

The Franklin County Board of Education met in regular session. Due to the Governor's Executive Order regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, board members, board attorney, and Central Office staff joined the meeting electronically off site. The meeting was live streamed for the media and public; although, it was brought to the attention of Franklin County Schools that there were technical issues with members of the public and press being able to access it. The public was given the opportunity to submit public comments via e-mail. The chair called for roll-call record of attendance and votes. The following members joined the meeting electronically: Chair Paige Sayles, Vice Chair Bernard Hall, Mrs. Debra Brodie, Mrs. Rosemary Champion, Mrs. Meghan Jordan, Dr. Elizabeth Keith, and Mr. Thomas Piper. Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Schuhler and Attorney Boyd Sturges joined the meeting electronically. Chair Paige Sayles called the meeting to order.

A Moment of Silence was observed in memory of Mr. Wayne Hicks (Assistant Principal of Cedar Creek Middle School), Mr. Robert Fleming (retired principal of Edward Best Elementary School), and Mrs. Grace Stafford (retired teacher from Louisburg High School) who recently passed away.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas Piper, seconded by Mrs. Rosemary Champion, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Dr. Elizabeth Keith, seconded by Mrs. Meghan Jordan, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda that consisted of the March 9, 2020 board minutes and March 23, 2020 special-called board minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas Piper, seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Keith, and unanimously carried to approve Policies 3102 Online Instruction, 3225/4312/7350 Technology Responsible Use, 6120 Student Health Services, 6140 Student Wellness, 7430 Substitute Teachers, 7820 Personnel Files, 4270/6145 Concussion and Head Injury, and 6230 School Meal and Competitive Foods Standards.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas Piper to approve the 2020-21 local current expense and capital outlay budget with the activity bus provisions presently included in the capital outlay budget in 2020-21 and moving the previous 2019-20 projected amount for purchasing an activity bus to fund balance. There was no second to the motion. No further action was taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas Piper to vote separately for the current expense budget and capital outlay budget. There was no second to the motion. No further action was taken.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rosemary Champion, seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Keith, and unanimously carried to approve the 2020-21 local current expense and capital outlay budget as presented.

Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Schuhler and Central Office staff reported on Franklin County Schools' response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Lela Baldwin, Chief of Academics, gave an update on academics, remote learning, and testing. Mrs. Sondra Ayscue, Director of Technology, shared information from the technology department. Mrs. Windy Edwards, Director of Exceptional Children and Student Services, presented information regarding Exceptional Children. Dr. Larry Webb, Chief of Auxiliary Services, reported on the school nutrition, maintenance, and transportation departments as well as assistance from the School Resource Officers. Mr. Dannie Williams, Chief of Human Resources, and Mr. Michael Zalewski, Director of Human Resources, gave a report on training opportunities and on-site and remote working opportunities for staff members. Ms. Quinnley Coley, Chief of Finance, presented information concerning budget processes and work in purchasing, accounts payable, and payroll. Mr. Curtis Hayes, Director of Communicates, reported on communication efforts by schools and Central Office and media relations. Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Schuhler praised staff for an outstanding job, particularly during this time of crisis and frequent change; she summarized leadership efforts in response to the pandemic and reported the receipt of \$322,920 in relief funds from the State. She reiterated that leadership is looking at ways to support our front line staff who are consistently interacting with the public as well as ways to address our technology needs. No action was taken.

Ms. Quinnley Coley, Chief of Finance, presented the quarterly overview of continuing contracts. No action was taken.

Dr. Rhonda Schuhler presented the 2020 through 2025 Strategic Plan. This plan will be posted for review for one month, to be voted on in May.

Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Schuhler gave a brief oral Superintendent's Report.

Chair Paige Sayles announced upcoming meetings.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rosemary Champion, seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Keith, and unanimously carried to go into closed session for the purpose of G.S.143.318.11(a)(1)/(3) Personnel/Consult with Attorney.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas Piper, seconded by Mrs. Rosemary Champion, and unanimously carried to return to open session.

A motion was made by Mrs. Debra Brodie, seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Keith, and unanimously carried to approve the April 6, 2020 personnel report as presented and attached herein.

A motion was made by Dr. Elizabeth Keith, seconded by Mrs. Debra Brodie, and unanimously carried to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Paige Sayles, Chair

Diane D. Marks, Clerk to the Board