

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

3770 Skyland Drive, Sylva

March 28, 2017

6:00 p.m.

The Jackson County Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at Jackson County School of Alternatives, 3770 Skyland Drive, Sylva, North Carolina. The following members were present:

Ken Henke, Chairman
Ali Laird-Large, Vice-Chair
Elizabeth Cooper
Margaret McRae
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 Kris Reis, Principal of the School of Alternatives. Mr. Reis presented a video of students from Ms. Angie Pitts and Ms. Lindsay Button's elementary classes reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Reis presented a video "A Day in the Life of the School of Alternatives" which featured students and faculty during a typical day at the school.

Mr. Henke thanked Jackson County School of Alternatives for hosting the Board of Education meeting. He also thanked Ms. Kathryn Moses' CTE Family and Human Services and Foods II classes for the excellent meal, and Mr. Ron Cook's CTE Construction Technology class for the gifts they created for the school board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

OPEN SESSION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Mary Otto Selzer spoke in support of the Jackson County Public Schools Pre-K program and the Region A Partnership.

Mr. Olin Dunford thanked Jackson County Public Schools support of the Jackson County Youth Basketball Program. Mr. Dunford presented a \$1000.00 check to Kathryn Kantz, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School; Fred Osborn, Fairview Elementary School; Dr. Wanda Fernandez, Scotts Creek Elementary School; Jake Buchanan, Smoky Mountain High School; and Dr. Tracie Metz, Smokey Mountain Elementary School.

Ms. Wanda Crisp, Kindergarten Teacher at Blue Ridge School, spoke in support of the Jackson County Public Schools Pre-K program.

CONSENT ACTION AGENDA

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

- A. Open Session Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 28, 2017.

INFORMATION AGENDA

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

Dr. Murray reported on the following:

1. Jackson County Public Schools hosted the Battle of the Books on March 14, 2017, at the Sylva Baptist Church.
2. The One-to-One computer program rollout has gone extremely well. JCPS has requested that the Jackson County Commissioners sustain this program with continued funding.
3. Dr. Murray reported on the success of Scotts Creek Elementary School, Fairview Elementary School, Smokey Mountain Elementary School, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School and Smoky Mountain High School in the Science Olympiad and the Regional State Science Fair.
4. Three students from Smoky Mountain High School have been selected for participation in the Governor's School.

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

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

- C. **Agenda Item:** Declared Surplus Items
Presenter: Dr. Kim Elliott

Dr. Elliott informed the board that the following items have been declared as surplus and will be sold on Govdeals.com:

- 4 - GE Nautilus dish washers – CTE
- 2 - Folding dining tables – Child Nutrition

- 1 - Floor model droll press – Bus Garage
- 1 - Above ground steel fuel tank – Bus Garage
- 1 - Auto lift – Bus Garage

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

Ms. Edwards presented the Unaudited Financial Summary as of March 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, and Other Specific Revenue Fund.

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

- B. **Agenda Item:** JCPS Pre-K Program and Site Approval
Presenter: Laura Dills and Kelly Doppke

Mrs. Dills and Mrs. Doppke asked the board for approval to establish a Pre-K program in Jackson County at Blue Ridge School and Fairview Elementary School, for families whose students have received no prior early education services outside the home in a licensed high quality child care or pre-kindergarten setting. They would also like to provide opportunity for private pay by families who do not qualify for NC Pre-K reimbursement in order to promote best practices in creating heterogeneous Pre-K classrooms.

***Action:** Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mrs. Margaret McRae, the board voted unanimously to approve a JCPS Pre-K Program at Blue Ridge School and Fairview Elementary School.*

- C. **Agenda Item:** Fontana Regional Library Memorandum of Agreement
Presenter: Dr. Kimberly Elliott, Associate Superintendent

Dr. Elliott presented the board with a Memorandum of Agreement between Fontana Regional Library and Jackson County Public Schools 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 Memorandum of Agreement with Fontana Regional Library.*

- D. **Agenda Item:** Field Trips
Presenter: Dr. Michael Murray, Superintendent

1. Clingmans Dome – Blue Ridge School, Grade 5, Gatlinburg, TN, April 25, 2017, TT 3535.
2. Forbidden Caverns - Scotts Creek Elementary School, Grade 6, Sevierville, TN, May 19, 2017, TT 3556.
3. Greenville Zoo – Blue Ridge School, Grade 3, Greenville, SC, May 26, 2017, TT 3567.
4. NC State Math Contest - Smoky Mountain High School, Grade 11-12, Durham, NC, April 26 - 27, 2017, TT 3570
5. Ripley's Aquarium - Smoky Mountain High School, Grades 9-12, Gatlinburg, TN, May 4, 2017, TT 3539.

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

Employee Recommendations:

1. Cogdill, Bessie – Bus Monitor PM Route, Smokey Mountain Elementary School
2. Long, Deena – Bus Monitor AM Route, Smokey Mountain Elementary School
3. Marr, Michelle – Assistant Principal, Smokey Mountain Elementary School
4. McDaniel, Kylie – After School Assistant, Scotts Creek Elementary School
5. Parris, Sarah – Interim Teacher Assistant, Blue Ridge School
6. Read, Kari – Tutor, Blue Ridge School
7. Springer, Amanda – School Nutrition Assistant, Smokey Mountain Elementary School
8. Tollie, Marilyn – School Nutrition Assistant, Scotts Creek Elementary School
9. Woody, Chad – Activity Bus Driver, District-wide

Employee Resignations:

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

2. Kilby, Charles – Custodian and Bus Driver, Blue Ridge School
3. Banks, David – Head Coach Wrestling, Smoky Mountain High School
4. Mathis, Stephanie – School Nutrition Assistant, Fairview Elementary School
5. Marraffa, Victoria – Teacher, Smokey Mountain Elementary School

Employee Retirements:

1. Clarke, Karen – School Counselor, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School
2. Mincey, Patricia – Teacher, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School

Staff Coach Recommendations:

1. McElroy, Craig – Assistant Coach Varsity Softball, Smoky Mountain High School

Read to Achieve Camp Recommendations:

Blue Ridge School

1. Holden, Tracie - Teacher
2. Spangenberg, Blair - Teacher
3. Stewart, Wendy - Teacher

Cullowhee Valley Elementary School

1. Barkiewicz, Amanda – Teacher
2. Day, Rebecca – Teacher
3. Fox, Paula – Teacher
4. McDaniel, Erin – Teacher
5. Muir, Rebecca – Teacher

Fairview Elementary School

1. Cabe, Pam - Teacher
2. Caudle, Kim - Teacher
3. Conlin, Sharon - Teacher
4. Howell, Wendy - Teacher
5. Whisnant, Holly - Teacher

Scotts Creek Elementary School

1. Mahoney, Chris - Teacher
2. Martin, Shirley – Teacher
3. Shipman, Laura – Teacher

Smokey Mountain Elementary School

1. Brooks, Bridgette - Teacher
2. Howe Kilpartick, Alicia - Teacher
3. Maney, Christy – Substitute Teacher
4. McClellan, Jesame – Substitute Teacher
5. Pangle, Alaina - Teacher

Summer Academic Camp:

Blue Ridge Early College

1. Lanning, Max - Teacher
2. Rowland, Lindsey - Teacher

Cullowhee Valley Elementary School

1. Ammons, Stephanie – Teacher
2. Bruegger, Sarah – Teacher
3. Cabe, Tammy – Teacher
4. Poteat, Beth – Teacher
5. Watson, Kelli – Teacher
6. Willet, Danielle – Teacher

Fairview Elementary School

1. Miller, Morag – Teacher
2. Morgan, Kirsten – Teacher
3. Rearigh, Andrea – Teacher

Scotts Creek Elementary School

1. Bryson, Kim - Teacher
2. Fiskeaux, Kim - Teacher

Smokey Mountain Elementary School

1. Estep, Audrey – Substitute Teacher
2. Frese, Jamie - Teacher
3. Hall, Amanda – Substitute Teacher
4. Jamison, Charity – Substitute Teacher
5. Lundberg, Michelle – Substitute Teacher
6. Pruett, Tonya - Teacher
7. Smith, Sheila - Teacher

Smoky Mountain High School

1. Collins, Stacey – Teacher
2. Ensley, Cindy - Teacher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Education is April 25, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at the Cullowhee Valley Elementary School, 240 Wisdom Drive, Cullowhee, North Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, Chairman Henke adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Ken Henke, Chairman

Dr. Michael L. Murray, Secretary