

Onslow County Board of Education

May 2, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Chairman Pam Thomas and the following Board members were present: Joel Churchwell, Jonathan Merritt, Brock Ridge, Earl Taylor, Bob Williams, and Paul Wiggins.

Superintendent Rick Stout, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Beth Folger, Associate Superintendent Dr. Barry Collins, Associate Superintendent Dr. Lesley Eason, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Hollamon, Chief of Operations Steve Myers, Chief Technology Officer Jeff Pittman, Administrative Assistant Jodie Ramsey and Evan Erwin, from the office of Board Attorney E. Alex Erwin, III were in attendance.

INVOCATION

Rev. Jack Marshburn, Tar Landing Baptist Church, Jacksonville, NC delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Pam Thomas recognized Commissioner Mark Price who was in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Williams and second by Mr. Ridge, the agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Meeting minutes of the April 4, 2017, Regular Board of Education meeting and the March 31, 2017, and April 24, 2017, Special Board of Education meetings.
- B. Budget Amendments:
Adjust budget for anticipated changes in revenues and expenditures and other budget transfers.

<u>Fund Category:</u>	<u>Amendment Increase / (Decrease)</u>
State Public Schools Fund	\$634,117.97
Local Current Expense Fund	\$0.00
Federal Grants Fund	\$3,612.78
Capital Outlay Fund	\$585,000.00
Other Special Revenue Fund	\$445,956.60
- C. Election of Personnel
- D. Substitute Teacher Approval
- E. Out of County Report
- F. Head Start Directors Report
- G. Field Trip Requests
- H. 2017-2018 School Fee Schedule

The consent agenda was unanimously approved upon motion by Mr. Wiggins and second by Rev. Churchwell.

GOOD NEWS SPOTLIGHT

Chairman Pam Thomas opened the good news spotlight and introduced Ross Friebel, the Director of Digital Learning and Teaching Services, who presented the winners of the District Grade-Level Battle of the Books challenges. Those recognized include:

- **Elementary School Battle of the Books**

Swansboro Elementary School – team members include: Logan Walters, Akayla Hamrick, Marielle Hirkala, Karley Davis, Quinn Gilbert, Robbie Heite, Noah Timmerman, Katie McElmon, Mackenzie Phillips, Ella Green, and Caleb Havens. Coaches: Meredith Lynch and Mallory Floyd.

- **Middle School Battle of the Books**

Swansboro Middle School – team members include: Isabella Palmer, Bryce Hutto, Collin Hewitt, Haley Provenzano, Kierstyn Horne, Autumn Brainard, and Alyssa Sabella. Coaches: Amy Garrett and Michelle Sweeting.

- **High School Battle of the Books**

Richlands High School – team members include: Izabelle Stauffer-Frymier, Jesse Tovar, Evelyn Cruz, Jean Rodriguez, Mackenzie Collura Repp, Melissa Harmon, Melody Harmon, Madeline Schmuck, and Dennis Oney. Coaches: Shanin Moore and William Edwards.

Next, Chairman Thomas called upon Superintendent Rick Stout who recognized Lisa Godwin as the NC Teacher of the Year (NCTOY). Mr. Stout announced that Lisa Godwin, a kindergarten teacher at Dixon Elementary, was selected as the 2017 Burrough Wellcome Fund NCTOY. As the NCTOY, Mrs. Godwin will travel across the state and abroad serving as an ambassador for the teaching profession, will serve as an advisor to the State Board of Education for two years, and as a board member for the NC Public School Forum for one year. Next, Chairman Thomas called upon District Athletic Director Greg Grantham who recognized Tony Marshburn, who coached Northside’s basketball team to a state championship win and remained undefeated in the NCHSAA 2-A class, for being named as the Associated Press State Boys’ Basketball Coach of the Year and the USA Today School Sports Coach of the Year. Finally, Chairman Thomas called upon Charlotte Rodriguez, VolunTEEN Program coordinator at Onslow Memorial Hospital, who recognized Onslow Students who have successfully completed the VolunTEEN program, formerly known as the “Candy Striper” program. The seniors received a candy-striped honor cord for their successful completion of the program. Those recognized include:

- **Dixon High School:** Maria Pighi and Bailey Williams
- **Jacksonville High School:** Hannah Blaylock, Chelsey David, Jacob Gillespie, Alexis Henderson, Syndey Lowe, Kaitlin Maready, Hannah Mayhew, Ramsey Osborn, Kaylee Painter, Alexandria Pierce, Gustavo Rios, Catlin Sleeper, Katelynn Smith, Mackenzie Sudbrink, Caitlin Wolf, Brandon Wu and Nicholas Yun
- **Northside High School:** Aaliyah Bowden, Alizay Brinkley, Breann Bullwinkle and Kyle Hamlett
- **Richlands High School:** Adam Edmonds, Brandon Elliott, Rachel Foy, Teresa Garcia, Maria Gholson, Helen Humphrey, Katelynn Jones and Morgan Robles
- **Southwest High School:** Maddox Bulris, Annessa Neilson and Allie Thompson
- **Swansboro High School:** William Alquist
- **White Oak School:** Thomas Cluen, Maverick Cornell, Kayla DeViney and Liddianne Rogers

Board Member Good News Spotlight:

Chairman Pam Thomas announced that this week Onslow County Schools celebrates employee appreciation week and shared the Board’s appreciation for all its employees. Member Joel Churchwell shared about the Jacksonville Commons School Speech contest. Earl Taylor shared about the Leader in Me Day at Richlands Primary School and Jacksonville Commons Elementary that he along with Paul Wiggins

and Brock Ridge attended. Mr. Taylor also shared about the recent Richlands High School musical, *The Sound of Music*, and congratulated the cast and crew for a wonderful production. He noted that although he was unable to attend the Northside High School musical, *Mary Poppins*, he heard it was a great production. He shared that the musical season continues with Jacksonville High School's, Dixon High School's, and Southwest High School's productions coming up. Member Johnathan Merritt congratulated students at Richlands High School for placing in the Skills USA state competition. Chairman Thomas noted that students from Jacksonville High School also participated and placed in the Skills USA state competition. Chairman Thomas shared about her attendance at a program held at Thompson Early Childhood Center, during which Lisa Godwin was announced as the NCTOY via a video conference. Finally, Chairman Thomas shared about an opportunity she had to attend the International Baccalaureate (IB) review at Clyde Erwin Elementary School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests to address the Board.

FY2017-2018 LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE and CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGETS

Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey D. Hollamon addressed the Board and reviewed the FY2017-18 budget development process. He referred the Board to the special called meeting held on April 24, 2017, where budgetary items were highlighted by staff and reviewed by the Board. Additionally, a public hearing was held earlier in the evening to receive public input regarding the budget. Mr. Hollamon informed the Board that the budgets in their packets are the same budgets previously presented to the Board at the April 24th special called meeting. Mr. Ridge made a motion, seconded by Rev. Churchwell to accept the FY2017-2018 Local Current Expense and Capital Outlay budgets as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

POLICY 5030: COMMUNITY USE OF FACILITIES – FEE SCHEDULE

The 2017-2018 Facility Usage Fee Schedule was introduced by Chief of Operations Steve Myers. In accordance with Board Policy 5030, an annual review of the existing fee structure is conducted to determine if adjustments to the fee schedule are necessary for the upcoming school year. This review looks at current usage schedules, feedback from the principals, and costs for similar facility rentals within the county. After reviewing the fee structure for the current school year, staff has identified a need to modify the personnel fees for renters in the level one category. Currently level one renters do not pay a personnel fee for custodial services rendered during an event. This requires custodians to flex their schedules with the regular work week. When events scheduled for the weekend require custodial services, the school(s) have limited ability to flex the custodial schedules to meet the needs of the event and provide adequate services to the school(s) during the regular work week without paying overtime. By establishing personnel fees for custodial services at the renter level one category during the weekend, custodians would be able to work during the normal school day and receive additional compensation for providing services for the scheduled events on the weekends. This would ensure that the schools are maintained during the week at the appropriate levels, and would provide greater flexibility to the schools to provide personnel for weekend events that are scheduled by governmental institutions and municipalities. Mr. Myers presented the following revised fee schedule below:

FY 2017-2018 Facility Rental Rate Schedule				
Space Type	Fee	Rental Level		
		One	Two	Three
Cafeteria Dining Room				
	Deposit / Event	\$0	\$75	\$175
	Facility / Event	\$0	\$150	\$300
	Personnel / Hour	\$30 ⁽⁴⁾	\$30	\$30
	Kitchen / Hour ⁽¹⁾	\$35	\$35	\$35
	Sound / Hour ⁽²⁾	\$0	\$8	\$8
	Utility / Hour	\$0	\$5	\$5
Multi-Purpose Room				
	Deposit / Event	\$0	\$75	\$150
	Facility / Event	\$0	\$125	\$225
	Personnel / Hour	\$30 ⁽⁴⁾	\$30	\$30
	Sound / Hour ⁽²⁾	\$0	\$8	\$8
	Utility / Hour	\$0	\$5	\$5
Gymnasium				
	Deposit / Event	\$0	\$100	\$200
	Facility / Event	\$0	\$175	\$325
	Personnel / Hour	\$30 ⁽⁴⁾	\$30	\$30
	Sound / Hour ⁽²⁾	\$0	\$8	\$8
	Utility / Hour	\$0	\$8	\$8
Auditorium				
	Deposit / Event	\$0	\$125	\$225
	Facility / Event	\$0	\$225	\$350
	Personnel / Hour	\$30 ⁽⁴⁾	\$30	\$30
	Sound / Hour ⁽²⁾	\$0	\$8	\$8
	Utility / Hour	\$0	\$9	\$9
Athletic Field				
	(per field)			
	Deposit / Event	\$0	\$125	\$225
	Facility / Event	\$0	\$250	\$375
	Personnel / Hour	\$30 ⁽⁴⁾	\$30	\$30
	Sound / Hour ⁽²⁾	\$0	\$8	\$8
	Utility / Hour	\$0	\$5	\$5
	Field Lights / Hour ⁽³⁾	\$0	\$30	\$30
(1) Use of cafeteria kitchen must be supervised by a Child Nutrition employee. Charge applies only when kitchen is requested.				
(2) Only authorized personnel shall operate school system sound equipment. Charge applies only when sound equipment is requested.				
(3) Field lights are seasonally available and can only be used at designated sites				
(4) Level One personnel fees assessed for custodial presence during non-school day events, e.g. weekend events				
Late fee after 30 days: \$35 or 10% of total bill, whichever is greater				
Cancellation policy: Full facility/event fee is due if not cancelled 10 business days prior to event date. Other charges will not apply.				

Upon motion by Mr. Ridge and second by Mr. Taylor, the 2017-2018 Onslow County School Facility Usage Fee Schedule was unanimously approved as presented.

RESTART SCHOOLS INFORMATION ITEM

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Beth Folger addressed the Board and shared that General Statute permits recurring low-performing public schools in North Carolina an opportunity to be granted restart status allowing them to operate with the flexibility usually given to charter schools. Some of the flexibility granted includes greater freedom in determining school calendar, staffing, licensure, class sizes, budgeting, and other school operations. Dr. Folger noted that restart schools remain under the control of and are governed by the local board of education and the employees assigned to the school are employees of the LEA. Dr. Folger shared that the restart applications have been submitted to the NC State Board of Education for Clyde Erwin Magnet Elementary School and Richlands Elementary School. If approved by the State Board, restart implementation would begin in the 2017-18 school year. Board discussion occurred. Chairman Thomas noted that during a recent special work session of the Board of Education, the Board received the information on the restart initiative and unanimously approved the submission of the applications. The Board thanked Dr. Folger for the presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Samantha Peterson, a graduate of Swansboro High School, addressed the Board with comments regarding cyberbullying and the school board's responsibility to educate teachers and students about cyberbullying.

Hope Conn, a senior at Swansboro High School, addressed the Board with comments regarding French education in Onslow County and concerns over the recent change in the delivery of the curriculum at her school. Additionally, she shared her thoughts on the need for better education on internet safety and the appropriate use of the internet.

Louisa Ringo, retired Onslow educator, addressed the Board with comments related to Board of Education member Jonathan Merritt and his recent arrest for DWI charges and called for his resignation from the Board of Education.

David Williams addressed the Board with comments related to Board of Education member Jonathan Merritt's recent DWI charges and questioned the Board's response to the signs of his alcohol abuse. He noted a previous incident and how it was addressed.

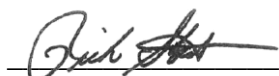
Kat Howell addressed the Board with comments related to the LGBTQ community and protecting students and teachers through support services and education.

The Board thanked all for their comments.

Chairman Thomas asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of our fallen military.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional requests to come before the Board, upon motion by Mr. Ridge and second by Mr. Taylor, Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.



Superintendent Rick Stout
Secretary to the Board of Education