

MINUTES OF MEETING
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 5, 2019

The Columbus County Board of Education met on this date in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Columbus County Board of Education. The following persons were present:

Monte Herring, Chair
Worley Edwards, Vice-Chairman
Randy Coleman
Junior Dew
Ronnie Strickland

Deanne Meadows, Superintendent
Jonathan Williams, Assistant Superintendent
Bill Phipps, Board Attorney
Bonita Pridgen, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Herring.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the minutes of the July 17, 2019, meeting were approved.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Dew, the final agenda for August 5, 2019, was approved.

Ms. Diane Mathews (The News Reporter, Inc.) and Ms. Peggy Gerald were present as guests.

The floor was opened for public comments.

By motion of Mr. Dew, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the proposed 2019-2020 testing calendar was approved, as presented by Mrs. Tamra Carter. See attachment No. 3977.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Dew, the report card release dates, 2019-2020 SY were approved, as shared by Mrs. Tamra Carter. See attachment No. 3978.

By motion of Mr. Dew, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the 2019-2020 interim report release dates were approved. See attachment No. 3979.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the staggered enrollment of kindergarten (August 12-14 only) students at Acme Delco Elementary, Cerro Gordo Elementary, Chadbourn Elementary, Evergreen Elementary, Guideway Elementary, Hallsboro/Artesia Elementary, Old Dock Elementary, Tabor City Elementary, and Williams Township Schools, SY 2019-2020, was approved as shared by Mrs. Kim Edwards.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Dew, the Pre-K home connection/screening (August 12-13) and staggered enrollment (August 14-16 only), for the 2019-2020 SY was approved.

By motion of Mr. Dew, seconded by Mr. Edwards, East Columbus High School, South Columbus High School and West Columbus High School graduations dates for the 2019-2020 SY were approved. The date for graduation at the Columbus Career and College Academy will be shared at the next board meeting to be held on September 3, 2019. See attachment No. 3980.

By motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the transportation agreement with First Transit was approved, as shared by Mr. Eddie Beck. See attachment No. 3981.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Dew, the mileage rates for activity buses (\$1.50 per mile) and fleet cars (.30¢), was approved.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Dew, the child nutrition bids 2019-2020 SY were approved. See attachment No. 3982.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the bid for the purchase of a 2019 Model Year RAM 3500 Tradesman Regular Cab 4 x 2 from Van Underwood CJD, in the amount of \$33,611.00, was approved, as presented by Mr. Timmy Ward. See attachment No. 3983.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the Board approved the awarding of bid, which will be opened on August 12, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. at the Columbus County Board of Education, for Phase II roofing at West Columbus High School to the low bidder at a cost that is equal to or less than Phase I.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the payment request for two invoices numbered 12 from Szostak Design, Inc. Tabor City PreK-8 Project (\$35,278.00) and the West Columbus PreK-8 Project (\$32,528.26) were approved. Invoices will be sent to Mrs. Bobbie Faircloth, County of Columbus Finance Officer, for payment. See attachment No. 3984.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the revisions to Board Policy: 2235/5005 School Advisory Council were approved. See attachment No. 3985.

By consensus, the following School Advisory Council Appointments for the 2019-2020 SY were appointed to serve:

Cerro Gordo Elementary School

Leigh Brown, Chad Herring, Tyrone Anderson, Tyler Dippel, George Strickland, Kevin Graves, Jennifer Callihan Collins (Herring)

Chadbourn Elementary School

Samuel Battle, Marc Johnson, Eustaqsia Vaeana, Jacqueline Roseboro, Kayla Register (Strickland)

Columbus Career and College Academy
Fair Bluff and Southeastern Campuses

Lydia Parker and Ronnette Smith (Coleman)

Robin Brown, Kelly Jones (Edwards)

Christian Lane, Shane Enzor, Bill Worley
(Strickland)

Barbara Yates-Lockamy, Sterling Lennon
(Herring)

East Columbus High School

Kim Pierce and Michelle Mitchell (Dew)

Evergreen Elementary School

Shane Barnhill, Rashad Roberts, Sabrena
Wilson, Sam Battle, Chassika Carter, Mary
Donna Strickland (Strickland)

South Columbus High School

Jacqueline S. Beck, Wendy Ward, Brandon
Grigsby, Nicole Ganus, Greg Hewett, Christa
Hilbourn, Jenny Donnell Johnson, Matthew
Gore, Michael Chad Turbeville (Edwards)

Tabor City Elementary School

Jenny Fonvielle, Kevin Norris, Adrianna
Nealey, Miranda Thompkins, Ashley Shaw,
Carnelia Johnson (Edwards)

Tabor City Middle School

Erin Mincey, Iesha Bell, Ordener Bronnar,
Crystal Worley, Pinky Smith, Donna Stanley
(Edwards)

West Columbus High School

Gene Nance, Earl Redwine, Jr., Eugene
Sturdivant, Kiley Hinson, Priscilla McDuffie,
Timothy Lance (Strickland)

Ricky Benton, II, Nicky Nance, Jeffery
Axelberg, Doris Jackson, Mark Brown,
Kathleen Edge (Herring)

Williams Township School

Jamie Fipps, Edmund Waties Greene, III,
Tara Godwin, Erica W. Kinlaw, Susan
McPherson, Angela Thompson, Relinda
Simmons, Kayla George, Chris Worley
(Edwards)

By consensus, the following School Advisory Council Appointments for the 2019-2020 SY were rescinded:

Columbus Career and College Academy
Fair Bluff and Southeastern Campuses -

Virginia Litrell, Jeff Clarke (Dew)

East Columbus High School

Timothy Mitchell, Thelietha Martin (Dew)

By motion of Mr. Dew, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the additional fundraisers for Evergreen Elementary School and the new fundraiser request for East Columbus High School was approved. See attachment No. 3986.

By motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the revised Columbus County Schools Calendar, 2019-2020 SY was approved, as discussed. See attachment No. 3987.

The following items were presented as information:

--Mrs. Donna Bartley, Child Nutrition Director, was recognized by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Food Distribution Division.

--Child Nutrition Director, Mrs. Donna Bartley, was recognized by the Public schools of North Carolina regarding the 2017-2018 North Carolina School Breakfast Program.

--Graduation dates for the 2019-2020 SY were shared.

--Mr. Timmy Ward provided an update on the West Columbus High School roofing project.

--An update on the relocation of classrooms at Cerro Gordo Elementary School and Tabor City Elementary School was shared by Mr. Timmy Ward.

--Mr. Timmy Ward discussed the possibility of dates for a surplus sale at Cerro Gordo Elementary School and Tabor City Elementary School. The board discussed holding the sale for Tabor City Elementary School will be held in conjunction with the YAM Festival events. Dates will be chosen at the September 3, 2019, meeting.

--A Hurricane Florence FEMA update was shared by Mr. Timmy Ward.

--Board was asked to review dates to remember.

--Notes of appreciation from the family of Jolena Long Timmons and the family of Janice Gore were shared.

--Board discussed the acquisition/exchange of property at Cerro Gordo Elementary School for the new K-8 building project. No action was taken.

--The 2019-2020 Budget Allocation from the Columbus County Board of Commissioners was shared by Mrs. Lisa Nowlin. See attachment No. 3988.

By motion of Mr. Dew, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the proposal with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for the purchase of HMH into Reading K-5 was approved, as presented by Mrs. Lisa Nowlin. See attachment No. 3989.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Dew, the proposed 2019-2020 Federal projects were approved, as shared by Mrs. Lisa Nowlin. See attachment No. 3990.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the Board went into closed session to discuss information that is privileged, confidential, and not a public record under GS 143-318.11 (a) (1).

Prior to returning to open session, action was taken on the following item(s):

By motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Strickland, Dr. Meadows was as authorized to act on the appeals for student reassignments for the 2019-2020 SY in accordance with established Board policy. See attachment No. 3991.

By motion of Mr. Dew, seconded by Mr. Strickland, Dr. Meadows was authorized to act on the new request (grades NC PK – 12) for student reassignment for the 2019-2020 SY in accordance with established Board policy. See attachment No. 3992.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the Board returned to open session.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, personnel actions and addendum to personnel actions, as amended, were approved, as recommended by Dr. Meadows. See attachment No. 3993.

In other business, the following items were discussed and action, when necessary, taken:

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Dew, the reassignment of Dr. Jonathan Williams from assistant superintendent to associate superintendent effective July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, was approved.

The Board will meet in regular session on September 3, 2019, at the Columbus County Board of Education in the conference room at 5:30 p.m.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Superintendent/Secretary