

MINUTES OF MEETING
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 3, 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. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Dew, the minutes of the August 5, 2019, meeting were approved.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the final agenda for September 3, 2019, was approved.

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

The floor was opened for public comments.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the acquisition/exchange of property at Cerro Gordo Elementary School for the new PreK-8 building project was approved. See attachment No. 3994.

By motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the list of auction items, as shared by Mr. Timmy Ward, were approved. See attachment No. 3995.

By motion of Mr. Dew, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the low bid, in the amount of \$379,770.00, from B & M Roofing for the phase 2 roofing project at West Columbus High School was approved. See attachment No. 3996.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the amendments to the professional services at West Columbus PreK-8 and Tabor City PreK-8 agreement with Szostak Design, Inc., was approved as discussed. See attachment No. 3997.

By motion of Mr. Dew, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the request for Career Technical Education student internships/mentorships for the period July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2022, with the following agencies: Brunswick Health and Rehabilitation Center, Columbus Regional Healthcare System, Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehab Center of Columbus County, LLC, Loris Rehab and Nursing Center, and Shoreland Healthcare and Retirement Center, Inc., were approved, as presented by Mr. Ken Buck. See attachment No. 3998.

By motion of Mr. Dew, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the Southeastern Community & Family Services, Inc. Early Head Start/Head Start Program Interagency Collaborative Agreement with Columbus County Schools was approved, as shared by Mr. Eddie Beck. See attachment No. 3999.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the revised graduation dates to include Columbus Career and College Academy – Fair Bluff and Southeastern campuses was approved. See attachment No. 4000.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Dew, the request from Acme Delco Elementary School Principal, Mr. Jamie Faulk, to add an additional color (navy blue) of shirt to the uniform dress policy, 2019-2020 SY was approved. See attachment No. 4001.

By motion of Mr. Dew, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the information from Lower Cape Fear Hospice regarding their no-cost grief support services for schools, as presented by Dr. Heather Pigot, was approved. See attachment No. 4002.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Dew, the request from Southeastern Community College for the use of certain facilities on an as needed basis for scheduled Workforce Continuing Education classes, 2019-2020 SY, were approved. See attachment No. 4003.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Dew, the additional fundraisers for Acme Delco Elementary School and Columbus Career and College Academy were approved. See attachment No. 4004.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Board approved Mr. Monte Herring as their nominee for the 2019 Raleigh Dingman Award.

The following items were presented as information:

--Mr. Timmy Ward discussed the dates for a surplus sale at Cerro Gordo Elementary School (October 19, 2019, at 12 noon) and Tabor City Elementary School (October 26, 2019 at 12 noon). See attachment No. 4005.

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

--Board was informed of request for an overnight school trip from South Columbus High School FFA to travel to the NC State FFA Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina June 16-18, 2020.

--Dr. Meadows shared the "Proclamation of September 12 Attendance Awareness Month" from the North Carolina Early Childhood Foundation. See attachment No. 4006.

--Ten-day enrollment data, 2019-2020 SY was shared.

--Administrative Regulation Code: 6315-R2: Drivers was discussed. See attachment No. 4007.

--Dr. Meadows shared the impact letter regarding Davis Academy. See attachment No. 4008.

--The request from the NCSBA to host the District meeting September 2020 was shared.

--The Board was asked to review the note of appreciation to Mr. Douglas W. Humphrey, McDonald's Supervisor, for donation of "Educator's Appreciation" reusable cards to all employees.

--Board was asked to review dates to remember.

--The monthly financial report was shared by Mrs. Lisa Nowlin. See attachment No. 4009.

--Notification of leave requests was shared. See attachment No. 4010.

--The following items were removed from the agenda and no consideration was given:

- the revised child nutrition calendar
- notification of "The Hunter Dalton HD Life" presentation

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Strickland, 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):

The request for student reassignment appeal was withdrawn by the parent. See attachment No. 4011.

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

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Dew, personnel actions and addendum to personnel actions, as amended, were approved, as recommended by Dr. Meadows. Mr. Coleman recused himself from the vote on coaching assignments at East Columbus High School. See attachment No. 4012.

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

By motion of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Strickland, the revision to Board Policy: 7500 Workday and Overtime was approved. See attachment No. 4013.

By motion of Mr. Strickland, seconded by Mr. Dew, the school trip request from Evergreen Elementary School Beta Club to travel to Washington DC April 21-24, 2020, was approved.

The Board will meet in regular session on October 7, 2019, at the Columbus County Board of Education in the conference room at 5:30 p.m.

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

Chairman

Superintendent/Secretary