

Henderson County Board of Public Education

MINUTES

January 14, 2019

The Henderson County Board of Public Education met in a regular business meeting on January 14, 2019 in the Boardroom of the Administrative Offices located at 414 Fourth Avenue West, Hendersonville, N.C.

Board Members Present: Amy Lynn Holt, Chairperson; Mary Louise Corn, Vice Chairperson; Michael Absher, Dot Case, Blair Craven, Jay Egolf and Rick Wood.

Administrative Staff Present: Bo Caldwell, Ed.S., Superintendent; John Bryant, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services; Jan King, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction; Rick Fender, Chief Technology Officer; Scott Rhodes, Chief Human Resources Officer and Bernie Sochia, Chief Finance Officer.

Attorney Present: Chris Campbell

CALL-TO-ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chair, Mrs. Amy Lynn Holt, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and requested that everyone present stand as the North Henderson High School Army ROTC honor guard posted the colors. Mrs. Holt led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mrs. Amy Lynn Holt called for approval of the meeting agenda. Mr. Blair Craven moved that the agenda be approved as presented, seconded by Mrs. Mary Louise Corn. (*Unanimously approved.*)

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Jan King, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented twelve Henderson County educators who achieved National Board Certification. Principal Peggy Marshall presented the writing contest winners from Hendersonville Elementary School. Assistant Principal, Amanda Childers, presented writing competition winners and the Mock Trial Team winners from Hendersonville Middle School.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Mr. Scott Cowan, e-Learning Advisor, for the Henderson County Virtual Public School, shared information regarding the online program. Henderson County Virtual Public School provides online coursework to high school students to create flexible scheduling options and increased opportunities for students to personalize their high school experience. The program began in the Spring of 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Thomas Hill spoke regarding the Hendersonville High School project.

Mrs. Brenda Gorsuch asked the Board to consider salary supplements for Journalism teachers at all schools.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Amy Lynn Holt cited the Board's receipt of the Consent Agenda presented for approval upon recommendation of the Superintendent. Prior to the meeting, Board members received documentation relative to the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Meeting Schedule
 - 1. HCBPE School Visit [Wednesday, February 6, 2019 12:00 p.m., (Clear Creek Elementary)]
 - 2. HCBPE Regular Business Meeting [Monday, February 11, 2019, 6:30 p.m., (Boardroom)]
- B. Minutes
 - 1. November 7, 2018 (*School Visit, Atkinson Elementary*)
 - 2. November 19, 2018 (*Regular Business Meeting*)
 - 3. December 5, 2018 (*School Visit, Bruce Drysdale Elementary*)
 - 4. December 7, 2018 (*Special Called Business Meeting*)
- C. Personnel (*as presented in closed session*)
- D. Student Acceptances/Releases (*as presented in closed session*)
- E. Budget Amendment
- F. Resolution – Supporting Local Control of School Calendars
- G. Resolution – African-American History Month

Board member, Mrs. Mary Louise Corn read the *Supporting Local Control of School Calendars* resolution and Mr. Blair Craven read the *African-American History Month* resolution for the record.

Mr. Michael Absher moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Seconded by Mr. Mr. Blair Craven. (*Unanimously approved.*)

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. John Bryant brought the following policies to the Board for second reading. Dr. Bryant responded to questions from Board members.

A. Approval – Policy – 4342 Student Searches – (*Second Reading*) (*Dr. John Bryant*)
Mr. Blair Craven made a motion to approve the policy as presented for second reading. Mr. Michael Absher seconded the motion. Voting yes: Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Corn, Mr. Absher, Mr. Craven, Mr. Egolf, Mr. Wood. Voting no: Mrs. Case. *Motion approved, 6-1 in favor of adopting Policy 4343 Student Searches.*

B. Approval – Policy – 3410 Testing and Assessment Program – (*Second Reading*) (*Dr. John Bryant*)
Mrs. Mary Louise Corn made a motion to approve the policy as presented for second reading. Mr. Blair Craven seconded. (*Unanimously approved.*)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Dr. John Bryant presented the 2019-2020 Draft Traditional Schedule calendar for first reading approval. Mrs. Mary Louise Corn made a motion for the Board to approve the 2019-2020 Traditional School Calendar for first reading, seconded by Ms. Dot Case. (*Unanimously approved.*)

B. Dr. John Bryant presented the 2019-2020 Draft Flexible Schedule calendar for first reading approval. Mr. Blair Craven made a motion for the Board to approve the 2019-2020 Flexible School Calendar for first reading, seconded by Mrs. Mary Louise Corn. (*Unanimously approved.*)

C. Dr. John Bryant presented the 2019-2020 Draft Henderson County Early College Schedule calendar for first reading approval. Mr. Jay Egolf made a motion for the Board to approve the 2019-2020 Henderson County Early College calendar for first reading, seconded by Mr. Michael Absher. (*Unanimously approved.*)

D. Representatives from the architect firms of PFA/LS3P; Maggie Carnavale, Scott Donald, Amy Dowty, PFA; and Jamie Henderson of LS3P, shared their Draft Advance Planning Report on Hendersonville High School with Board members on Monday, January 7, 2019, at an open School Board workshop. The proposed budget for the Hendersonville High School project is \$59,175,605.00. All Board members expressed their approval of the project and the not-to-exceed budget number. Dr. John Bryant presented the Hendersonville High School Construction Proposal for Board approval. Mr. Blair Craven made the motion to approve the proposal as submitted. Mrs. Mary Louise Corn Seconded. (*Unanimously approved.*) The proposal will be presented to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners on January 16, 2019 for their review and approval. Superintendent Caldwell commented that the artificial turf for the Hendersonville High School football field should be included in this project budget as well. Mr. Jay Egolf reiterated the need for Board members to be in agreement on the project as presented and its proposed not-to-exceed budget. Board members stated they were all in agreement.

Mr. Blair Craven expressed the need to reactivate the Joint Facilities Committee that once existed between the Henderson County Board of Commissioners and the Henderson County Board of Public Education. Board members voiced their agreement with Mr. Craven's statement. Superintendent Bo Caldwell suggested that Board Chair, Mrs. Amy Lynn Holt, craft a letter to be delivered to Chairman, Grady Hawkins, stating the Board's request. Board members agreed. Superintendent Caldwell will deliver the letter to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Blair Craven made a motion to re-establish the Joint Facilities Committee with the Henderson County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Michael Absher seconded the motion. (*Unanimously approved.*)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Dr. John Bryant presented a school safety update sharing the status of ongoing safety enhancements being made in the schools. He shared slides of the single point entry access projects that have already been completed or are near completion, at Flat Rock Middle, Atkinson Elementary, North Henderson High, West Henderson High, Etowah Elementary, Glenn Marlow Elementary and Dana Elementary Schools. Dr. Bryant and Superintendent Caldwell thanked Mr. Kent Parent for his dedication and tireless work as we continue to secure our schools.

Dr. John Bryant stated that the revised school calendars are online and available for public access. Calendars have been modified due to inclement weather and the large amount of snowfall in December, 2018, which caused the system to miss 5 consecutive days of school. A full week has been added to the end of the 2018-2019 school calendar. The last day of school for 2018-2019 is June, 14, 2019.

Mr. Bernie Sochia presented the results of operations of the Local Current Expense and Other Restricted Funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year as of December 31, 2018. Results of operations of the Local Current Expense and Other Restricted Funds for the 2018-19 fiscal year as of December 31, 2018: Revenues total \$17,517,319 and expenditures total \$15,363,318, leaving a positive balance of \$2,154,001 on current year operations. At month 6, this marks the middle of the fiscal year and expenditures are as expected with 49.7% of the current annual budget expended.

Results of operations of the Capital Outlay Fund for the 2018-19 fiscal year as of December 31, 2018: Of the \$2,327,705 currently budgeted for Capital projects, \$1,315,263 has been completed and paid. Of the remaining, \$785,754 has been encumbered and is in process. These are for the roofing and school safety projects. That leaves a \$226,688 balance mostly for the district-wide safety initiatives.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Superintendent Caldwell cited the Board's receipt of the Calendar of Activities for the months of January and February 2019. He asked the board to review the dates for their February school visit and Board meeting. He reminded Board members to review the list of dates he sent to them via email for the 2019-2020 Budget meetings and to contact him with any issues.

GENERAL OPERATIONS

Mr. Caldwell stated it is an honor to work with members of his Leadership Team. He added that schools of excellence require leaders of excellence and we are very fortunate to have these professionals working daily for our students. Mr. Caldwell thanked members of the Leadership Team for their dedication to Henderson County Public Schools.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Michael Absher moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Blair Craven. (*Unanimously approved at 8:40 pm.*)

Minutes approved: February 11, 2019