

MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session / Special Called Meeting
October 1, 2018

MINUTES

The Moore County Board of Education met at Central Office in Carthage on Monday, October 1, 2018; at 12:30 p.m. for a Board work session.

The following Board members were present:

Ed Dennison	Stacey Caldwell
Helena Wallin-Miller	Dr. Betty Wells Brown
Elizabeth Carter	Bruce Cunningham

Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Robert Grimesey, Assistant to the Board Sonya Potter, John Birath, Anita Alpenfels, Catherine Murphy, Tim Locklair, and Mike Bundy.

Helena Wallin-Miller called the meeting to order at 12:31 pm.

Dr. Betty Wells Brown made a motion to approve the agenda. Ed Dennison seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Stacey Caldwell led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Helena Wallin-Miller called for a moment of silence.

Elizabeth Carter arrived at approximately 1:10 pm.

PENDING ACTION AND DISCUSSION

The following items were presented to the Board for review as pending action items that would need to be placed on the October 8, 2018, School Board Regular Business Meeting agenda under Action or Consent.

- School Improvement Plan Presentations
- Low Performing Schools' Plans for Improvement

Break outs sessions for the above items began at 12:41 and completed at 3:24 pm.

- Bid Results and Award of Bid for Water and Sewer Service for the New Elementary School on Camp Easter Road
- Out-of-State Field Trips

The Board reviewed a draft of the October 8, 2018, Regular Business Meeting agenda and placed the following items on the agenda accordingly:

- School Improvement Plan Presentations (Consent Agenda)
- Low Performing Schools' Plans for Improvement (Consent Agenda)

- Bid Results and Award of Bid for Water and Sewer Service for the New Elementary School on Camp Easter Road (Consent Agenda)
- Out-of-State Field Trips (Consent Agenda)

BOARD ACTION

A. Timeline and Process for Naming the New Elementary School on Camp Easter Road:

John Birath presented the Timeline and Process for Naming the New Elementary School on Camp Easter Road. With the addition of a new school to the district there is the responsibility of the Board to name the school. The Board Policy 7550 acknowledges this to be a significant endeavor as it can reflect upon the students, staff district and community. While the naming of a school is solely the responsibility of the Board, the Superintendent may be requested to develop a process for recommending names for the new school. The superintendent and staff have reviewed Board policy and previous assignments of school names. From that review, staff is proposing the following process and timeline for seeking suggestions from all staff, students and the public on naming the New Elementary School on Camp Easter Road:

- October 1, 2018: Board takes action to endorse the process for the superintendent to present recommended names for the new elementary school on Camp Easter Road to the Board;
- Staff will open a website portal on October 2, 2018 for the public to suggest names for the new school. The portal will close on October 19, 2018;
- Staff will work with school principals at impacted schools to develop how the schools can engage with the students and staff to be a part of this process;
- The superintendent and staff will evaluate suggested names and present a recommended short list of names to the Board at their October 29, 2018 Board Work Session;
- At the November 5, 2018 regular business meeting, the Board will discuss the recommended names and approve a list of names to be published on the website portal for public input. The portal will be opened on November 6, 2018 and close on November 23, 2018;
- A summary of the public input will be presented to the Board at its December 3, 2018 work session; and
- The Board will take action on the name for the new school at its December 10, 2018 regular business meeting.

Ed Dennison made a motion to endorse the Timeline and Process for Naming the New School on Camp Easter Road. Elizabeth Carter seconded and motion carried 6-0.

- #### **B. 2018–2019 School Calendar Change:** Dr. Mike Metcalf presented the 2018-2019 School Calendar Change. General Statute 115C-84.2 requires that school calendars meet the minimum requirement of 185 days OR 1,025 hours of instruction. The 2018-2019 Moore County Schools Calendar reflects 1062 hours of instructional time. This allows for 37 hours of banked time. Due to hurricane Florence, 38 instructional hours were lost. Although we are hopeful that the state legislature will forgive the time lost due to Hurricane Florence, any reduction in instruction time has an impact on student learning. The 2018-19 calendar includes two student Early Release days for teacher

professional development in September and October. September 28, 2018 was reverted from an early release to a full instructional day, gaining 3 additional instructional hours. Currently, we have a total of 2 banked instructional hours remaining.

Date	Description	Banked Time
2018-19 School Calendar Year	Total Banked Instructional Time	37 hours
September 13, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed for students and staff due to Hurricane Florence 	-6
September 14, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed for students and staff due to Hurricane Florence 	-6
September 17, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed for students and staff due to Hurricane Florence 	-6
September 18, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed for students and staff due to Hurricane Florence 	-6
September 19, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed for students due to Hurricane Florence • Optional Work Day for staff 	-6
September 20, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed for students due to Hurricane Florence • Optional Work Day for staff 	-6
September 21, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hour delay for students due to Hurricane Florence 	-2
	Total of lost hours due to Hurricane Florence	38 hours
	Total Banked Instructional Time	-1 hours
September 28, 2018	Early Release for students/required professional development for teacher changed to a full day for teachers and students	+3 hours
	Subtotal of banked hours	+2 hours

The Staff recommends that the second Early Release day during the first semester, October 26, 2018, also be changed to a full day for all staff and students. This is an immediate way to gain back additional instructional time that was lost due to Hurricane Florence. This will place the district at + 5 hours of banked time. Elizabeth Carter made a motion to approve the recommend change to the 2018-2019 school calendar. Ed Dennison seconded and motion carried 6-0.

- C. Resolution Requesting General Assembly Modification of Lottery Fund Allocation Process: Dr. Grimesey presented the Resolution Requesting General Assembly Modification of Lottery Fund Allocation Process. North Carolina has an education lottery that is meant to be used for Class Size Reduction, Public School Building Capital and college scholarships. Legislative changes over the years have reduced the amount of the lottery fund to be dedicated to these purposes from 40% to 30% and recent State budgets have appropriated well short of that amount (to 16.9% in FY 2016-17). The 2018 State Budget Appropriations Act states it is the intent of the General Assembly to increase lottery funding allocations for school capital from 16.9% to 40% no later than FY 2028-2029; and allocates \$100,000,000 to the Public School Building Capital Fund for FY 2017-2018 and FY 2018-2019; and also allocates to a Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund \$30,000,000 for FY 2017-2018 and \$117,320,354 for FY 2018-2019. However, the expanded allocation to the Needs-based Public School Capital Fund is restricted for allocation to tier 1 and tier 2 counties only, eliminating Moore County a tier 3 county from receiving any of these funds, although it has a number of areas and communities that struggle economically in measures of jobs, wages, poverty, economic development, unemployment, etc. The attached resolution Moore County Board of Education requests the North Carolina General Assembly to modify the allowed allocations for the Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund dollars to allow for tier 3 counties to participate at a “\$1 of needs-based public school capital lottery funds for every \$1 of County funds” up to \$10 Million if the following criteria are satisfied:

- County population below 125,000; and
- Counties that have voter-approved public school General Obligation bonds in excess of \$100,000,000, half of which is yet to be issued as of 7/1/2018.

Ed Dennison made a motion to approve the prosed Resolution. Stacey Caldwell seconded and motion carried 6-0.

- D. NCSBA Conference 2018 Voting Delegates: Chair Wallin-Miller presented the NCSBA Conference 2018 Voting Delegates. The North Carolina School Board Association’s (NCSBA) Annual Conference is November 12-14, 2018, in Greensboro, NC. The Moore County Board of Education is allotted **4 voting delegates** in accordance with the NCSBA determination scale. Based on the past five years of delegates, the Board Chair recommends Elizabeth Carter, Ed Dennison, Dr. Betty Wells Brown and Stacey Caldwell. Alternate would be Helena Wallin-Miller. Dr. Betty Wells Brown made a motion to approve the NCSBA Conference 2018 Voting Delegates. Elizabeth Carter seconded and motion carried 6-0.

- E. North Carolina School Boards Association 2018 Award Nomination: Chair Wallin-Miller and Vice Chair Carter presented the North Carolina Schools Boards Association 2018 Award Nomination. The North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA) is seeking nominations for its 2018 Award Nomination for County Commissioners of the Year. This honor is presented annually to a board of county commissioners that has demonstrated extraordinary leadership that advances student achievement. The board of commissioners that receives the award will have demonstrated some or all of the following qualities in the past year:
- Focused on students by fostering an environment in which the student can develop and flourish;
 - Developed collaboration with local school board, social agencies, and/or community groups, including other governing bodies; and
 - Worked well with the local school board.

Chair Wallin-Miller and Vice Chair Carter sought approval of the Moore County Board of Education to submit a form nominating the Moore County Board of Commissioners for this award based on the Commissioners’ close collaboration with the Board of Education and stalwart support of the Moore County Schools in the areas of school facilities and funding. In particular, Chair Wallin-Miller and Vice Chair Carter would like to recognize the Commissioners specifically for their commitment to working closely with the Board, staff, and members of the community to ensure passage of a recent bond referendum to fund new school facilities, to arrange financing for the new Area 1 school and for improvements to North Moore High School, and for supporting various operational budget needs given impacts of state funding decisions. If the nomination is approved by the Board, Vice Chair Carter will draft the required one-page narrative to NCSBA to support this nomination. Individual Board members are invited to contact Ms. Carter directly with any suggestions for this submission. Ed Dennison made a motion to approve the North Carolina School Boards Association 2018 Award Nomination. Dr. Betty Wells Brown seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS, INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

The following was presented to the Board for information and discussion:

- A. Updated Report on Charter School Local Funding: Mike Bundy, Tim Locklair and Kate Faw presented the Updated Report on Charter School Local Funding. This analysis will include details of the budget impact and demographics related to charter schools in Moore County.

Year	STARS	Academy of Moore	Moore Montessori	Other	Total
2013-14	259	122		5	386
2014-15	307	147		5	459
2015-16	336	166		19	521
2016-17	385	199		16	600

2017-18	423	239		22	684
2018-19	457	275	83	21	836

enrollment have increased as well by 123 students compared to the prior year. In 2018-2019, charter school enrollments have increased by 152 students compared to the prior year. The total of Moore County students attending charters is 836 in 2018-2019 versus 684 students in the prior year. In 2018-19, Moore County Schools year. Moore County Schools have 12,788 students enrolled as of the 10th day this year compared to 12,665 students enrolled as of the 20th day of the prior year. In 2018-2019, Moore County has the addition of the Moore Montessori Community School which is a new charter school. The current enrollment is 83 students and serves kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade. The school plans to add an additional grade level each year up to 6th grade. The state provides funding to charter schools equal to the average per pupil allocation for average daily membership (ADM) of the Local Educational Agency (LEA). However, this has an impact on local funds as result of state law. Per General Statute 115C-238.29H, the law states that local administrative units must pay charters the amount of “per pupil local current expense appropriation “for the current fiscal year. Administrative staff have an estimated budget impact of \$1,800,000 for the current year which represents an increase of \$300,000 compared to the prior year. The County Commissioners provided \$123,000 in funding for charters included in the approved budget for FY 2018-2019. Moore County Schools has designated \$170,500 as part of the 2018-19 appropriated fund balance to account for the increased local obligation for charter schools. In reviewing the charter schools’ student enrollment, staff have determined that 465 students out of 836 charter school students never attended Moore County Schools. This is an impact on local funds and diminishes our ability to meet the needs of our students. The per pupil expenditure (PPE) is estimated to be \$2,153.11 per student attending charter schools and have an estimated a local budget impact of \$1,001,196 based on the ppe cost for students that never attended Moore County Schools. In conclusion, charter school enrollment continues to grow each year and has an increasing impact on our local budget.

The Board recessed for a short break at 4:21 pm and returned at 4:30 pm.

- B. New Elementary School on Camp Easter Road Student Assignment-Draft 2: John Birath, Tim Locklair, Michael Miller (Numerix) and Laura Evans (Numerix) presented the New Elementary School on Camp Easter Road Student Assignment-Draft 2. At the September 4, 2018 Board of Education Regular Business Meeting, the first draft of the student assignment plan for the New Elementary School on Camp Easter Road was presented to the Board. Staff created a website for the public to provide feedback on the draft until September 20, 2018 and received forty comments. On September 20, 2018 a public forum was held at Vass-Lakeview Elementary School with 29 people attending. The responses provided online and during the public forum were reviewed with the Student Assignment Committee on September 21, 2018. The committee provided responses to the feedback to assist Numerix in the development of the second draft. Mr. Miller and Ms. Evans will review with the Board the process and results of

the meetings and present the second draft of the plan. They will request feedback from the Board on the draft. The Board's feedback will inform the staff's the next rendition. There will be a public forum to receive input from parents and community at all of the impacted assignment areas on October 3, 2018 at Vass-Lakeview Elementary at 6:00pm. Staff will provide refreshments and childcare. While the forums will be conducted at Vass-Lakeview, it is important for the public to be aware that they are open to all residents and specially to parents of children who attend the schools that will be impacted most directly. They include Sandhills Farmlife Elementary, Vass-Lakeview Elementary and, to a lesser extent, Carthage Elementary, Cameron Elementary and the Southern Pines elementary and primary schools. Public input during the forum also will inform the staff's next rendition. The online feedback portal will be open October 2, 2018 through October 12, 2018 to provide input to staff. The school assignment plan advisory committee will conduct its final meeting on October 15, 2018. The committee will review the input received from the Board and from the public forum. The committee will also respond to potential revisions to the assignment areas. The committee's input will inform the staff's final develop of the recommended assignment plan, which the superintendent will present to the School Board during its next work session on October 29, 2018. The online feedback portal will be available November 6, 2018 through November 15, 2018 to provide feedback to the Board. On November 15, 2018 there will be a public hearing on the superintendent's recommended student assignment plan. The Board will review the public feedback from the online portal and public hearing at their December 3, 2018 Work Session and take action on the naming of the school at their December 10, 2018 Regular Business Meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS

Stacey Caldwell expressed her appreciation for the Eileen Vansant volunteer luncheon and thanked staff for their presentation. Ms. Caldwell also noted that Vass-Lakeview Elementary School's Pet Responsibility Volunteer Committee, of which she is a member, is kicking off this year to show students how to be responsible pet owners. Bruce Cunningham discussed the school improvement plan presentations, identifying the common or unifying themes as enthusiasm and progress. Dr. Brown complimented staff on the excitement and consistency she had observed at schools so far this year. Elizabeth Carter shared her time spent at Pincrest High School the past few days and acknowledged the Ruth Pauley Lecture and dedication of auditorium for Coach Foxx as well as other events during this time. Helena Wallin-Miller relayed her excitement upon observing various sports and academic teams this past weekend, noting her pleasure in seeing students excel outside the classroom as well as in academics. Chair Wallin-Miller also commented on the funeral service for Samantha Davis service and shared a few words presented by her father during the service.

There being no further business, Ed Dennison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elizabeth Carter seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:26 pm.

Helena Wallin-Miller, Chair
Moore County Board of Education

Dr. Robert P. Grimesey, Jr., Superintendent
Secretary to the Board