

MINUTES OF MEETING
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 8, 2024

The Columbus County Board of Education met on this date in regular session at 5:30 p.m. at the Columbus County Board of Education located at 2586 James B. White Highway North Building A, in the boardroom. The following persons were present:

Ronnie Strickland, Chairman
Steve Long, Vice-Chairman
Irvin Enzor
Chris Worley
Randy Coleman

Eddie Beck, Superintendent
Adam Thompson, Assistant Superintendent
Bill Phipps, Attorney
Ruthie Harper, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Dr. Strickland.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

By motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Worley, the final agenda for July 8, 2024 was approved.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Enzor, the minutes of the June 3, 2024 and June 18, 2024 meetings were approved.

The floor was opened for public comments. Mr. Fuller Royal and Ms. Danielle Danois addressed the Board regarding the soccer program at East Columbus Jr. Sr. High School.

Mr. Jess H. Hill, Clerk of Court, administered the oath of office to Mr. Eddie Beck, Superintendent. See attachment [No. 4612](#).

By motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the contract with North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education was approved. See attachment [No. 4611](#).

By motion of Mr. Worley, seconded by Mr. Enzor, the contract services for the exceptional children's program for the 2024-2025 SY were approved as follows: Public Consulting Group, LLC., Barbara B. Bell Psychological Services, Inc., TDP Creative Solutions, Inc., Speech Solutions, Inc., Progressive Speech Services, Inc., EDU Healthcare, Vida McLeary, MPT/L. See attachment [No. 4613](#).

By motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Worley, the Columbus County Schools Discipline Procedures for Grades K-12 for the 2024-2025 SY were approved. See attachment [No. 4614](#).

The Board was asked to review information on the school bus maintenance Report of Findings as presented by Mr. Thompson. See attachment [No. 4615](#).

By motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Enzor, Scribner as presented by Mr. Kelly Jones was approved.

By motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Worley, A La Carte prices, child nutrition product bids, and meal prices for the 2024-2025 SY were approved. See attachment [No. 4616](#).

By motion of Mr. Worley, seconded by Mr. Long, the overnight/out-of-state field trip request for South Columbus High School Choral/Piano to New York April 10-13, 2025 was approved.

By motion of Mr. Enzor, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board asked the School Resource Officer Agreement for 2024-2025 SY to be tabled.

The Board was asked to review information on the following: NC Department of Insurance - Property Insurance, North Carolina School Boards Association Policy Payment and North Carolina School Boards Action Center 24/25 Contribution. See attachment [No. 4617](#).

At 6:22 pm, by motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Long, the board went into closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Law, GS 143-318.11 (a)(1)(3)

- (1) Discuss information that is privilege, confidential, or not of public record
- (3) Consult with an attorney to preserve the attorney client privilege between the attorney and public body

By motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Board unanimously voted to return to open session at approximately 9:10 pm.

By motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Worley, the motion to approve personnel actions with amendments as recommended by Mr. Beck, were approved. See attachment [No. 4618](#).

By motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Enzor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Chairman

Superintendent/Secretary