

Alleghany County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Alleghany County Board of Education, Central Office Conference Room
85 Peachtree St, Sparta, NC 28675
November 17, 2020

Present: Amy Bottomley; Chair, Dr. Suzanne Mellow-Irwin; Vice Chair, Donna Rea and Jason Carpenter. Chad Loggins, Board Member was unable to attend.

Staff members present and participating: Chad Beasley; Superintendent, Scott Carter; Associate Superintendent, Fred Johnson; Board Attorney.

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 Jason Carpenter, Board Member to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

V. Approval of Agenda. Dr. Suzanne Irwin made a motion to approve the agenda. Jason Carpenter seconded the motion. The board approved 4-0.

VI. Approval of Minutes. Donna Rea made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for October 13, 2020. Dr. Suzanne Irwin seconded the motion. The board approved the motion 4-0.

VII. Announcements-Reports

A. Superintendent's Report—Mr. Beasley

1. NAPCO/Rotary Club Recognition. Mr. Beasley and Heath Vogler recognized NAPCO and the Rotary Club for their donations to help purchase a laser cutter for the Middle School CTE. Mr. Vogler noted that Governor Cooper has designated November as Career and Technical Education Month. Mr. Vogler recognized Rocky Proffit, CEO of NAPCO; Donna Edwards, Treasurer of the Alleghany Rotary Club and Jane Doughton, President of the Rotary. Mr. Joey Whisnant, Middle School CTE Teacher explained that he and Karen Bell with the Rotary wrote a grant for the laser cutter. The laser cutter will cut and engrave many different materials including acrylic and leather. Mr. Beasley thanked Mr. Proffit for his generous donations to the school system. Mr. Proffit has donated masks and face shields for the students and teachers. Mr. Proffit thanked the school system for their hard work. He added that he would like to be more involved with the school in helping the students learn about economic development.

2. Board Member Recognition. Mr. Beasley thanked and presented Dr. Suzanne Irwin with a plaque for her service. There will also be a donation made to the Education Foundation in honor of Dr. Irwin and Mr. Loggins. Amy Bottomley, Board Chair thanked Dr. Irwin and Mr. Loggins for their service to the staff and students.

3. CTE Testing Updates. Mr. Heath Vogler, CTE Director presented the Testing Updates through a PowerPoint for the 2020-2021 school year. He explained the Proofs of Learning and testing. The Credentialed Courses - If a student earns credentials for a CTE course, they will receive a 100% for E1. It will be 20% of their overall grade for the course. If they do not earn the credential and are passing the class, they will be exempt from the exam. If they are not passing the class, they will receive a teacher made exam and the score will be 20% of their overall grade.

PBM Courses – PBM (Performance Based Measures) - If a student meets the course requirements to be deemed proficient (PBM) this student's score for E1 will be recorded as a 100%. It will be 20% of their overall grade for the course. If they do meet PBM requirements and are passing the class, they will be exempt from the exam. If they are not passing the class, they will receive a teacher made exam and the score will be 20% of their overall grade. State-Tested Courses - Students enrolled in a state-tested course, will enter their state test score as their exam grade (E1). This test is a required test (there are no exemptions) It will be 20% of their overall grade for the course. Local Course Option - Students enrolled in courses with local course option tests, created by the district, will use this score as their exam grade (E1). This test is a required test (there are no exemptions). It will be 20% of their overall grade for the course. Portfolio Courses - Students

enrolled in a course that produces a portfolio as the final product will be exempt from the final exam. Courses with Credentialing include: Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, Adobe Visual Design, Adobe Digital Design, Adobe Video Design, Construction Core, Carpentry I, Carpentry II, Carpentry III and Automotive Service III. Courses with Performance Based Measures (PBM's) as Proof of Learning include: Animal Science I, Agricultural Mechanics I, Agriscience Applications, Entrepreneurship I, Entrepreneurship II, Digital Design and Animation I, Game Art and Design, Advanced Game Art and Design and Health Science II. Courses with State CTE Assessments as Proof of Learning include: Animal Science II, Agricultural Mechanics II, Principles of Business and Finance, Career Management, Food and Nutrition I, Food and Nutrition II, Foundations of Health Science, Health Science I, Automotive Service Fundamentals, Automotive Service I and Automotive Service II. Courses with Local Assessments as Proof of Learning include: Agriculture Production I and Agriculture Production II. Courses with Portfolio as Proof of Learning include: Internships and CTE Advanced Studies.

4. Testing Updates. Mr. Steve Hall gave testing updates. The third grade students had the BOG at the beginning of school. They brought in the remote students. All but five third graders were tested system wide. NC Check ins are similar to EOG tests. They are given three times a year to students grades 3-8. The remote students have been contacted and several of those have come in to participate. EOG's will be given in the spring to grades 3-8. The remote students will be given the opportunity to come in and test. The State Board has given some flexibility for the testing window. The Pre-ACT and ACT testing will be held in the spring. There are also some students who missed testing last spring that will be given the opportunity to test in the spring. Fall testing will be held December 14-18th. The testing plan and schedule is available online. The spring EOC will be scheduled for the last five days of the semester. Mr. Hall also received approval from the state to offer off site testing for remote students. Mr. Beasley thanked Mr. Hall for all of his hard work in organizing and scheduling the testing. He added that it is not an easy task to complete. The board thanked Mr. Hall.

5. Gear Up Grant Update. Mr. Vogler updated the board that a couple of months ago we received notification that we had received another Gear Up Grant. The grant was applied for a couple of years ago and we initially received notification that we did not receive it. The grant will start in February 2021 and will go through 2027. It will begin with students in the sixth and seventh grade and will follow them. We will receive funds to hire another coordinator. Mr. Beasley asked about the matching on the grant. Mr. Vogler has not received the specifics of the grant. He added that the grant will also focus on STEM. The grant will focus on Increase Attendance, Improve ACT Scores, College Prep and Placement, Students Passing Algebra and Continuing in Advanced Math. The STEM Intervention Plan includes defining STEM, Guided School Self-Reflection and Engaging STEM. Mr. Vogler added that a district wide STEM needs assessment was created in 2018-2019. The assessment revealed that the District average was 1.78, Alleghany High School - average was 2.18, Piney Creek School - average was 2.12, Glade Creek School - average was 1.65, Sparta School - average was 1.18. The Rubric states that 1 is early, 2 is developing, 3 is prepared and 4 is model. These findings led us to place extra focus on STEM education, primarily in the 6-8 grades and specifically in CTE but we would love to extend and improve our overall STEM education. A goal is to have a NC STEM School of Distinction in Alleghany County. Mr. Beasley added that the grant will give us an opportunity to improve the STEM opportunities for our students.

6. Capital Outlay Projects Update. Mr. Beasley turned the meeting over to Mr. Scott Carter to give and update on Capital Outlay projects. The AHS Media Roof and the AHS Gym have been completed. The lock replacements at AHS, Piney Creek, Glade Creek and the Central Office are complete. The system has a card that activates the locks. The card can also be activated at multiple facilities. Mr. Beasley added that the Central Office was not originally included in the project but Mr. Carter did research and saved the school system over \$30,000 by going with the alternate company. The Central Office locks and cameras were added for \$4300.00 Mr. Carter added that he felt this was a good addition. We have had some people sleeping in the parking lot

as well as wondering into the building so Mr. Carter felt it would be good to add the security to our building since employees are sometimes required to work late after normal hours. The paving was patched instead of totally repaving. The earthquake caused some damage that we felt needed to reserve the funds. Mr. Carter added that after the earthquake, the visitor bleachers were condemned. Mr. Carter presented three options for the bleachers:

Option one - Replace with 500 seats from ground up cost \$63,000 not including concrete and grading. This will not leave room for a six lane track.

Option two - Elevated with 500 seats increases the cost approximately \$20,000. The grading cost will increase dramatically due to the bank, moving power lines, etc. This will not leave room for six lane track.

Option three - In order to leave room for a six lane track, the home side will need a row removed, the visiting side will need six more feet of bleacher area and power lines and grading will have to happen before bleachers can be installed. Six Lane track cost will be 50-60,000 for asphalt. Add another 60,000 for rubberized track.

The board was in agreement that they would like to proceed with option three so that they could explore extending the track in the future.

7. COVID-19 Update. Mr. Carter updated that we currently have no staff or students who have COVID. There are currently six staff and thirty-four students quarantined.

8. Swearing in New Members - December 7th, Courthouse. Mr. Beasley informed the board that the swearing in ceremony would be held at the County Courthouse on December 7th at 10:00am.

VIII. Old Business

A. Second Reading - Fall PLS 2020. Jason Carpenter made a motion to approve the second reading of the Fall PLS 2020 policies. Donna Rea seconded the motion. The board approve 4-0.

IX. Closed Session. Dr. Suzanne Irwin made a motion to go into closed session. Jason Carpenter seconded the motion. The board voted 4-0 to enter closed session at 6:45pm 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).

X. Open Session. Jason Carpenter made a motion to enter Open Session at 8:27pm. Dr. Suzanne Irwin seconded the motion. The board approved the motion to enter open session 4-0.

A. Personnel Report. On a motion by Donna Rea, seconded by Jason Carpenter, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the personnel report as presented:

Resignations:

Kevin Royal - Custodian @ GCS - (11/13/2020)

Jeff Tutterow - Teacher @ AHS - (1/3/2020)

Coaches:

John Tompkins - Basketball @ AHS

Sydney Jones - Volleyball @ Middle School - Volunteer

Demitria Kirtley - Volleyball Coach @ Middle School (Polled 11/12)

Transfers:

Jodie Brown - FT Custodian @ GCS

Assignment Change:

Jessica Hall - AHS Social Studies to English

Substitutes:

Charlie Vogler @ PCS, GCS, SES

Kalen Vogler @ PCS, GCS, SES, AHS

XI. Adjourn. Dr. Suzanne Irwin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Donna Rea. The board approved the motion 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Chairman

Secretary