

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

December 12, 2022 5:30 p.m.

Central Office

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ronnie Strickland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF FINAL AGENDA – December 12, 2022

MINUTES

[November 7, 2022](#)

Mr. Irvin Enzor

Mr. Chris Worley

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS – Mr. Jess Hill, Clerk of Court

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO REELECTED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER – Mr. Jess Hill, Clerk of Court

Dr. Ronnie Strickland

Nominations for Chairman

Nominations for Vice-Chairman

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN – Mr. Jess Hill, Clerk of Superior Court

_____ Chairman

_____ Vice-Chairman

[APPOINTMENT OF BOARD ATTORNEY FOR 2023](#)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognition by the North Carolina School Boards Association “Gold Bell Award” presented to the Columbus County Board of Education for completion of Whole-Board Training during the 2021-2022 Academy Year
2. Recognition of NCSBA Academy of School Boardsmanship - Certificate of Merit during the 2021-2022 Academy year awarded to Dr. Ronnie Strickland
3. Recognition of recipient of *Go Grant* for an outdoor classroom at Nakina Middle School - Mr. Clay Reaves
4. Recognition of Mrs. Casey Waddell Nealey for presenting on October 29, 2022, at the AIM Conference at the Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, North Carolina
5. Recognition of Mrs. Velvet Hardwick for presenting on October 14, 2022 at the NCPAPA Conference held at the Country Club of Landfall, Wilmington, North Carolina
6. Recognition of Mrs. Wendy Potter as the 2022-2023 Educator of Excellence recipient at the Exceptional Children Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina
7. [Superintendent’s Choice - Christmas Card Design winner](#): Alivia Cribb, Williams Township School (Diana Roldan, Teacher)
8. Acknowledgement of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners as recipients of the North Carolina School Boards Association County Commissioners of the Year Award
9. Recognition of November Volunteers of the Month
 - a. Acme Delco Elementary School

Jessica Gore
Kimberly Pridgen
 - b. Chadbourn Elementary School

Susie’s Pumpkin Patch/Bullock Pumpkin
Timothy Lance
 - c. Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary School

Valerie Jacobs Pedro
 - d. Nakina Middle School

Michael Bass
Amy Jacobs Hardee

e. Old Dock Elementary School

Annie Gause
Dennis Treutlein

f. West Columbus School

West Columbus School PTO

g. West Columbus High School

Titus George
Timmy Richardson

h. Williams Township School

Kris Hanks
Katie Mercer

i. Broadcast Volunteers

Brett Burroughs
Kevin Toman

10. Recognition of 2022-2023 North Carolina School Boards Association Elementary Poster Contest winners:

a. Chadbourn Elementary School - Ashley Holmes (Teacher)

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| Amina Scott | Honorable Mention |
| Markia Lawson | Honorable Mention |

b. Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary School - Allison Ellis (Teacher)

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| Chesley Kelly | Honorable Mention |
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c. West Columbus School -Ashley Holmes (Teacher)

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| Paisleigh Floyd | Honorable Mention |
| Gracelyn Thompson | Honorable Mention |

d. Williams Township School - Kathy Trost (Teacher)

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| Cooper Cartrette | Honorable Mention |
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11. Recognition of 2022-2023 North Carolina Yam Festival winners

12. Recognition of Mrs. Allison Ellis for presenting, on the topic of Migration Stories in the Visual Art Classroom and teaching a workshop entitled Wired Action, at the North Carolina Arts Education Association Annual conference held in October

13. Recognition of Veterans' Day Coloring Contest 3-5 years old winner:

Chadbourn Elementary School - Ms. Ashley Holmes (Teacher)

Markia Lawson

First Place

14. Presentation of Comprehensive Progress Reports

a. Columbus Career and College Academy - Mr. Jeremiah Johnson, Principal

b. Old Dock Elementary School - Mrs. Leslie Faulk, Principal - Presentation

c. South Columbus High School - Mr. Adam Thompson, Principal

d. West Columbus High School - Mrs. Ronna Gore, Principal

CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION/ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Discussion and action on comprehensive progress reports from: Columbus Career and College Academy – Mr. Jeremiah Johnson - Old Dock Elementary School – Mrs. Leslie Faulk, South Columbus High School – Mr. Adam Thompson, and West Columbus High School – Mrs. Ronna Gore

2. Review and action on purchase of Scholastic Take Home Libraries

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

None

AUXILIARY SERVICES

1. Review of information:

a. Szostak Design, Inc., invoice #38 - Tabor City School

b. Blankenship Associates, Inc. invoice #379ATa - West Columbus School

c. Tai and Associates, PLLC invoice #181879-17 West Columbus School

d. Tai and Associates, PLLC invoice #181888-8 - Tabor City School

e. TriTek Fire & Security, LLC invoice #27980 - Tabor City School

2. Review and action on Phase 1 of the playground structures at Tabor City School - Dr. Jonathan Williams

3. Project Updates

a. HVAC Replacements

- b. K-12 Athletic Facilities Grant
 - c. [West Columbus School](#)
 - d. [Tabor City School](#)
 - e. Access door controls
4. Discussion and action on quotes for [Tabor City School speakers, cameras, and AP evaluation](#) - Dr. Jonathan Williams
 5. Review and action on [West Columbus School gym AV solution](#) - Dr. Jonathan Williams
 6. Discussion and action ESSER HVAC replacement quotes - Dr. Jonathan Williams

[Bid/Quote Tabulations](#) - South Columbus High School Administration/Media Center
[Bid/Quote Tabulations](#) - Acme Delco Elementary School, Old Dock Elementary School, Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary School, Nakina Middle School and West Columbus High School
 7. Review and action on [quote, from RP Native Construction, LLC](#), to repair the Hallsboro-Plant Operations Gym - Dr. Jonathan Williams
 8. Review and action on [Tabor City School SmartBoard Packet](#) (overview, quote, RFP, bid sheet, locations of boards) - Dr. Jonathan Williams

GENERAL ITEMS

1. Discussion and action on [E-Rate Consultant LOA/Agreement](#)
2. Review and action on [additional fundraiser request](#) from the West Columbus High School Viking Softball Team
3. Discussion and action on school trip requests for overnight/out-of-state from
 - a. [Williams Township School Beta Club](#) to attend the Beta Convention January 29-31, 2023, Greensboro, North Carolina
 - b. [West Columbus High School Varsity Cheer Team](#) to attend the UCA National High School/Cheerleading Championships February 8-13, 2023, Orlando, Florida
4. Review and action on [Education Partners International, LLC](#) and Columbus County Schools governing participation in teacher placements in a J-1 Visa Exchange Visitor Program
5. Review and action on [2022-2023 high school graduations](#)
6. Superintendent's Update
7. Date(s) to remember

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| December 20 | Early Release Day |
| December 21-23 | Annual Leave (No students or staff) |
| December 26-27 | Holidays (No students or staff) |
| December 28-29 | Annual Leave (Annual Leave (No students or staff) |
| January 30 | Holidays (No students or staff) |
| January 2 | Optional Workdays (No Students) |
| January 16 | Holiday (No students or staff) |
| January 24 | Mandatory Teacher Workdays (No students) |
| January 31 | Principals PLCs - WCHS in AM and CES in PM |
| January 9-31 | Amplify MOY |
| February 14 | Mandatory Teacher Workday (No students or staff) |
| March 10 | Mandatory Teacher Workdays (No students) |
| April 7 & 10 | Holidays (No students or staff) |
| April 11-24 | Annual Leave (No students or staff) |
| May 4-25 | Amplify EOY |
| May 19 | Mandatory Teacher Workday (No students or staff) |
| May 29 | Holiday (No students or staff) |
| June 9 | Last Day of School for students |
| June 12-13 | Mandatory Teacher Workdays (No students) |
| June 13 | Optional Workdays (No students) |

FINANCE

Review and action on [Supplemental Funds for Teacher Compensation](#) (PRC071)/
 Proposal - Mr. Jay Stanley

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

I move that the Columbus County Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of (one or more of the following):

1. Discussing information that is privileged, confidential, or not a public record under GS 143-318.11 (a) (1);
2. Discussing the conferring of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize or similar award GS 143-318.11 (a) (2);
3. Consulting with our attorney concerning:
 - a. the handling of a claim by
 - b. judicial action brought by _____ against the Columbus County Board of Education
 - c. an administrative procedure brought by _____

4. Discussing the acquisition of real estate/the terms of an employment contract GS 143.318.11 (a) (5).
5. Considering a personnel action that involves an officer or employee of this Board.
6. Planning, conducting, hearing, and reports concerning the investigation of alleged criminal misconduct GS 143.318.11 (a) (7).

APPEALS/PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

1. Review of personnel
2. Discussion and action on closed session minutes November 7, 2022

MOTION FOR OPEN SESSION

1. Closed session actionable items (if necessary)
2. Recommendation of personnel

OTHER BUSINESS

Next regular meeting is January 9, 2023, at the Columbus County Board of Education at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT