

**Jackson County Board of Education  
Minutes of Special-Called Meeting  
Sylva, North Carolina**

398 Hospital Road, Sylva

February 2, 2018

10:00 a.m.

The Jackson County Board of Education met in a Special-Called Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on February 2, 2018, at 398 Hospital Road, Sylva, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss personnel and to approve the contract for superintendent of Jackson County Public Schools. The following members were present:

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

Also present were Interim Superintendent, Dr. Kim Elliott; Board Attorney John Henning; and Board Clerk, Cora Fields.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ken Henke called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Henke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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.*

**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**

Mr. Henke announced that no action was taken in closed session.

**ACTION AGENDA**

- A. **Agenda Item:** Recommendation for Superintendent  
**Presenter:** Mr. Ken Henke, Chairman

On behalf of the board, Chairman Mr. Henke made a recommendation that Dr. Kimberly Elliott be named Superintendent of Jackson County Public Schools.

**Action:** *Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mrs. Margaret McRae, the board voted four to one to appoint Dr. Kimberly Elliott as Superintendent of Jackson County Public Schools.*

- B. **Agenda Item:** Approve Superintendents Contract  
**Presenter:** Mr. Ken Henke, Chairman

On behalf of the board, Chairman Mr. Henke thanked Dr. Elliott for her service as Interim Superintendent for the previous seven months and made a recommendation that the board approve a four year contract.

**Action:** *Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, the board voted unanimously to approve a four year contract for Superintendent Dr. Kim Elliott.*

- C. **Agenda Item:** Oath of Office  
**Presenter:** Mrs. Cora Fields, Board Clerk and Notary Public

Mrs. Cora Fields, North Carolina Notary Public administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Kimberly Elliott, Superintendent of Jackson County Public Schools.

**Action:** *Oath of Office Administered - No Additional Action Taken*

Chairman Ken Henke read aloud a press release and stated that the board is looking forward to working with her to advance the good work being done in Jackson County Public Schools.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Education is February 27, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at the Board of Education Administrative Offices, 398 Hospital Road, Sylva, North Carolina.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no objection, Chairman Henke adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

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Ken Henke, Chairman

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Dr. Kim Elliott, Secretary