

Alleghany County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Alleghany County Board of Education, Central Office Conference Room
85 Peachtree St, Sparta, NC 28675
September 8, 2020

Present: Amy Bottomley; Chair, Dr. Suzanne Mellow-Irwin; Vice Chair, Chad Loggins, Donna Rea and Jason Carpenter (joined by teleconference).

Staff members present and participating: Chad Beasley; Superintendent, Scott Carter; Associate Superintendent.

I. Moment of Silence.

II. Call to Order. Amy Bottomley, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

III. Pledge of Allegiance – Amy Bottomley, Board Chair asked Chad Loggins, Board Member to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board member Jason Carpenter joined the meeting by phone at this time.

IV. Public Comments – Mrs. Bottomley called for public comments. There were none.

V. Approval of Agenda. Chad Loggins made a motion to approve the agenda. Donna Rea seconded the motion. The board approved 5-0.

VI. Approval of Minutes – August 11, 2020. Dr. Suzanne Irwin made a motion to approve the minutes for August 11, 2020. Chad Loggins seconded the motion. The board approved the motion 5-0.

VII. Announcements-Reports

A. Superintendent's Report—Mr. Beasley

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1. Recognition – Donations. Mr. Beasley recognized the Rotary Club, High Meadows Women's Golf Club, and several other organizations. The supplies were divided among the schools.
2. Recognition - Innovative School of the Year. Mr. Vogler recognized Sparta School at the Innovative School of the Year. Sparta School won three of the four quarters last year. Leader in Me, Synergy and clubs were some of the things that helped them. Mr. Webb accepted the award and thanked the teachers and students of Sparta School.
3. Introduction of Chartwells. The employees of Chartwells gave a PowerPoint Presentation to describe the company and describe some of the ways Chartwells will be serving students and parents. They gave some examples of the new menus and apps that will be coming. Training procedures were given. There will be a chef on duty to plan the menus. The online menus should be online mid-September. Mr. Beasley thanked the board for working to get the contract approved and looks forward to the continued changes and relationship working together.
4. Update on Remote Instruction. Mr. Vogler presented an update on remote instruction and expectations. Independent work time should not exceed one hour per day for K-2, one and a half hours per day for 3-6 and two hours per day for 7-12. A survey was given to parents and teachers. Most reported that student assignments are reasonable and provide skill practice on material covered in class and the amount of time was reasonable. Some parents answered that there hasn't been enough time yet to give an accurate answer to some of the questions. Jason Carpenter joined the meeting by teleconference at this time.
5. Property Opportunity. Property owned Ms. Hawks contacted Mr. Beasley about some property that she would like to sale. There are almost eight acres. The property joins the property with the pumping station. The board directed Mr. Beasley to discuss with the property owner the price of the land and give them an update.
6. Earthquake Updates. Mr. Beasley updated the board on the earthquake damages. We are still waiting on the estimates to repair the Sparta School gym. Mr. Carter thanked Vannoy Construction for their quick response in repairing the steps at Sparta School. The concrete in the front of the gym and the retaining walls will be repaired at Alleghany High School. The

cracks on the exterior at Alleghany High School will be repaired. Mr. Carter is still working on getting estimates on parking lot and deck here that the Central Office. The visitors' bleachers at Woodruff Stadium have to be repaired. Mr. Carter is getting prices. We have to bring them up to code. Mr. Beasley added that they will install the bleachers so that the track can be expanded at a later date. Mr. Carter added that the facing on the old bus garage will have to be removed. The chimney on the auditorium building is cracked and runs through a classroom so it will have to be repaired. Mr. Beasley added that Pinnacle Architecture has been a great help. They came the day after to assess the damage throughout the county. They are working on plans to repair the gymnasium at Sparta School.

7. FY 2020-2021 Budget Resolution Information. Cindy Holder, Finance Office went over the proposed budget for 2020-2021. She explained that the budget is broken down by funds. The revenues are broken down by State, Federal or Local Funds. Ms. Holder added that a detail proposal of the county funds for local current expenses and capital outlay funds. Ms. Holder added that around \$500,000 from the fund balance was included in the proposed budget but there will be adjustments made throughout the year. New line items include, 12 – Alleghany Writers, 31 – Athletic Trainer, 121 – Communities in Schools. Mr. Beasley added that we would like to vote on the Resolution in October so if the board has any questions while reviewing the information, to contact him or Ms. Holder.

B. Board Chair Report - Amy Bottomley

1. NCSBA District Meeting Virtual. Chair Amy Bottomley updated the board that the district meeting will be virtual this year. The meeting sessions will be available to view for one week.

VIII. Old Business

A. Second Reading – Spring PLS 2020 Updates.

This item was tabled until the October meeting.

VIII. Closed Session. Dr. Suzanne Irwin made a motion to go into closed session. Chad Loggins seconded the motion. The board voted 5-0 to enter closed session at 6:48pm for the following purposes: to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential under state or federal law, including but not limited to N.C.G.S. 115C-3129, N.C.G.S. 115C-402, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (1); to consult with its attorney in order to preserve the attorney client privilege, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3); to consider the qualification, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of employment of an individual public officer or employee, or prospective public officer or employee, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6).

IX. Open Session. Dr. Suzanne Irwin made a motion to enter Open Session at 7:03pm.

Donna Rea seconded the motion. The board approved the motion to enter open session 5-0.

A. Personnel Report. On a motion by Chad Loggins, seconded by Donna Rea, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the personnel report as presented:

New Hires Recommendations:

Cory Moxley - IT Technician

Substitutes:

Frank Carswell @ AHS

Blake Murphy @ PCS

Polled and Approved:

Holli Whitehead - TA @ GCS (Polled August 17th)

Fabiola Perez - Migrant Coordinator (Polled August 21st)

Sydney Jones - Maker Space @ Sparta (Polled August 21st)

Ralph Beshears contracted for Remote 5/6th (Polled August 21st)

Libby Beshears contracted for Remote K/1 (Polled August 21st)

Errol Hill contracted for Driver's Education (Polled September 3rd)

X. Adjourn. Dr. Irwin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Donna Rea. The board approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Chairman

Secretary