

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
December 2, 2019 5:30 p.m.
Central Office

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Monte Herring

MINUTES

November 4, 2019

ADOPTION OF FINAL AGENDA – December 2, 2019

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD FOR 2020 – Mr. Bill Phipps presides

Nominations for Chairman

Nominations for Vice-Chairman

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN – Mr. Jess Hill, Clerk of Superior Court

Chairman
Vice-Chairman

(A) APPOINTMENT OF BOARD ATTORNEY FOR 2020

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. North Carolina Yam Festival Best of Show – South Columbus High School student, Ms. Layla Ayers, and Ms. Bre Giddings, Teacher
2. Mrs. Sally Mann, Columbus County Arts Council, presentation to the North Carolina Yam Festival Best of Show – Ms. Layla Ayers, South Columbus High School
3. Recognition of winners at the Ashley High School One Act Play Contest:
 - a. South Columbus High School – Mrs. Amy Jones, Teacher

Best Actor	Hannah Williams
Best Supporting Actor	Liliana Rivero

- b. West Columbus High School – Mrs. Jessica Williamson, Teacher

Best Actress	Allie Thompson
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- (B) 4. Recognition of the recipient of the “2019 Raleigh Dingman Award for Outstanding Boardsmanship” presented at the 50th Annual North Carolina School Boards Association Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina – Mr. Monte Herring
- (C) 5. Superintendent’s Choice - Christmas Card Design winner, Bryssa Simmons, Freshman at West Columbus High School - Mrs. Susan Martin, Teacher
6. Recognition of the Lake Waccamaw Lions Club Elementary Teacher of the Year – Mrs. Sharon Ehlers-Zickafoose, Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary School
7. Recognition of Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation (ATMC) Grant recipients, 2019-2020 SY
- a. Guideway Elementary School
- Mr. Rod Gore – *Plant Clone/Tissue Culture*
- b. Nakina Middle School
- Mrs. Velvet Hardwick – *Computer Connections*
Mr. Clayton Reaves – *Science Lab 2.0*
Mrs. Julie Sellers – *Finally a Quiet Place to Read*
- c. Old Dock Elementary School
- Mrs. Kim Andrews – *Step Into the Future*
- d. South Columbus High School
- Mrs. Donna Thigpen – *School Health Services – Helping Hands*
- e. Williams Township School
- Ms. Amanda Greene – *Updating Technology for All*
Ms. Sheila Lanier – *Reading Equals Succeeding*
8. Recognition of Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) Bright Ideas Grant winners, 2019-2020 SY
- a. Cerro Gordo Elementary School
- Ms. Morgan Pierce – *Colorful Learning*

- b. Columbus Career and College Academy
Mr. Fred Mason – *Measuring for Success*
 - c. East Columbus High School
Mrs. Mariel Sellers – *Bringing Biotechnology Into the Classroom*
 - d. Evergreen Elementary School
Ms. Erica Jackson – *Filling Their Toolkits*
 - e. Guideway Elementary School
Mr. Rod A. Gore - *Growing Microgreens*
 - f. Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary School
Troy Pierce – *Creative Solutions*
 - g. Nakina Middle School
Mrs. Velvet Hardwick – *Computer Connections*
 - h. Old Dock Elementary School
Ms. Pamela Cook – *All Play and Work-How Pre-K Children Learn*
Ms. Lillie Royal – *Building our Learning*
 - i. South Columbus High School
Ms. Mary Gore – *Can you Escape From Math?*
Ms. Jennifer Foley – *Bringing Life to Biology*
 - j. West Columbus High School
Mrs. Dawn Hinshaw – *No Soil, No Problem!*
Mr. Fred McPherson – *Animal Agriculture*
 - k. Williams Township School
Mrs. Cassie Hoffman – *Beyond Code with Sphero*
9. Recognition of recipient of the Dollar General Literacy Grant - Mrs. Angela Edwards,
Media Coordinator at Cerro Gordo Elementary School

- (D) 10. Discussion and action on request from Jon Williams for construction of a walkway at Williams Township School for his Eagle Scout Project

AUXILIARY SERVICES

- (E) 1. Discussion and action on Town of Cerro Gordo Zoning Compliance Permit – Dr. Williams
- (F) 2. Review and action on Application for a Variance by the Tabor City Zoning Ordinance – Dr. Williams
- (G) 3. Columbus County Schools Construction Schedules moving forward
- (H) 4. Discussion on Segregated Cost Form for West Columbus Pre-K-8 School from Mr. David Clinton, Szostak Design, Inc.

CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION/ACCOUNTABILITY

- (I) Discussion and action on School Improvement Plans, 2019-2020 SY
 - a. Acme Delco Elementary School
 - b. Chadbourn Elementary School
 - c. Evergreen Elementary School
 - d. Tabor City Elementary School
 - e. Tabor City Middle School

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

None

GENERAL ITEMS

- (J) 1. Review and action on revised North Carolina School Board Associations policy 7241: Drug and Alcohol Testing of Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators due to legislative and other policy updates
- (K) 2. Discussion on revision to AR Code 3320-R School Trips
- (L) 3. Review of school trip request from Tabor City Middle School to attend the Junior Beta Club Convention in Greensboro, North Carolina February 4-5, 2020
- (M) 4. Discussion and action on Resolution Urging the State to Take Action to Remit Civil Penalties Unconstitutionally Withheld from North Carolina's Public Schools
- 5. Discussion on 2020-2021 School Calendar

6. Discussion and action on request for attorney to attend the 53rd Annual Attorneys' Conference, at the School of Government in Chapel Hill, North Carolina February 7, 2020
7. Date(s) to remember

December 9-15	---	Hour of Code/Computer Science Education Week
December 21	---	First Day of Winter
December 25	---	Christmas Day
March 20–21, 2020	---	Celebrate the Arts at West Columbus High School (no field trips on these dates)
May 21, 2020	---	East Columbus High School Graduation at 6:00 pm
May 22, 2020	---	Columbus Career and College Academy Graduation at 10:00 a.m. at Southeastern Community College
		West Columbus High School Graduation at 6:00 pm
May 23, 2020	---	South Columbus High School Graduation at 10:00 a.m.
November/December	---	Review of Holiday Concert Schedule – Handout in packet

FINANCE

- (N) 1. Discussion and action on letter of intent selecting Tyler Technologies as new modern human resources and financial software solution – Mrs. Lisa Nowlin
- (O) 2. Review of monthly financial report – Mrs. Lisa Nowlin

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

I move that the Columbus County Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of (one or more of the following):

1. Discussing information that is privileged, confidential, or not a public record under GS 143-318.11 (a) (1);
2. Discussing the conferring of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize or similar award GS 143-318.11 (a) (2);
3. Consulting with our attorney concerning:
 - a. the handling of a claim by _____
 - b. judicial action brought by _____ against the Columbus County Board of Education
 - c. an administrative procedure brought by _____

4. Discussing the acquisition of real estate/the terms of an employment contract GS 143.318.11 (a) (5).
5. Considering a personnel action that involves an officer or employee of this Board.
6. Planning, conducting, hearing, and reports concerning the investigation of alleged criminal misconduct GS 143.318.11 (a) (7).

APPEALS/PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

- (P) Notification of Leave Requests

MOTION FOR OPEN SESSION

- (Q) Review and action on personnel actions

OTHER BUSINESS

Next regular meeting January 13, 2020, at the Columbus County Board of Education in the conference room at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT