

CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

July 25, 2019

Work Session Minutes

The Caswell County Board of Education met in a work session on Thursday, July 25, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Caswell County Schools Administration Building of Caswell County Schools. Members present: Chairman Gladys Garland, Vice Chair Donna Hudson, Tracy Stanley, Mel Battle, Wayne Owen, Ross Gwynn, and Vennie Beggary. Others present include Superintendent Dr. Sandra Carter, Emily Buchanan, Jerry Hatchett, JoAnna Gwynn, Amy Chandler, and Nicole McGhee. Connie Kimrey recorded the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Tracy Stanley moved, seconded by Wayne Owen to call the meeting to order. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Gladys Garland reviewed the agenda.

- Bartlett Yancey High School Renovations

Brian Bradner with Dewberry and Davis shared a general overview of the design of the high school and reviewed the floor plan. Mr. Bradner shared that the county commissioners are reviewing financing options and interest rates to determine the best course of action to take.

Mr. Bradner shared that when reviewing the original study the temporary classrooms were one of the biggest concerns. It was shared that building something permanent would be the best use of the money rather than paying rent on mobile units. In the original plan it included having a new field house; however, the current plan does not include this. By moving forward with a permanent structure for the temporary classrooms this would result in a cost savings as well as provide a structure that could be used as the field house upon completion of the high school.

Questions were addressed regarding what would be included in the structure while students occupy the building. Mr. Bradner shared it will be equipped with all technology access, a finished room, intercom, fire alarm, shingle roof, restrooms, block walls, sheetrock and set up with mechanical and, electrical to be ready for an athletic fieldhouse. A covered walkway would need to be considered for the students and possibly an altered bell schedule.

Mr. Bradsher shared his team is working aggressively to have surveys, etc. completed before school begins in August. Once this has taken place, a period of seven months is the target to begin construction documents for bidding. If approved, the temporary field house would be built later this year and will take three months for construction. August of 2021 is the tentative date (absent any weather or delays) for completion of the first phase and at that time Halls 2 and 3 will begin.

Mel Battle expressed that the term needs to be cleared up to the community for the temporary classrooms and share the cost savings. Donna Hudson also agreed that the commissioners were against athletics being included in the design and felt that this needs to be shared and emphasize that this was an idea that came up at the last moment to assist in the cost of renting mobile units.

Dr. Carter recommended approval to move forward in building a permanent structure (vs. temporary mobile units). Wayne Owen moved, seconded by Ross Gwynn to approve moving

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forward with a permanent structure for students during the construction period and later use as athletic field house. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Carter will meet with County Manager Bryan Miller to review.

Board Attorney shared that the Memorandum of Understanding states that Dr. Carter and Bryan Miller are the two points of contact. If the two boards meet he is not sure anyone has the ability to do a cost analysis and this may present a delay due to funding options.

A five-minute break was taken.

- Funding from County Commissioners (Teaching Scholarship)

Discussion took place regarding the \$50,000 allotted from the County Commissioners for a prospective teaching scholarship. A compiled listing of questions and comments from board members was shared and discussed. Dr. Carter shared she has reached out to American National on the possibility of an Educational Foundation. This money could be used as start-up money and will take the burden off of the Board of Education in regards to selecting recipients. There is a yearly fee to do this.

Other suggestions included forming a committee that would include a commissioner, members of the community, and one or two board members to create guidelines.

Upon discussion, Dr. Carter will discuss the possibility of an Educational Foundation with the Board of Commissioners and discuss details of money and bring back information to the Board of Education.

CLOSED SESSION

Mel Battle made a motion to go into closed session at 10:15 a.m. for the purpose of considering a personnel action that involves an officer or employee of this Board (NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6); and for the purpose of discussing information that is privileged, confidential or not a public record (NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1) and to confer with legal counsel. Wayne Owen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

Wayne Owen made a motion to return to open session at 11:46 a.m. Mel Battle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Dr. Carter recommended approval of the personnel listing as presented of Items "A, C and D".

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Wayne Owen moved, seconded by Ross Gwynn, to approve personnel listing as presented of Items "A, C, D" and also pending clearance of positive background checks. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Carter recommended approval of the personnel listing Item "B" as presented.

Ross Gwynn moved, seconded by Donna Hudson, to approve personnel listing as presented of Item "B" and also pending clearance of positive background checks. The motion carried unanimously. Mel Battle abstained.

Employment	
NL Dillard Middle School	Alexander Dodson, 6-8 Science Teacher, Eff. 8-16-19
	Rebecca Merrill-Foster, 6-8 English Teacher, Eff. 8-16-19
Bartlett Yancey High School	Taylor Mustain, CTE 9-12 Family & Consumer Science Teacher = Eff. 8-16-19
	Solomon Reynolds, 9-12 Music/Band Teacher Eff. 8-16-19

FUNDRAISING REQUEST

Dr. Carter recommended approval of fundraising request for BETA Club as discussed in closed session. Ross Gwynn moved, seconded by Donna Hudson. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Ross Gwynn moved, seconded by Vennie Beggarly to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Gladys Garland
Chairman

Dr. Sandra Carter
Superintendent