



**Alleghany County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Alleghany County Board of Education, Central Office Conference Room
85 Peachtree St, Sparta, NC 28675
April 20, 2021**

Present: Amy Bottomley, Steve Carpenter, Donna Rea, and Jason Williams. Board member Jason Carpenter attended by teleconference due to a work conflict.

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

I. Moment of Silence.

II. Call to Order. Donna Rea, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

III. Pledge of Allegiance – Donna Rea, Board Chair asked Board Member Jason Williams, to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

V. Approval of Agenda. Chair, Donna Rea asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Jason Williams made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Carpenter seconded the motion. The board approved 5-0.

VI. Approval of Minutes. Steve Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for March 9, 2021. Amy Bottomley seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by vote of 5-0.

VII. Announcements-Reports

A. Superintendent's Report—Mr. Beasley

Mr. Beasley read a letter received from the AAU basketball team. The letter thanked Mr. Beasley and the board for allowing them to use the gym at Glade Creek School for practice.

1. Recognition - Support Staff of the Year. Mr. Beasley recognized the employees who were selected by their coworkers as support staff person of the year. Tammy Todd was selected at Alleghany High School, Darla Sturgill at Glade Creek School, Brian Finney at Piney Creek School and Tracy Wagoner at Sparta School. The Alleghany Education Foundation presented each winner with a check for \$100.
2. Recognition - Teacher of the Year. Mr. Beasley recognized the Teacher of the Year selected by each school. Donna Link at Alleghany High School, Tonya Richardson at Glade Creek School, Kelsey Torres at Piney Creek School and Jenny LeMasters at Sparta School. Jenny was also selected as the county Teacher of the Year. The Roaring Gap Foundation sponsors the Teacher of the Year with a check for \$1,000. The overall winner also receives an additional \$1,000.
3. Recognition - Principal of the Year. Mr. Beasley recognized Dr. Gerald Miller, Principal of Glade Creek School who was selected as the Principal of the Year. The Roaring Gap Foundation sponsors the Principal of the Year with a check for \$1,000.
4. Schneider Electric Updates. The work is in progress. They are working in the afternoons. They have a storage container at Sparta School. Mr. Beasley would like the board to approve a change order to replace the HVAC at Sparta School gym and the old gym at Alleghany High School. With the ESSER funds we can use those funds to change the HVAC units to help with improved ventilation. There is \$75,000 for change outs in the capital budget. With Schneider on site, the procurement process is in place. Amy Bottomley made a motion to use Schneider Electric for HVAC change out. Steve Carpenter seconded the motion. The board approved the motion 5-0.
5. Earthquake Updates. Mr. Beasley informed the board the we had been awarded a \$600,000 grant to make repairs. The main projects are the Sparta School gym, the steps at Alleghany High School, the wheel chair ramp here at the Central Office and the visitor's bleachers. A soil sample has been sent in for the bleachers. They have planned to have the bleacher project before football

season begins. Mr. Beasley noted that if we do get any funds from the insurance company, these funds do not have to be returned and the funds could be used for additional repairs.

6. Vannoy Contract. The contract has been sent in and approved.

7. Purchasing Updates - State and Federal. Ms. Holder went over policies that pertain to the state and federal procurement process. Policy 6402 should have a 10% for participation by minority-owned businesses. Policy 6420 – Contracts with the Board, section A, Ms. Holder is proposing \$30,000 for the first and second amounts and \$90,000 for the third amount in the second paragraph since that is the amount that is required by the State. 6430 – State Purchasing Requirement, Cindy is also recommending a \$90,000 amount. Cindy is also recommending have a policy and procedure for following Federal Purchasing procedures. It would be a completely new policy. Mr. Beasley added that adding the policy would ensure that we spent the ESSER funds that we are going to receive correctly. Ms. Holder added that this could keep us from having to pay any funds back. Policy 6450 – Purchase of Services, Ms. Holder is recommending adding that we are following Federal guidelines. Ms. Holder is also recommending adopting a conflict of interest policy. Mr. Williams asked Mr. Johnson if the \$90,000 is a typical amount on the State Purchasing. Mr. Johnson noted that he is familiar with the policies. He added that they are the standard policies issued by the North Carolina School Board Association. Mr. Beasley added that the policies were deleted from the website and the server when a ransom virus attacked us last March. Mr. Johnson added that the board has the authority to approve the amounts and put them in place. Mr. Carpenter asked Mr. Johnson what motion was needed. Mr. Johnson stated that a motion could be made to conform our policies to existing State and Federal Laws regarding bidding or contracts. Mr. Carpenter made a motion. Amy Bottomley seconded the motion. The board approved the motion 5-0.

8. End of Year Dates. Mr. Beasley went over the Year End Dates. Mr. Beasley added with the new state mandate allowing 700 at Woodruff Stadium there will not be any other restrictions. Mr. Beasley would like to move the June meeting to June 1, 2021 and then we will have the meeting to close out the year on June 29, 2021. There will not be a July meeting unless needed. The Board was in agreement with these date changes.

VIII. Consent Agenda

1. Capital Amendment
2. Federal Amendment
3. Local Amendment
4. CTE Local Plan 2021-2022

The above items were approved by Consent Agenda.

IX. New Business

A. Earthquake Grant Approval. Mr. Carpenter made a motion to approve the Earthquake Grant. Amy Bottomley seconded the motion. The board approved 5-0.

B. Vannoy's Construction Contract. Mr. Carpenter made a motion to approve the Vannoy's Construction Contract. Jason Williams seconded the motion. The board approved 5-0.

C. First Reading Spring 2021 PLS Updates. Mr. Johnson recommended approving the policies for the first reading. Steve Carpenter made a motion. Jason Williams seconded the motion. The board approved the motion 5-0.

X. Closed Session. Jason Williams made a motion to go into closed session. Steve Carpenter seconded the motion. The board voted 5-0 to enter closed session at 6:18pm 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).

XI. Open Session. Jason Williams made a motion to enter Open Session at 7:34pm. Steve Carpenter seconded the motion. The board approved the motion to enter open session 5-0.

A. Personnel Report. On a motion by Jason Williams, seconded by Steve Carpenter, the

Allie Jones (Polled and approved)

Secretary