PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF ROBESON COUNTY

Board of Education Meeting – Hargrave

Minutes

June 15, 2021

The Board of Education for the Public Schools of Robeson County convened in a regularly scheduled meeting on June 15, 2021 – 6:00 P.M. – Central Office – Virtual Meeting.

Craig Lowry, Chairman

Mike Smith, Vice-Chairman - Telephone

Henry Brewer

Dr. Linda Emanuel

Brenda Fairley-Ferebee

William Gentry - Telephone

Vonta Leach

Randy Lawson

Terry Locklear

John Simmons

Dwayne Smith

Also in attendance were: Superintendent Dr. Freddie Williamson; Dr. Robert Locklear, Melissa Thompson, Jennifer Freeman; Karen Brooks-Floyd, 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:** Randy Lawson

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

Ms. Brenda Fairley-Ferebee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Randy Lawson, to approve the revised agenda. The Board approved the revised agenda.

4. **Approval of Minutes -** The Board unanimously approved the open session minutes of May 11, 2021, and May 25, 202**1.**

Chairman Craig Lowry held a moment of silence in memory of a student at Magnolia Christopher Diaz.

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**1. High School Sports Team Recognitions**

Mr. Jerome Hunt, Athletic Director (PSRC), said that it gives him great pleasure and pride to stand before you tonight. When Covid hit, we were not sure if we were going to be able to have athletics. We discussed it; you voted for PSRC to begin athletics as long as Covid protocols were followed. Our Athletic Directors, Coaches, Athletic Trainers, Principals, and our athletes stepped up and done an outstanding job to make our sports seasons happen. Yes, we had players and coaches quarantine during the season. We had entire teams quarantine during the season. The teams found a way to persevere and get our seasons completed.

Mr. Hunt mentions that PSRC currently has two wrestling teams that are competing today in the first round of the regionals. We have one baseball team that is playing tonight in the first round of the playoffs. We have several tennis players that will play in the regionals this week. Also, we have several track participants that will compete in the regionals this weekend. Our high schools have had a great year with athletics!

As a result of the hard work, our teams made PSRC proud. We had nine conference championship teams. (1) Eastern Regional Runner up in boys basketball, (1) Eastern Regional Semifinalist in softball, (1) Eastern Regional champion in football, (1) state runner up in football, (9), conference Coaches of the Year, (10), conference Players of the Year, we also have ( 2) basketball players that will play in the East/West all-star basketball game in Greensboro in July.

Mr. Hunt said we would like to recognize our State Runner up football team from St. Pauls High School and some of our conference Coaches and Players of the year award winners. I would like to ask Coach Mike Setzer to come up and Recognize his team.

Mr. Robert Setzer, Head Football Coach at St. Pauls High, introduced each player and presented them with a North Carolina High School Athletic Association medallions to the team members.

**2. Purnell Swett Softball**

Purnell Swett Softball team: Sandhills Athletic Conference Champions / Eastern Regional Semifinalist. The team could not make it to the board meeting due to having an American Legion softball game that night.

Mr. Jerome Hunt recognized our Conference Players of the Year and Coaches of the Year.,,

**Conference Coaches of the Year**

**St. Pauls High School: Three Rivers Conference**

Corey Thompson—Boys Basketball

Jory Barnes—Volleyball

Mike Moses—Girls Basketball

Brent Martin—Boys Soccer

Mike Setzer—Football

**Red Springs High School: Three Rivers Conference**

Glenn Patterson—Cross Country

Fairmont High School: Three Rivers Conference

Andrew Quinitchett—Tennis

**Lumberton High School: Sandhills Conference**

Jamie Bell—Wrestling

**Purnell Swett High School: Sandhills Conference**

William Deese--Softball

**Conference Players of the Year**

**Lumberton High School: Sandhills Conference**

August Smith—Softball

Jackson Buck—Wrestling

Jacob Britt—Bowling

Chloe Newberry--Bowling

**St. Pauls High School: Three Rivers Conference**

Savanna Lowery--Volleyball

Jakieya Thompson—Cross Country

Jeyvian Tatum--Basketball

Mikail Breeden—Football Offensive Player of the Year

Ethan Roberts—Football Defensive Player of the Year

Ayham Hajran—Football Special Teams Player of the Year

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Consolidation of Pre-K Programs**

Ms. Jamie Flanagan, Title I Supervisor, and Ms. Jennifer Freeman, Assistant Superintendent, discussed the consolidation of the Pre-K Programs, which included three schools, Magnolia, Piney Grove, and St. Pauls Elementary School. Ms. Flanagan stated that this would allow us to serve the same number of at-risk 4-year-olds.

Ms. Jamie Flanagan expressed significant concern because the two classrooms were based at the same school they shared.

A motion was made by Mr. Randy Lawson and second by Ms. Brenda Fairley-Ferebee to approve the consolidation of Pre-K programs.

**B. Career and Technical Education Plan**

Mr. Herman Locklear presented the Career and Technical Education Plan for approval. A motion was made by Dr. Linda Emanuel and seconded by Mr. Dwayne Smith to approve the Career and Technical Education Plan. Motion carried.

**C. Local Articulated Credit Agreement (RCC and PSRC)**

Mr. Herman Locklear presented the Local Articulated Credit Agreement (RCC and PSRC) for approval. This agreement gives students who complete CTE courses with a passing grade of a B and a 90% grade on the course’s final test a certification to enter the workforce after graduation. A motion was made by Mr. Henry Brewer and seconded by Mr. Vonta Leach to approve the Local Articulated Credit for (RCC and PSRC). Motion carried.

**D. EC Service Provider Contracts (Summer Only)**

Dr. Robert Locklear presented for approval the Contract Service Providers for the extended employment for the summer only. A motion was made by Mr. Dwayne Smith and seconded by Ms. Brenda Fairley-Ferebee to approve the extended contracts for summer only. Motion carried.

**E. Budget Amendments 2020-2021**

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

**F. Monthly Financial Report**

Ms. Erica Setzer, Chief Finance Officer, presented the monthly financial report for approval. A motion was made by Ms. Brenda Fairley-Ferebee and seconded by

Mr. Henry Brewer. Motion carried.

**G. Micro-Purchase Threshold (increase $10,000 to $30,000) 21-22 FY**

Ms. Erica Setzer, Chief Finance Officer, presented the Resolution for the Micro-Purchase Threshold (increase $10,000 to $30,000) for the 21-22 fiscal year. A motion was made by Ms. Brenda Fairley-Ferebee and seconded by Mr. Henry Brewer to approve the Micro-Purchase Threshold Resolution. Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

Public Comments

7. 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.

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

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

10.. Motion to approve closed session minutes. The Board approved the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Craig Lowry, Chairman

Superintendent Freddie Williamson, Secretary