School
7. Raming, Caryn – EC Teacher Assistant, Smoky Mountain High School

Employee Resignations:

1. Booze, Jamie - Teacher, Blue Ridge Early College
2. Cope, Gregory – Custodian and Bus Driver, Smoky Mountain High School
3. Moses, Todd – HVAC Mechanic, Central Office
4. Young, Tiffani Kaileigh - Substitute School Nutrition Assistant, CVES, SCES, BRS

Non-Staff Coach Recommendations:

1. Hyatt, Steven – Assistant Coach Boys Basketball, Smokey Mountain Elementary School

Staff Coach Recommendations:

1. Parsons, Jonathan – Assistant Coach Women’s Junior Varsity Soccer, Smoky Mountain High School

Employee Dismissals/Separations:

1. Dillard, Amy – School Nutrition Assistant, Fairview Elementary School

Administrator Contract Renewal:

1. Buchanan, Jacob – Smoky Mountain High School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Education is January 24, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at Smoky Mountain High School, 100 Smoky Mountain Drive, Sylva, North Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, Chairman Henke adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Ken Henke, Chairman

Dr. Michael L. Murray, Secretary