

MINUTES OF MEETING
COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 12, 2022

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 in the conference room. The following persons were present:

Ronnie Strickland, Chairman
Randy Coleman, Vice Chairman
Worley Edwards
Steve Long
Dan Strickland

Deanne Meadows, Superintendent
Jonathan Williams, Associate Superintendent
Bonita Pridgen, Administrative Assistant
Bill Phipps, Attorney

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

By motion of Mr. Steve Long, seconded by Dr. Dan Strickland, the final agenda for September 12, 2022, was approved.

By motion of Dr. Dan Strickland, seconded by Mr. Steve Long, the minutes of the August 8, 2022, meetings were approved.

The floor was opened for public comments. No comments were shared.

The following special presentations and recognitions were shared: Mrs. Amanda Bible Worley - Daughters of the American Revolution, Mr. Ken Clark - North Carolina Department of Transportation District Engineer, Chadbourn Elementary School recipient of NC Outdoor Heritage Advisory Council GO Grant #755, convocation sponsors: Ms. Jennifer Eason - Amplify Education and Ms. Rhonda Campbell - Smithfield Hog Production.

Additionally, convocation presenters were recognized as follows:

Acme Delco Elementary School: Ms. Leane Alercia – Teacher, Ms. Allison Ellis - Art Teacher, Ms. Linda Parker – Teacher, Mr. Tyler Goodwin – Teacher.

Columbus Career and College Academy: Mr. Jeremiah Johnson, Administration

East Columbus Junior-Senior High School: Mr. Jeff Rudnik - Art Teacher

Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary School: Ms. Crystal Cartrette – Counselor

Nakina Middle School: Ms. Kristin Wall - Counselor and Mr. Brandon Inman - ESL Teacher.

Old Dock Elementary School: Ms. Karla Nobles - Art Teacher and Ms. Denise Cartrette – Teacher

South Columbus High School: Ms. Amanda Edwards - Math Teacher, Ms. Misty Jarman - Spanish Teacher, Ms. Megan-Joy Storms Whitesell - Physical Education Teacher, Mr. Justin White - Physical Education Teacher, and Ms. Breanna Giddings - Art Teacher.

Williams Township School: Ms. Kathy Trost - Art Teacher, Ms. Maxi McPherson – Teacher, Ms. Kathy Butler - Teacher Assistant, Ms. Shelley Cullipher – Administration, and Ms. Ashley Cartrette - Lead Teacher.

The Board was asked to review the payment of the following: [Herr, Inc. pay application #13 – Tabor City School \(\\$13,662.98\)](#), [Monteith Construction Corporation pay application #6 \(\\$1,224,067.89\)](#), [Monteith Construction Corporation pay application #7 \(\\$1,769,370.24\)](#), [Tai and Associates, PLLC invoice #181888-5 Tabor City School \(\\$16,984.00\)](#), [Tai and Associates, PLLC invoice #181879-4 West Columbus School \(\\$3,507.00\)](#), [Theatre Consultants Collaborative \(\\$2,840.00\)](#), [Szostak Design Invoice #09 - Williams Township and Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary \(\\$2,554.25\)](#), [Szostak Design Invoice #37 - West Columbus School \(\\$5,808.62\)](#), [Szostak Design Invoice #35 - Tabor City School \(\\$13,859.24\)](#), [Vincent Lighting Systems Company pay application #6 \(\\$6,764.40\)](#), and [Vincent Lighting Systems Company pay application #7 \(\\$31,458.50\)](#). See attachment No. 4456.

By motion of Mr. Worley Edwards, seconded by Mr. Steve Long, the quote, in the amount of \$98,940.00, from Creative Playscapes, Inc., for playground equipment at West Columbus School was approved. See attachment No. [4457](#).

Dr. Jonathan Williams gave project updates on the following: the HVAC replacements, K-12 athletic facilities grant, new administration building, and construction projects for West Columbus and Tabor City School.

By motion of Dr. Dan Strickland, seconded by Mr. Steve Long, the easement request from Spectrum to reroute an existing line (at no cost to Columbus County Schools) was approved. See attachment No. [4458](#).

By motion of Mr. Randy Coleman, seconded by Dr. Dan Strickland, the school trip request from the Nakina Middle School Junior Beta Club to travel to Washington, DC March 22-24, 2023, was approved.

By motion of Mr. Randy Coleman, seconded by Dr. Dan Strickland, the fundraiser requests from [East Columbus Junior-Senior High School](#), [Nakina Middle School](#), [Old Dock Elementary School](#), [Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary School](#), [South Columbus High School](#), [Tabor City School](#) and [West Columbus School](#) for the 2022-2023 SY were approved. See attachment No. 4459.

By motion of Mr. Worley Edwards, seconded by Mr. Steve Long, the appointment of the 2022-2023 SY Advisory Council members were approved as follows:

- Acme Delco Elementary School: Dottie Brown, Amanda Coleman, Regina Whitted, Bella Mira Del Angel Gudino, Bryan Williams, Kimberly Pridgen (Randy Coleman)
- Chadbourn Elementary School: Elizabeth Bridges, Quadra Montgomery, Cassandra Aguirre, Denis Maultsby-Young, Jalisa Logan (Ronnie Strickland)
- Columbus Career and College Academy: Sharon Graham and Yvonne Jones (Randy Coleman)
- Sharon Graham and Sterling Lennon (Dan Strickland)
- Melissa Beasley and Sammie Worley (Ronnie Strickland)
- East Columbus Junior-Senior High School: Mary Evelyn Bullard, Lloyd Graham, Melody Campbell, Amanda Dale Hilburn, Emily Parks Grice, Joan Jacobs, Krystal Blanks, LaShanda Jacobs, Tabitha Kern (Randy Coleman)
- South Columbus High School: Roy Smith (Steve Long)
- West Columbus School: Tyrone Anderson, Leigh Brown, Tyler Dippel, Kevin Graves, Chad Herring, George Strickland (Dan Strickland)
- Brett Barnhill, Shannon Stroud, Nora Keel, Perry Frink, Hubert Best, Heath Long (Ronnie Strickland)
- West Columbus High School: Jeffery Axelberg, Ricky Benton, II, Mark Brown, Kathleen Edge, Doris Jackson, Kris Ward (Dan Strickland)
- Heather King, Darrell Hammonds, Timothy Lance, Jason Rogers, Michael "Trey" Strickland, Eugene Sturdivant (Ronnie Strickland)

By motion of Dr. Dan Strickland, seconded by Mr. Steve Long, the following in-state/overnight school trip requests were approved:

- Columbus Career and College Academy SkillsUSA to travel to the SkillsUSA State Leadership Workshop in Fayetteville, North Carolina September 25, 2022, thru September 27, 2022
- South Columbus High School SkillsUSA to travel to the SkillsUSA State Leadership Workshop in Fayetteville, North Carolina September 25, 2022, thru September 27, 2022
- South Columbus High School FFA to travel to the NC FFA State Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina June 27, 2023, thru June 29, 2023
- East Columbus Junior-Senior High School Student Council to travel to the Emerging Leaders Conference in Reidsville, North Carolina September 30, 2022, thru October 2, 2022

By motion of Mr. Randy Coleman, seconded by Mr. Steve Long, the school resource officer agreement, 2022-2023 SY was approved. See attachment No. [4460](#).

By motion of Mr. Steve Long, seconded by Mr. Randy Coleman, the revised fees, to include the driver's education fee in the amount of \$20.00, for the 2022-2023 SY were approved. See attachment No. [4461](#).

By motion of Mr. Worley Edwards, seconded by Mr. Randy Coleman, the USDA Rural Utilities Services Grant Bid, from [InCare K-12, in the amount of \\$757,824.15](#), was approved. See attachment No. [4462](#).

The day 9 enrollment was shared.

Dr. Meadows shared her superintendent's update.

Dr. Meadows reminded the Board of the sale of the "Quit Claim" property located on 545 Dessie Road, Chadbourn North Carolina to be held September 22, 2022, at 12 noon. The sale will be held at the new central office located at 2586 James B. White Highway North, Building A, Whiteville, North Carolina.

The Board will have no nominee for the Raleigh Dingham award.

The Board was asked to review dates to remember.

At 6:41 p.m., by motion of Mr. Randy Coleman, seconded by Mr. Worley Edwards, the Board went into closed session to discuss information that is privileged, confidential, and not a public record under GS 143-318.11 (a) (1).

By motion of Mr. Randy Coleman, seconded by Mr. Steve Long, Dr. Meadows was authorized to act on the appeal for student reassignments (grades PreK-12) and the new requests (PreK-12) for student reassignments for the 2022-2023 SY in accordance with established Board policy.

By motion of Mr. Steve Long, seconded by Dr. Dan Strickland, the August 8, 2022, closed session minutes were approved.

The Board completed the 2021-2022 SY evaluation of the superintendent.

At 8:59 p.m., by motion of Mr. Worley Edwards, seconded by Mr. Randy Coleman, the Board returned to open session.

By motion of Mr. Worley Edwards, seconded by Mr. Randy Coleman, the motion to approve personnel actions, as recommended by Dr. Deanne Meadows, was approved. See attachment No. [4463](#).

The Board will meet in regular session on October 10, 2022, at the Columbus County Board of Education, located at 817 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina in the conference room at 5:30 p.m.

By motion of Mr. Randy Coleman, seconded by Mr. Worley Edwards, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:02 p.m.

Chairman

Superintendent/Secretary