

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
11:30 a.m. – Call to Order – Executive Conference Room
(Closed Session)
June 29, 2023
1:00 p.m. – Minitorium
OPEN SESSION
Broadcast live on BCS Communications YouTube Account

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Buncombe County Board of Education met in a special called session on June 29, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in the Minitorium located at 175 Bingham Road, Asheville, North Carolina and streamed live on YouTube, when the following business was transacted.

The following Board members were present:

Ann Franklin, Madam Chair
Peggy Buchanan, Member
Rob Elliot, Member
Judy Lewis, Member

Kim Plemmons, Member
Amanda Simpkins, Member
Amy Churchill, Vice-Chair (absent)

Staff present: Dr. Rob Jackson, Superintendent; Dr. Jennifer Reed, Associate Superintendent Curriculum & Instruction; Joseph Hough, Assistant Superintendent Auxiliary Services; Dr. Jamie Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Equity & Student Support; Robert Frisby, Director of Technology; Tim Fierle, Director of Facilities; Clark Wyatt, Director of Maintenance; Ginny Barrett, Director of Federal Programs; Dr. Paula Pinkerton, Director of Elementary and Intermediate Education; Tonya Robinson, Director of Secondary Education; Shanon Martin, Assistant Director of Student Services; Scott Emory, Technology Support Specialists; Dr. Stacia Harris, Director of Communications; Tina Thorpe, Chief Finance Officer; Lisa Sharpe, Accounting/Purchasing Manager; Carol Edge, Operational Budget Manager; Lisa Payne, Director of School Nutrition; Cynthia Lopez, Attorney and Kim Matthews, Executive Administrative Assistant

MOTION TO CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Lewis made a motion to enter into closed session at 11:40 a.m. and Ms. Simpkins seconded the motion – the motion was approved unanimously.

The Madam Chair entertained a motion for the Board of Education to enter into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 for the following purposes:

- Under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged and confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-321;
- Under subsection (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged and confidential student information pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232g (FERPA);
- Under subsection (a)(3) to discuss matters protected by the attorney-client privilege.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Plemmons made a motion to adjourn closed session at 12:33 p.m. and Ms. Lewis seconded the motion – the motion was approved unanimously.

CALL TO ORDER – Madam Chair Franklin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Elliot made a motion to remove the School Nutrition Budget Amendment from the consent agenda and then approve the agenda and Ms. Plemmons seconded the motion – the motion was approved unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ACTION AGENDA

- INTERIM BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR 2023-2024 (walk-in document)

Board members expressed their appreciation to the Finance team and to the County Commissioners for the collaborative work on the school budget to fund our system. A desire to work more closely with state legislators was also conveyed.

Ms. Plemmons made a motion to approve the Interim Budget Resolution for 2023-2024 and Ms. Buchanan seconded the motion – the motion was approved unanimously.

- Budget Amendment #8 (walk-in document)

Ms. Lewis made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #8 as presented and Ms. Simpkins seconded the motion – the motion was approved unanimously.

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- Capital Outlay Projects: Selection of Design Teams and Construction Managers at Risk (CMAR)
Ms. Simpkins stated that she participated in the selection committee's process. The committee spent considerable time and effort to select these firms and feels that they are all good candidates for these projects.

Ms. Plemmons made a motion to approve the Selection Committee's recommendations of the lead designers and CMAR teams to provide architectural, engineering, and construction services for the multiple capital improvement projects and Authorize the Board Chair to execute the contracts subject to Board Attorney review and receipt of funding, and if contract negotiations are unsuccessful with the recommended design teams and CMAR, negotiations will proceed with the Alternates and Ms. Simpkins seconded the motion – the motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes: June 1, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- Personnel Report as revised
- School Nutrition: Budget Amendment (removed from agenda)
- Award of Contract for Liability, Property, Auto and Workers' Compensation Insurance
- Mandatory Catastrophic Athletic Insurance for 2023-2024
- Sole Source Procurement Request: Ellevation Platform and Strategies Licenses, Title III Language Acquisition
- **POLICIES FOR SECOND READING**
Policy 3430 School Improvement Plan
Policy 5001 Advisory Councils to the Board

Ms. Simpkins made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda and Mr. Elliot seconded the motion – the motion was approved unanimously.

INFORMATION AGENDA

- Finance Reports (walk-in document)

ADJOURNMENT – Madam Chair Franklin

Ms. Plemmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m. and Ms. Lewis seconded the motion – the motion was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Board of Education Regular Meeting will be held on August 3, 2023, with Work Session Updates and Closed Session beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room and the Open Session beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Minitorium at 175 Bingham Road, Asheville, NC 28806.

Rob Jackson, Superintendent &
Ex Officio Secretary

Ann B. Franklin, Madam Chair

Minutes for Approval: August 3, 2023
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