

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 9, 2020

PRESENT – BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Wesley R. Miles, Chairman; Mr. Darin M. Coleman, Vice-Chair; Mr. Eric G. Dusa, Secretary; Mrs. Kimberly T. Burch; Dr. Wayne Chapman; Mr. James N. Sweeney; Mr. Robert Teal; and Mr. Jamie D. Wayne

ABSENT – BOARD MEMBER: Mr. Chad L. Vick

PRESENT – STAFF: Goodwin, Anderson, Willard, Folsom, Haile, Hoffman, Hammond, Hough, Jacobs, Miller, Rogers and Wallace

MEDIA: Jeff Watson, *The Link*

VISITORS: Area Citizens

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Miles at 5:00 p.m. at Palmetto Learning Center.
- II. **Agenda Approval:** Upon a motion by Mr. Dusa and second by Mr. Coleman, the agenda was approved as presented.
- III. **Executive Session/Return to Open Session:** Upon a motion by Mr. Coleman and second by Mr. Dusa, the board entered executive session to discuss personnel matters pertaining to employee hirings, compensation, terminations, and resignations and legal matters. The board returned to open session upon a motion by Mr. Coleman and second by Mr. Teal.
- IV. **Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Miles led a moment of silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by New Heights Middle student Harrison Outlaw.
- V. **Reception of Visitors:** Chairman Miles welcomed visitors, media, District Teacher of the Year Andrea Garrison, SRO representative, parents, students, and administrative staff.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Dusa moved, seconded by Mr. Teal and carried unanimously, to approve minutes of the February 10, 2020 board meeting.
- VII. **Board Comments:** Board member Wayne congratulated McBee Elementary teacher Jaclyn Tiller who received a \$1106.64 Donor’s Choose grant entitled, “Flexible and Fun.” The school presented a program on famous African Americans entitled, “The ABC’s of Black History.” Mrs. Burch recognized Jefferson Elementary for raising \$1000 to send to North Central High School for support following the recently devastating tornado. JES recently hosted community members and local business representatives for a successful Career Day. JES teacher Kayla Middleton received a Donor’s Choose grant allowing her to experience professional development through Orton-Gillingham training.

Mr. Coleman recognized Central High for celebrating African American History Month with a variety of activities.

VIII. Special Recognitions: Executive Director Folsom and Assessment Coordinator Hough presented certificates to the following District Spelling Bee winners: Ruby Elementary – Camryn Horton, Runner-Up; and Chesterfield-Ruby Middle – Brayden Burr, District Winner. Mrs. Folsom and Mrs. Hough also presented certificates to the following Junior Scholars: Chesterfield-Ruby Middle – Coy Christie and Alissa Burgess; Long Middle – Britton Scott; New Heights Middle – Riley North and Harrison Outlaw; and McBee High – Mollie Rollings and Shubham Patel. Chairman Miles, on behalf of the Board, congratulated these students on their achievements.

IX. Financial Report: Chief Financial Officer Willard presented the monthly financial review for February. The attached budget adjustment was approved on a motion by Mr. Dusa and second by Dr. Chapman. Mr. Willard reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the House Ways and Means Committee version of the 2020-21 budget. Discussion was held regarding the impacts regarding the proposed \$3000 teacher raises, as well as other projected expenditure and revenue changes.

X. Personnel Report: Upon a motion by Mr. Coleman and second by Mr. Teal, the board unanimously approved the attached Personnel Exhibits A-F as recommended by Assistant Superintendent Anderson. At this point, Superintendent Goodwin introduced Travis Rivers as the new principal of Chesterfield-Ruby Middle School. Chairman Miles, on behalf of the Board, welcomed Mr. Rivers to the administrative team.

Dr. Goodwin recommended approval of a \$1500 signing incentive for teachers new to the district in 2020-2021. Mr. Sweeney moved, seconded by Mrs. Burch and carried unanimously, to approve the \$1500 signing incentive for teachers new to the district in 2020-2021.

XI. Curriculum Report: Executive Director Folsom, in reviewing the curriculum report, reported that online registration for 4K and new 5K students was held February 27. Registration will continue to be available online during the spring and throughout the summer. Mrs. Folsom noted that 133 students took the ACT February 25 and 186 students took the SAT March 4. Mrs. Folsom indicated that Cheraw High won the Lower-State Championship (small school division) in the OEC Academic Challenge.

XII. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Goodwin reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding his recommendation concerning a plan to prepare for McBee area enrollment trends. Discussion followed regarding possible action to be taken. The short-term recommendation includes restructuring grade levels in the McBee area, shifting the 6th grade from McBee Elementary to McBee Middle/High. Long-term recommendations are to secure professional services to consider options for expansions at McBee Elementary or McBee High or both, secure cost and financing plans for options, and develop reasonable timeline options for implementation. Following additional discussion, Mr. Dusa moved, seconded by Mr. Wayne and carried unanimously, to approve short-term and long-term recommendations as listed above.

Dr. Goodwin informed board members of the safety precautions being taken by the district in response to Coronavirus concerns. All schools are being thoroughly cleaned

with appropriate disinfectant supplies, and hand-washing procedures are being emphasized. He noted that school closings in SC must receive State Department of Education approval after consultation with SC DHEC and the Governor's Office. State Superintendent Molly Spearman is working to obtain waivers regarding policies and testing requirements if necessary. Plans are being developed regarding school food services and learning packages for students should closings be required.

Discussion was held regarding the need for nursing services in the McBee area. There are no high school nursing positions. Administration is moving forward with the addition of a nursing position in the McBee area to be paid with Medicaid funds which are being generated through nursing services.

Board members received a list of the 2020-2021 Teachers of the Year. The annual banquet is scheduled May 12 at PLC at 6:00. Other upcoming events include the May 14 Retirement Banquet and May 19 Adult Education graduation. Central High is presenting a musical, *She Loves Me*, April 23, 24 and 25. Schools and offices will be closed March 13 which was listed as a possible inclement weather make-up day.

XIII. Chairman's Comments: Chairman Miles reminded board members that March 30 is the deadline to submit Statement of Economic Interests forms to the SEC. The March 30 board meeting will be held at Long Middle School, with an executive session at 5:00, followed by open session at 5:30. Board members who wish to attend the April 22 SCSBA Day at the Capitol should contact the Superintendent's office. A board work session will be held April 27 at 5:00 at the District Office

XIV. Adjournment: Upon a motion by Mr. Coleman and second by Mr. Teal, the board adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

XV. Media Notification: The media was previously notified of this school board meeting.

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