

**Jackson County Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Sylva, North Carolina
Jackson County Early College**

447 College Drive, Sylva

February 28, 2017

6:00 p.m.

The Jackson County Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at Jackson County Early College (JCEC), 447 College Drive, Sylva, North Carolina. The following members were present:

Ken Henke, Chairman
Ali Laird-Large, Vice-Chair
Elizabeth Cooper
Wes Jamison

Also present were Dr. Michael Murray, Superintendent; Dr. Kimberly Elliott, Associate Superintendent; Chad Donnahoo, School Board Attorney; and Cora Fields, Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ken Henke called the business meeting to order.

Mr. Henke introduced Mr. Miguel Oroz, 5th Year Super Senior, JCEC who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

JCEC What We Do:

JCEC Highlights: Mr. Faisal Adam, 4th year (Senior)

#Proud2BJCEC: Ms. Eva Paliacios, 4th year (Senior)

Mr. Miguel Oroz, 5th year (Super Senior)

Mr. Elijah Linkinhoker, 5th year (Super Senior)

JCEC How We Do It:

PBL in Action: Ms. Painter's 1st year HOUSE/Honors Earth Science class.

JCEC 101 & Summer Bridge: Supporting Freshmen Transitions

Mr. Pierce Muth

Ms. Kayla Broom

Mrs. Gloria Painter

Parent Perspectives: Mr. Tim Muth (1st year parent)

Mr. Robin Gunnells (3rd and 5th year parent)

Partner Perspectives: Mr. James Hippensteel, SCC History Instructor

JCEC Why We Do It:

Success Stories: Student Spotlight

Mr. Henke thanked Jackson County Early College for hosting the Board of Education meeting and for the student exhibits and excellent meal they provided for the school board prior to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, the board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Dr. Murray presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Carol and Jack Hennessee and the Hennessee Foundation for the Scotts Creek Elementary School Playground Grant.

OPEN SESSION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT ACTION AGENDA

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mr. Wes Jamison, the board unanimously approved the consent action agenda:*

- A. Open Session Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 24, 2017.

INFORMATION AGENDA

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

Dr. Murray reported on the following:

1. JCPS participated in the Region 8 Western Regional Science & Engineering Fair, held at WCU. Smokey Mountain Elementary School students, Lela Crowe, Jonathan Ross and Brianna Herndon, placed 1st in Chemistry. Smoky Mountain High School student, Eli Costa, placed 2nd and received the Engineering & Naval Research Science Award, with honorable mention going to students Amelia Ray and Nick McDonald. Cullowhee Valley Elementary School student Abel Despeaux placed 2nd, with honorable mention going to students Dylan Bishop, Caleb Borchelt, Gabe Kinner, Nicki Stephens, Alyssa Crisp, Madelyn Tracy, Carly Hester, Jessie Springer, Kaitlyn Cox and Olivia Rice.
2. Smoky Mountain High School teacher, Amanda Clapp, won 1st place for her project for *Samsung Solve for Tomorrow*.
3. Dr. Murray shared a copy of a letter from the Blue Ridge School Education Foundation, Inc. written to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. The letter expresses their support and praise for the Digital Learning program funding and implementation at Blue Ridge Early College.
4. Dr. Murray informed the board that the QZAB loans have been approved and expressed his appreciation to the Jackson County Commissioners and BB&T.

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

Ms. Edwards presented the Unaudited Financial Summary as of February 28, 2017.

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, Federal Grants Fund, Capital Outlay Fund, and Other Specific Revenue Fund.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, the board voted unanimously to approve the budget amendments and transfers to the State Public School Fund, Local Current Expense Fund, Federal Grant Fund, Capital Outlay Fund, and Other Specific Revenue Fund.*

B. Agenda Item: Audit Services Contract Approval – Anderson, Smith & Wike, PLLC

Presenter: Mrs. Gwen Edwards, Finance Officer

Mrs. Edwards presented the Anderson, Smith & Wike, PLLC audit services bid proposal and contract for 2017-2018 and asked for board approval.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mr. Wes Jamison, the board voted unanimously to approve the Anderson, Smith & Wike, PLLC Audit Services Contract for 2017-2018.*

C. Agenda Item: Calendar Approval for 2017-2018

Presenter: Dr. Kimberly Elliott, Associate Superintendent

Dr. Elliott presented the 2017-2018 school calendars for Smoky Mountain District and Blue Ridge District and asked for board approval.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, the board voted unanimously to approve the 2017-2018 Smoky Mountain District and Blue Ridge District school calendars.*

D. Agenda Item: QZAB Financing Plan Resolution and Project Completion and Agency Agreement

Presenter: Dr. Murray, Superintendent

Dr. Murray asked school board attorney, Chad Donnahoo, to explain the QZAB Financing Plan Resolution and Project Completion and Agency Agreement and requested board approval.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, the board voted unanimously to approve the QZAB Financing Plan Resolution and Project Completion and Agency Agreement.*

E. Agenda Item: Cumberland County Consortium – Medicaid Administrative Claim Program

Renewal
Presenter: Dr. Murray, Superintendent

Dr. Murray presented the new participant district renewal agreement with the Cumberland County Consortium for the Medicaid Administrative Claim Program and asked for board approval.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, the board voted unanimously to approve the renewal of the Cumberland County Consortium - Medicaid Administrative Claim Program agreement.*

F. Agenda Item: K-3 Class Size Resolution

Presenter: Dr. Elliott, Associate Superintendent

Dr. Elliott presented K-3 Class Size Resolution and asked for board approval.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mr. Wes Jamison, the board voted unanimously to approve the K-3 Class Size Resolution.*

G. Agenda Item: Field Trips

Presenter: Dr. Michael Murray, Superintendent

1. Andy's Trout Farm – Smoky Mountain High School, Grades 9-12, Clayton, GA, May 18, 2017, TT 3425.
2. Atlantic Beach, Raleigh and Outer Banks - Fairview Elementary School, Grade 8, Outer Banks, NC, April 25 to 28, 2017, TT 3374.
3. Children's Museum of the Upstate - Blue Ridge School, Grade K, Greenville, SC, April 6, 2017, TT 3360.
4. Dollywood - FES, Grade 5, Sevierville, TN, April 28, 2017, TT 3368.
5. Dollywood – SMHS, Grades 9-11, Sevierville, TN, May 5, 2017, TT 3422.
6. HOSA State Competition at the Koury Center - Smoky Mountain High School, Grades 9-12, Greensboro, NC, March 29, 2017 to April 1, 2017, TT 3279.
7. NC Science and Engineering Fair – Smokey Mountain Elementary School, Grade 7, Raleigh, NC, March 25-26, 2017, TT 3459.
8. Ripley's Aquarium - Fairview Elementary School, Gatlinburg, TN, Grade 4, April 20-21, 2017, TT 3344.
9. Six Flags Over Georgia - Smoky Mountain High School, Grades 9-12, Atlanta, GA, April 22, 2017, TT 3330.
10. YMCA Camp Greenville - Fairview Elementary School, Grade 7, Greenville, SC, March 21 to 23, 2017, TT 3373.

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

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, the board voted unanimously to approve the above listed field trips.*

H. Agenda Item: Policy Updates

Presenter: Dr. Michael Murray, Superintendent
Policy Updates:

1. Graduation Requirements (3460)
2. Focus on Students (4000)
3. Concussion and Head Injury (4270/6145)

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

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

CLOSED SESSION

The board unanimously approved a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, 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. Ali Laird-Large 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. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, the board voted unanimously to approve the personnel agenda as recommended by Dr. Murray. The board unanimously approved the following recommendations:*

Employee Recommendations:

1. Callaham, Lorie – School Nutrition Assistant, Fairview Elementary School
2. Costa, Leslie – Tutor, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School
3. Crow, Mariah – Activity and Substitute Bus Driver, Smoky Mountain High School
4. Davis, Conner – Activity Bus Driver, Smoky Mountain High School
5. Garber, Brittany – Tutor, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School
6. Gillett, Tabitha – Academic Recovery Teacher, Smokey Mountain Elementary School
7. Hester, Rebecca – Education Diagnostician, JCPS
8. Johnson, Lynne – Education Diagnostician, JCPS
9. McGaha, Edward – Activity and School Bus Driver, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School
10. Melvin, Robert – Activity Bus Driver, Smoky Mountain High School
11. Myers, Morgan – School Nutrition Assistant, Scotts Creek Elementary School
12. Norman, Susan – Tutor, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School
13. Petteys, Nelson Robert – LEAP Tutor, Cullowhee United Methodist Church
14. Someliana-Lauer, Cameron – Tutor, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School
15. Wilson, Eric – Title 1 Tutor, Fairview Elementary School

Employee Resignations:

1. Bowers, Brittany – Tutor, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School

2. Cogdill, Bessie – Bus Monitor, Smokey Mountain Elementary School
3. Cohen, Barbara – Assistant Principal, Smokey Mountain Elementary School
4. Corn, Peggy – School Nutrition Assistant, Fairview Elementary School
5. Fields, Emily – After School Assistant, Scotts Creek Elementary School
6. Jackson, Rachel – LEAP Tutor, Cullowhee United Methodist Church
7. Marshall, Victoria – LEAP Tutor, Cullowhee United Methodist Church
8. Spivey, Pam – EC Teacher, Smoky Mountain High School
9. Velasquez, Jenifer – LEAP Tutor, Cullowhee United Methodist Church
10. Watson, Thomas – School Nutrition Assistant, Smokey Mountain Elementary School

Non-Staff Coach Recommendations:

1. Crowe, Claudia – Assistant Coach Softball, Fairview Elementary School
2. Cunningham, Coleman – Assistant Coach Baseball, Fairview Elementary School
3. Doolin, Ashley, Assistant Coach Junior Varsity Softball, Smoky Mountain High School
4. Gillen, Tyler – Assistant Coach Baseball, Fairview Elementary School
5. Fortner, Katie – Assistant Coach Middle School Softball, District-wide
6. Hall, John – Head Coach Varsity Baseball, Blue Ridge Early College
7. Day, Joey – Head Coach Middle School Softball, Blue Ridge Early College
8. Lewis, Justin – Head Coach Softball, Fairview Elementary School
9. Phillips, Kevin – Assistant Coach Middle School Baseball, Blue Ridge Early College
10. Pressley, Mallory – Assistant Coach Softball, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School
11. Stewart, Alec – Assistant Coach Baseball, Scotts Creek Elementary School
12. Thomasson, Shelena – Assistant Coach Softball, Smokey Mountain Elementary School
13. Triplett, Dustin – Assistant Coach Track, Smoky Mountain High School
14. Vassey, Nicholas – Head Coach Baseball, Scotts Creek Elementary School
15. Watson, Jason – Assistant Coach Varsity Baseball, Blue Ridge Early College
16. Wantuch, Courtney – Assistant Coach Baseball, Smokey Mountain Elementary School
17. Wantuch, Zach – Head Coach Baseball, Smokey Mountain Elementary School

Staff Coach Recommendations:

1. Addertion, Chandler – Head Coach Baseball, Fairview Elementary School
2. Copeland, Heather – Assistant Coach Softball, Scotts Creek Elementary School
3. Davis, Renay – Assistant Coach Middle School Track, District-wide
4. Fowler, Cindy – Assistant Coach Middle School Softball, Blue Ridge Early College
5. Pangle, Alaina – Athletic Director Spring 2017, Smokey Mountain Elementary School
6. Stewart, Wendy – Assistant Coach Varsity Softball, Blue Ridge Early College
7. Stiles, Anna Desiree – Head Coach Softball, Smokey Mountain Elementary School

Employee Separations:

1. Vibert, Linda – School Nutrition Assistant, Scotts Creek Elementary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Education is March 28, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at the School of Alternatives, 3770 Skyland Drive, Sylva, North Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, Chairman Henke adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Ken Henke, Chairman

Dr. Michael L. Murray, Secretary