PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF ROBESON COUNTY

Board of Education Meeting – Hargrave

Summary of Minutes

May 11, 2021

The Board of Education for the Public Schools of Robeson County convened in a regularly scheduled meeting on May 11, 2021 – 6:00 P.M. – Central Office – Virtual Meeting.

Craig Lowry, Chairman

Mike Smith, Vice-Chairman

Henry Brewer

Dr. Linda Emanuel

Brenda Fairley-Ferebee

William Gentry

Vonta Leach

Randy Lawson

Terry Locklear

John Simmons

Dwayne Smith

Also in attendance were: Superintendent Dr. Freddie Williamson; Dr. Robert Locklear, Melissa R. Thompson, Assistant Superintendents; Erica Setzer, Chief Finance Officer; Dr. Glen Burnette, Chief Communications Officer; and Attorney Grady Hunt.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Craig Lowry

2. **Invocation:** Henry Brewer

3. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Chairman Craig Lowry

A motion was made by Mr. Williams Gentry and seconded by Mr. Henry Brewer to approved the revised agenda. The Board approved the revised agenda.

4. **Approval of Minutes –** The Board unanimously approved the open session minutes of April 20 and April 27, 2021.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Ezekiel McKoy who recently died in a car accident.

The board commended educators Ms. Mable Revels and Ms. Mary Prevatte for their receipt of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, which is the state’s highest civilian honor.

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. 2021-2022 Principal of the Year Recognition**

**Mr. Christopher Suggs- St. Pauls High School**

**2021-2022 Teacher of the Year Recognition**

**Ms. Elizabeth Lytch - Piney Grove**

**2021-2022 Beginning Teacher of the Year Recognition**

**Ms. Hannah Middleton, Rowland Norment**

**B. NC State Kenan Fellows**

Ms. Susan Miller-Hendrix was named the 2021-2022 Kenan Fellow   
Award. She was one of the 26 North Carolina educators chosen for the fellowship.

**C. Exceptional Children Update**

Ms. Latonya Burney, EC Director along with Ms. Jamie Lowry, Assistant EC Director, and Ms. Jennifer Hanna, Director of Early Learning Program presented an update of the progress and processes in the department. They did an excellent job presenting the updates for EC Department.

**D. DPI Bus Inspection Report**

Dr. Robert Guzman, Director of Transportation gave an overview of the DPI Bus Inspection which you receive in your packet. Dr. Guzman said that the state Department conducted a bus inspection f9or the 2020-2021 school year.

**E. Wearing of Mask Update**

Mr. Bobby Locklear, Executive Director, and Ms. Stephanie Locklear, Supervisor of Nursing gave a recommendation to the Board that the Public Schools of Robeson County Schools will still mandate wearing of masks and other accommodations that have been set forth by the system.

**F. Finance Committee Meeting Update**

Mr. Mike Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee gave an update on the 2021-2022 Planning Budget that has to be submitted by May 15 2021 to the county commissioners.

Ms. Erica Setzer, Chief Finance Officer presented the Financial documents in your packet reference to the SRO Information, enrollment information - schools less than 500 ADM, and the 2021-2022 Planning Budget.

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Indian Education Title VI Grant**

A motion was made by Dr. Linda Emanuel and seconded by Mr. Henry Brewer to approve the Title VI Grant. The Board approved the Title VI grant.

**B. One Room Schoolhouse**

Retired Judge Gary Locklear, presented a proposal reference to resuming the responsibility of the upkeep and relocating the building to the Lumbee Tribe’s destination area. A motion was made by Ms. Brenda Fairley-Ferebee and seconded by Mr. Henry Brewer. Motion carried.

**C: PSRC-RCC Board of Trustees Appointment**

Ms. Brenda Fairley, School Board Member, nominated Ms. Shirley Stockton, to serve on the Board of Trustees at Robeson Community College representing the Public Schools of Robeson County for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2021, through

June 30, 2025, seconded by Mr. Vonta Leach. Motion carried.

**D. Summer Work Schedule**

Dr. Freddie Williamson presented the Summer Work Schedule for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Dwayne Smith and seconded by Mr. William Gentry. Motion carried.

**E. Waccamaw Transport spill incident No. 90140**

Mr. Earney Hammonds presented an overview of the Waccamaw Transport spill incident No. 90140 for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Henry Brewer and seconded by Ms. Brenda Fairley-Ferebee. Motion carried

**F. Policy Update - 4000**

Mr. William Gentry presented the Policy Update for Section 4000. A motion was made by Mr. William Gentry and seconded by Mr. Henry Brewer to approve the policy update-section 4000.

**G. Financial Report**

Ms. Erica Setzer presented the financial report that you receive in your packet for approval. There was a motion by Dwayne Smith and seconded by Henry Brewer to approve the Finance Report. Motion carried.

**H. 2021-2022 Planning Budget**

Ms. Erica Setzer presented the 2021-2022 Planning Budget for approval. A motion was made by Ms. Brenda Fairley-Ferebee and seconded by Mr. Vonta Leach to approve

the planning budget. Motion carried.

A recommendation was made by the superintendent to renew three-year contracts for the Assistant Superintendent as listed effective July 1, 2021.

**Ms. Melissa Thompson**

**Dr. Robert Locklear,**

**Ms. Jennifer Freeman**

A recommendation was made by the superintendent to hire

**Mr. Bobby Locklear** as Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services also with a three-year contract effective July 1, 2021.

The Board Members who voted in favor of this recommendation was Mr. Craig Lowry, Mr. Mike Smith, Mr. Randy Lawson, Mr. Terry Locklear, Mr. Dwayne Smith, Mr. Henry Brewer, Ms. Brenda Fairley-Ferebee, Dr. Linda Emanuel, Mr. William Gentry.

Mr. Vonta Leach and Mr. John Simmons voted in opposition to this recommendation. The Board approved the recommendation 9-2.

**CLOSED SESSION**

* Certified/Classified Personnel
* Legal Issues
* Closed Session Minutes

Public Comments

6. Motion that the Board of Education for the Public Schools of Robeson County go into closed session for the purposes of discussing certified and classified personnel (N.C. Gen. Stat.§143-318.11 (a) 1 (6), student transfers (N.C. Gen. Stat. §115C-402 and N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11 (a) (1)); and to consult with the attorney obtained by the Board in order to preserve the attorney/client privileges between the attorney and the Board of Education for the Public School Schools of Robeson County (N.C. Stat.143-318.11 (a) (1) (3). The Board approved the motion.

7. Motion to come out of closed session. The Board approved the motion.

8. Motion to approve personnel as presented. The Board approved the motion.

9. Motion to approve closed session minutes of April 20, 2021, and April 27, 2021. The Board approved the motion.

10. Motion to recess until Tuesday, May 25, 2021- 5:00 PM. Motion approved

11. Motion to adjourn. The Board approved the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Craig Lowry, Chairman

Superintendent Freddie Williamson, Secretary