

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
February 3, 2020 5:30 p.m.  
Central Office

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Mr. Worley T. Edwards

MINUTES

January 13, 2020, January 27, 2020, January 28, 2020, and January 30, 2020

ADOPTION OF FINAL AGENDA – February 3, 2020

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognition of newly certified National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
  - a. Cerro Gordo Elementary School – Mrs. Casey Waddell Nealy
  - b. Evergreen Elementary School - Ms. Erica Jackson
2. Recognition of Poetry Out Loud Winner – Ms. Alyssa Morris, South Columbus High School
3. Recognition of National Scholastics Silver Key – Ms. Mason Parker, Tabor City Middle School
4. Recognition of National Scholastics Honorable Mention recipients from East Columbus High School – Mr. Logan Bash and Mr. Jacob Russ
- (A) 5. Recognition of recipient of the 2019-2020 North Carolina Agricultural Education Program Improvement Grant titled “Animals in Agriculture” – Mr. Fred McPherson, West Columbus High School

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Guideway community concerning the consolidation proposal – Mrs. Kelly Lovett
2. Guideway Elementary School – Mr. Corbin Lovett
3. Guideway Elementary School – Mr. Nico Lagunas
4. Guideway Elementary School – Mr. Anthony Ransom
5. Guideway Elementary School – Mrs. Ashley Ransom
6. School Proposal – Mr. Michael Sasser
7. Guideway Elementary School – Mr. Thomas McClellan

8. Michael Pease
9. Closing of Guideway Elementary School - Tammy Nunez
10. Current School Closing Proposal - Mrs. Darla Fowler
11. Concerning Guideway Elementary School Closing – Mrs. Heather McLamb

#### AUXILIARY SERVICES

- (B) Discussion and action on payment of Affinity Energy & Environmental Engineers, PA, invoice for update of Tabor City Elementary Phase I – Dr. Jonathan Williams

#### CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION/ACCOUNTABILITY

None

#### STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

None

#### GENERAL ITEMS

1. Discussion and action school consolidation to include:
  - a. Proposed closing of Acme Delco Middle School and Hallsboro Middle School, effective June 2020, to consolidate into K-6 at Acme Delco Elementary School and Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary School with East Columbus High becoming a Jr.-Sr. High School with Grades 7-12 effective June 2020
  - b. Proposed closing of Guideway Elementary School to consolidate into K-4 Old Dock Elementary School and 5-8 at Nakina Middle School, effective June 2020
  - c. The relocation of students and programs for Columbus Career and College Academy from the Fair Bluff campus to the Southeastern Community Campus effective June 2020
  - d. Proposed closing of Evergreen Elementary School and Cerro Gordo Elementary School (once construction of new K-8 school is completed) anticipated effective date of June 2021
  - e. Proposed closing of Tabor City Middle School and Tabor City Elementary School (once construction of new K-8 school is completed) anticipated effective date of June 2022
  - f. Proposed closing of Mount Olive/Plant Operations site and Central Office Operations (Technology and Child Nutrition) to relocate to Hallsboro Middle School effective June 2020
  - g. Such other closings, combinations or consolidations as may properly come before the Board for consideration at each of the scheduled Public Hearings
- (C) 2. Review and action on overnight in state/out-of-state school trip requests:
  - a. South Columbus High School Varsity Cheerleaders to travel to Canam Nationals in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina March 20-21, 2020

- b. West Columbus High School FFA to travel to State Dairy Judging in Winston Salem, North Carolina March 26-27, 2020
  - c. West Columbus High School FFA to travel to State FFA Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina June 16-18, 2020
  - d. West Columbus High School FFA to travel to Chapter Officer Leadership Camp in Bryson City, North Carolina July 26-31, 2020
  - e. South Columbus High School Choral Music Students to travel to the National Heritage Choral Festival Competition 2020 in Washington, DC April 17-19, 2020
3. Discussion and action on request from East Columbus High School for a supplement (4%) for a JV Girls' Soccer coach
- (D) 4. Discussion and action on nominee to serve on the NCSBA's Legislative Committee
5. Date(s) to remember
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| February 1-29 | --- | African America History Month  |
|               | --- | American Hearth Month  |
| February 3-7  | --- | National School Counselor Week   |
| February 5    | --- | Principal Meeting  |
| February 6    | --- | Teacher Advisory Council   |
| February 12   | --- | Distribution of Non-School Related Materials at High Schools Only                              |
| February 13   | --- | Fourth Grading Period Ends (Grades 9-12)   |
| February 14   | --- | Mandatory Teacher Workday  |
|               | --- | Valentine's Day  |
| February 17   | --- | President's Day  |
| February 27   | --- | Middle School Battle of the Books at West Columbus High School 9:00 a.m.                       |
| March 2-31    | --- | Teacher Working Conditions Survey  |
| March 20-21   | --- | Celebrate the Arts at West Columbus High School (no field trips on these dates)                |
| April 2       | --- | Middle School Regional Battle of Books at West Columbus High                                   |
| April 20      | --- | No field trips for the remainder of the 2019-2020 SY   |
| May 21        | --- | East Columbus High School Graduation at 6:00 pm  |
| May 22        | --- | 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        | --- | South Columbus High School Graduation at 10:00 a.m.  |

**FINANCE**

- (E) 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

- (F) Notification of Leave Requests

#### **MOTION FOR OPEN SESSION**

- (G) Review and action on personnel actions

#### OTHER BUSINESS

1. Closed session actionable items (if necessary)
2. Next regular meeting March 2, 2020, at the Columbus County Board of Education in the conference room at 5:30 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT