

MADISON COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
May 30, 2016
Central Office
MINUTES
OPEN SESSION

Motioned/Seconded (Craig Goforth/Lori Massey) Carried (5-0) to move to Open Session at approximately 7:12 p.m. 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.

Board Chair, Dr. Theresa Banks opened the meeting by observing a moment of silence.

Setting the Agenda:

Motioned/Seconded (Craig Goforth/Barbara Wyatt) Carried (5-0) to Set the Agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes:

Motioned/Seconded (Lori Massey/Theresa Banks) Carried (5-0) to approve Minutes from the 4/25/16 Closed Session, 4/25/16 Open Session, 5/9/16 Closed Session, and 5/9/16 Open Session.

Kelby Cody asked that minutes from the 4/25/16 be modified to reflect under the Member's Report: "Vice Chair, Kelby Cody shared with the Board that he would not speak with the Board of Commissioners next week about the new monies for the one to one project until the Board had the opportunity to meet and discuss the use of the monies." - This correction has been made and will be presented to the Board for approval at the next Regular Scheduled Meeting in June.

Good News:

Board Chair, Theresa Banks welcomed Dr. Todd Holden as the new Superintendent of Madison County Schools. Dr. Banks shared that Dr. Holden will be assuming his new position effective July 1, 2016. Dr. Holden spoke briefly of how he is excited to join Madison County Schools and is looking forward to July 1st where he plans to work as a servant leader for this school system. He shared his excitement for working together to make Madison County Schools best in the region.

Superintendent, Ronald Wilcox shared an update on the Weight Room. He thanked all of the individuals who have been working hard to finish it up. He shared that Andy Gregg, and the inmates of the Buncombe County Correctional facility had worked diligently to finish the work. Dr. Wilcox reported it should take another day and a half to complete all of the work.

The Superintendent reported the Annual Report has been completed and once the Board has been given copies and has a chance to review, copies will be sent to the schools. Distribution should take place later in the week.

The Superintendent reported test scores have been provided to the principals and informed the Board that the scores will change once re-testing occurs. Math scores, overall are up. Math I is up at the high

school. Middle School Math scores were up, although there were a couple of areas where scores are down. Science scores in 5th and 8th grade are up and overall the test scores are up.

Superintendent's Report:

The FFA Students from the high school presented a report on Glyphosate and HOSA students presented information on Skin Cancer Prevention.

Willa Wyatt provided an update on the Anderson Rosenwald School including showing photos of the new windows provided.

Chairman's Report:

Board Chair recognized Kathy Mackey for her lifetime membership award with NC HOSA. This is the highest award received from peers.

The Board Chair shared information regarding the Energy Loan. In 2009, Dwight Smathers attended a board meeting and asked the Board to consider entering into an energy contract. At the time, he was involved in Yancey and Haywood counties and hoped to add Madison. The Board bid the project and Johnson Control won the bid. Questions are now being asked if the school is actually benefitting from the contract. In order to find this out, it will take an extensive audit to see if this is, in fact, the case.

Michael Wallin, Director of Finance, and Board Chair, Theresa Banks met with Dyatt Smathers, to discuss the energy performance. The purpose of the meeting was to determine where the Board was at in thoughts of the energy contract. Mr. Smathers has offered to do it for \$300 rather than thousands as proposed by an outside company. Dyatt has been extensively involved in the process, including the bank, loan process, local commission and data and energy costs and savings.

Motioned/Seconded (TB/KC) Carried (5-0) to pay Dwight to pay \$300.00 to hire for contract services to conduct an audit on the Energy Loan.

Board member, Barbara Wyatt shared that the audit should take about a month and Lori H. Massey explained that the Board at the time, approved the grant based on the information provided to them. The purpose of the energy grant was to save the school system money. The purpose of this audit is to confirm that the savings are actually still in effect. Board member, Craig Goforth shared that at the time, the evidence was compelling and the Board was convinced it was in the best interest of the school system to participate in the energy grant. Board member Kelby Cody shared that the reason to have Mr. Smathers complete this audit is to make sure everything is being done, and has been done as promised. Each year, there is potential for Madison County Schools to be billed if the school system saves more money than projected. This audit will provide details as to the actual usage and savings.

Member's Report:

Member, Craig Goforth shared on behalf of the Athletic Committee. He shared that the new AD/Head Football Coach was doing great and the boys have said he is quite a "fireball". He shared the weight room is almost complete and there is a need for the schools to inventory the equipment and send him a list of needs.

There was no Communications meeting since the last one.

Member, Barbara Wyatt shared that Policy Committee continues to meet and they are staying on top of the changes that are happening daily.

Joe Davis, Maintenance Director shared a report regarding the status at each school. The report showed colors of red, indicating a finished project, and green, projects started or will start when school is out, and yellow, indicating the sidewalk project. MB Haynes is finishing the bathrooms in the weight room. He reported the sidewalks are going to cost much more than anticipated. The paving at the high school is complete. Board member Lori H. Massey asked Mr. Davis to monitor the projects to insure projects are not over budget and asked that he keep track of all projects to make sure everything stays on track. Mr. Davis shared he was excited about the work occurring in the theaters and Board member, Barbara Wyatt asked if there would be a possibility of light switches in the theater at the high school be moved so people don't have to walk through a dark room in order to turn them on. The bathroom stalls for the middle school have been ordered. Member Kelby Cody shared his appreciation for the work done at Mars Hill Elementary School, walking trail.

Director, Elizabeth Ayers shared an update in Child Nutrition and current charges at the school. 2014-2015, the department focused on trimming down staff and the focus for 2015-2016 was focused on the US Food Co Op. Adult charged lunches has been paid down by \$1,064.25 and DPI completed a survey statewide to determine how districts are handling unpaid balances. Five districts have actually gone to debt collection agencies in order to collect unpaid student and staff debts. Members discussed deducting the unpaid balances from the final paychecks in June, however Dean Shatley, Board Attorney, notified the Board and Child Nutrition Director that these fees cannot be collected from an employee by garnishment of wages unless they are notified in writing and sign a waiver agreeing to this practice. Since this was not implemented for the 2015-2016 school year, the earliest it can be completed is 2016-2017. Different options were discussed in order to have some leverage for balances to be paid, including revoking parking privileges for high school students, serving peanut butter sandwiches and milk, not allowing a senior to walk at graduation. Dean Shatley, Board Attorney, confirmed that a district may deny privileges for students who owe monies to the cafeterias, but cannot withhold report cards. Member, Craig Goforth stated that a meeting will be set in the near future to discuss policy changes with Child Nutrition.

Board Chair, Dr. Theresa Banks, shared this is the final meeting Superintendent, Ronald Wilcox will be attending and asked that Dr. Wilcox take a moment to share parting words. Dr. Wilcox shared some memories for the past sixteen years and kind words directed to the incoming Superintendent, Dr. Todd Holden, about the special place that Madison County, NC is. Dr. Wilcox expressed his gratitude for a sixteen year experience with good people, staff and students. He shared with the members that he looks forward to about three years in South Carolina and then maybe retirement after that.

Finance Report:

Michael Wallin, Finance Director shared an update on the Finance Report, Balance Sheet, Revenue Reports, Fines and Forfeitures and the current Budget Amendment.

Consent Agenda:

Motioned/Seconded (LHM/CG) Carried (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda.

Unfinished Business:

Tabled Business:

Policies:

Motioned/Seconded (CG/BW) Carried (5-0) to approved the first reading of the Return to Work Program.

This policy addresses the guideline for worker's compensation/restrictions/when to return to work, etc.

New Business:

Dr. Carolyn Franklin shared an update on the GoldenLEAF Grant and requested final approval for the grant.

Motioned/Seconded (KC/BW) Carried for final approval of the GoldenLEAF Grant.

Dr. Carolyn Franklin shared information regarding the CTE Local Plan. Dr. Franklin shared that a Hunter Safety-Firearms Course needed to be implemented. She shared Mr. James Huey, in the CTE Department, is certified and the plan is in place. Currently, the course is on a voluntary basis and being offered during the summer, but this course could easily be implemented into the Agriculture Class for middle and high school students.

Motioned/Seconded (CG/LHM) Carried (5-0) to approve the CTE Local Plan as presented.

2016-2017 Academic Calendar:

Curriculum Director, Lisa Gahagan reported the plan for the 2016-2017 Academic Calendar. She reported due to Madison County not getting the waiver, school cannot begin before 8/22/16. 1085.75 hours will be met before Spring Break, which will fall before Easter and they cannot test before Christmas with the late start in August.

Motioned/Seconded (TB/LHM) Carried (5-0) to approve the 2016-2017 Academic Calendar.

2017-2019 AIG Plan

Board Chairman, Dr. Theresa Banks asked if Caroline Davis, AIG Director would please allow the Board to hold off on the AIG plan until the next Board meeting on June 26, 2016 due to not having a chance to read the AIG plan. Ms. Davis agreed to plan to be present at the Regular Scheduled meeting in June to present the plan.

Motioned/Seconded (LHM/TB) Carried (5-0) to adjourn the Madison County Board of Education Open Session at approximately 9:28 p.m.

Dr. Theresa Banks, Chair

Dr. Ronald Wilcox, Superintendent

Approved August 29, 2016