

MADISON COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
Monday, February 22, 2016
Madison Early College
MINUTES

At approximately 5:15 p.m. the Madison County Schools Board was called to order by Chair, Dr. Theresa Banks. Motioned/Seconded (Kelby Cody/Craig Goforth) Carried (5-0) for the Madison County Schools Board to begin Closed Session in accordance with N.C.G.S 143-318.11 for the purposes: under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential student information pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232g (FERPA) AND G.S. 115C-402(e); under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-321. In attendance were Board members Dr. Theresa Banks, Lori Massey, Dr. Craig Goforth, Kelby Cody and Barbara Wyatt. Also in attendance were Dr. Ronald Wilcox, Superintendent, Michael Wallin, Finance Director and Cindy Shores, Personnel Director, Dean Shatley, Board Attorney.

(Closed Session minutes prepared by Board Attorney)

At approximately 7:25 p.m., Motioned/Seconded (Craig Goforth/Kelby Cody) Carried (5-0) for the Madison County Schools Board to move into Open Session.

Members and citizens observed a moment of silence.

Motioned/Seconded (Craig Goforth/Lori Hagan Massey) Carried (5-0) to Set the Agenda with the following additions: To the Finance Report, add the Auditor's Report. To the Consent Agenda, add (1)Approval to add a storage building at Madison Middle School in the amount of \$7,058, (2)Authorize approval of the soil and water grant at Madison Middle School in the amount of \$4,701 with \$3,100 from the grant funds and \$1,601 from capital outlay, (3)Approval to authorize Mountain Environmental to proceed with Phase II of the Brush Creek Elementary School oil clean up, (4)Approval to authorize Appalachian Mountain Lighting to install lights in the Little Theater at Madison High School in the amount of \$3,911.20, (5)Approval to purchase lockers for Madison Middle School in the amount of \$9,715.00.

Motioned/Seconded (Kelby Cody/Barbara Wyatt) Carried (5-0) to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2016 meeting.

Good News

The Superintendent, Dr. Ronald Wilcox, shared good news with that the County Commissioners granted \$6.44 million for the building program and Champion Credit Union made a donation of \$3,610.00 to Madison County Schools.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent, Dr. Ronald Wilcox, reported that the Weight/Wrestling Room should have internet wiring installation and lights within the next two weeks and one HVAC unit has been installed. He reported that it is expected that the weight room will be ready for occupancy within two weeks. He reported that the Madison Middle School project to correct the sloping issue on the bank would cost \$4,706 with Clifton Hamlin Construction Company. The school system has received a soil & water grant

for \$3,100. The remaining \$1,600 will come from capital outlay. The Golden LEAF Grant Application has been submitted and appears that Madison County Schools should receive funds from that grant. Announcements will be made on April 7, 2016 with the amount of the funds.

Auditor's Report

Dan Boggs, Auditor for Madison County Schools, provided his report to the Board. He reported that overall, things have improved in the past two years. Mr. Boggs provided information in the report and offered to answer any questions from Board members.

Motioned/Seconded (Theresa Banks/Lori Hagan Massey) Carried (5-0) to approve the Auditor's Report.

The Superintendent, Dr. Ronald Wilcox, asked Elizabeth Ayers, School Nutrition Director, to share with the Board a current report on School Nutrition. Ms. Ayers reported that as of December of 2015, School Nutrition was \$21,000 better than this time last year (2015). She reported however, that School Nutrition is still reporting a deficit, numbers do look better than in 2015. Ms. Ayers shared that DPI recommended that she take a look at the impact on school nutrition due to snow which she reported a loss of \$4,065 per day loss, county wide. Ms. Ayers further reported that they have looked at the deficit of \$21,000 and the only area where they can cut is in labor and food costs, which they have already cut staff. She reported on a NC State Food Alliance which would allow Madison to purchase name brand, quality foods for a much cheaper cost rather than the current method they use. She reported that this food alliance is the 4th largest buying group in the country and over 50% of school systems are purchasing within the alliance, and asked the Board to consider allowing Madison County Schools to join the alliance. Ms. Ayers answered Board member, Dr. Craig Goforth's question regarding overall morale by sharing that the employees seem to be working well together, helping out when needed by covering for each other and utilizing substitutes. She also reported that the outstanding bills are decreasing for students and staff.

Motioned/Seconded (Kelby Cody/Lori Hagan Massey) Carried (5-0) to allow the School Nutrition Director to join the NC State Alliance.

Hot Springs Elementary Revised Test Score Improvement Plan

Principal from Hot Springs Elementary School, Kristin Dillon, reported on the school's Test Score Improvement Plan. She reported that she took the plan already in place from the previous Principal, and added slightly to it. She reported that she is conducting continuous walk throughs and daily evaluations with the teachers.

2015-2016 Calendar

Brent Caldwell and Lisa Gahagan reported as of February 22, 2016, Madison County Schools have been closed 11 days. If there are not any further closings, that is still enough to meet the requirement of 1025 hours and keep May 25th as the last day of school. If there are any further closings, the latest that school may dismiss for summer and the county still provide a summer school, will be May 27' 2016. Mr. Caldwell reported that Madison must report to the state by April 1, 2016, if the School Board wishes to operate a summer school.

Motioned/Seconded (Craig Goforth/Lori Hagan Massey) Carried (5-0) to allow Mr. Caldwell to report to NCDPI, that Madison County Schools will be offering a summer program.

Chairman's Report

Member's Report

Lori Hagan Massey reported the Communication Committee met on 2/19/16 regarding inclement weather and the possibility of uploading photos to the school website from the outlying areas so parents, staff can see the conditions in various parts of the county.

Finance Report

Finance Director, Michael Wallin, provided an updated Finance Report.

Consent Agenda

Motioned/Seconded (Craig Goforth/Lori Hagan Massey) Carried (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Personnel Report, Budget Amendments, Contracts, Field Trips and addition of the following items: (1)Approval to add a storage building at Madison Middle School in the amount of \$7,058, (2)Authorize approval of the soil and water grant at Madison Middle School in the amount of \$4,701 with \$3,100 from the grant funds and \$1,601 from capital outlay, (3)Approval to authorize Mountain Environmental to proceed with Phase II of the Brush Creek Elementary School oil clean up, (4)Approval to authorize Appalachian Mountain Lighting to install lights in the Little Theater at Madison High School in the amount of \$3,911.20, (5)Approval to purchase lockers for Madison Middle School in the amount of \$9,615.00.

Unfinished Business

Policies

Motioned/Seconded (Lori Hagan Massey) Carried (5-0) to approve the Dual-Employment (2nd Reading), Drone Policy (2nd Reading), and Permanent/Temporary Positions (7100)

New Business

Founder and Executive Director of the Page Program, Deborah Hicks traveled from Durham to update the Madison County Board on the successful aspects of the program. Ms. Hicks reported that it was founded in 2010 for girls in the 6-9th grades with a motto of "inspire, educate, empower". She reported the vision for Madison County is to now offer a year round program for girls and expand to approximately 13 girls from the Hot Springs Elementary Schools area and 12 from the old Walnut Community. The goal for 2016 is to expand the program to 50 girls. The summer session for the Page Program begin 6/13/16 – 7/1/16, 7/11/16 – 7/29/16, and a final program at 6:30 p.m. on 7/28/16 at Madison High School.

Motioned/Seconded (Theresa Banks/Barbara Wyatt) Carried (5-0) to approve the agenda and plans for the Page Program for the remaining 2016 year.

Motioned/Seconded (Craig Goforth/Kelby Cody) Carried (5-0) to approve the Building Program Bids.

Motioned/Seconded (Lori Hagan Massey/Barbara Wyatt) Carried (5-0) to approve to extend the Dean Rigsby Agreement with a 2 year contract.

Motioned/Seconded (Kelby Cody/Barbara Wyatt) Carried (5-0) to approve fundraising for the annual Outer Banks trip in October 2016 for the Madison Middle School students.

Citizen Participation

Announcements

Motioned/Seconded (Craig Goforth/Kelby Cody) Carried (5-0) to adjourn.

Dr. Theresa Banks, Chair

Dr. Ronald Wilcox, Superintendent