

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
February 13, 2023 5:30 p.m.  
Central Office

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Dr. Ronnie Strickland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF FINAL AGENDA – February 13, 2023

MINUTES

[January 9, 2023](#)

[February 5, 2023](#)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SPECIAL PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Chadbourn Elementary recipient of the Window of Opportunity Grant from NC Beautiful
2. [Introduction of Mr. Christina Procida-Rush](#) as an Early Literacy Specialist
3. Recognition of January Volunteers of the Month
  - a. Acme Delco Elementary School
    - Myra Malpass
    - Joyce Ellis
    - Alice Sue Ellis
  - b. Chadbourn Elementary School
    - Peggy Gerald
    - Shirley Grainger
  - c. Nakina Middle School
    - Martha Jones
    - Sharon Council
    - Destinie Ray Ward
    - Kevin Simmons
    - Jamie Simmons
    - Reverend Colton Reaves
    - Megan Reaves
  - d. Old Dock Elementary School
    - Robbie Ward
  - e. East Columbus Junior Senior High School
    - Meki Graham
    - Velton Jacobs

- f. Williams Township School
    - Kris Hanks
    - Katie Mercer
    - Linda Mirabilio
    - Hope Naron
    - Jennifer Stanley
    - Deanna Worley
  - g. West Columbus High School
    - Dianthe Williamson
    - WCHS Mom Squad
4. West Columbus High School DeerPark Football Team of the Year

#### CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION/ACCOUNTABILITY

None

#### STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

None

#### AUXILIARY SERVICES

1. Review of information:
  - a. [Barnhill Contracting Company Pay Application #21 Jan 2023](#)
  - b. [Universal Equipment Company Invoice #13023A](#)
  - c. [Szostak Design Invoice #40](#)
  - d. [TriTek Fire & Security Invoice #28123](#)
  - e. [True IP Solutions Invoice#18618](#)
  - f. [Security Solutions Invoice#4656](#)
  - g. [Tai & Associates Invoice #18188-11](#)
  - h. [Monteith Pay Application #12](#)
2. Review and action of quotes for security entrance from [Seven Oaks Doors & Hardware, Inc. for the high schools](#)
3. Review and action of a [drainage maintenance easement at Tabor City Middle School](#) athletic field.
4. Review of information for [brick sign in front of Williams Township School](#)
5. Project Update:
  - a. HVAC
  - b. K-12 athletic facilities grant
  - c. West Columbus School
  - d. [Tabor City School](#)

## GENERAL ITEMS

### 1. Discussion and action on out-of-state school trip requests:

- a. [Williams Township School 4th grade trip](#) to travel to North Myrtle Beach, SC  
April 6, 2023
- b. [Nakina Middle School 5th grade trip](#) to travel to Charleston, SC Aquarium  
February 28, 2023
- c. [Old Dock Elementary School Kindergarten trip](#) to Myrtle Beach, SC aquarium  
February 24, 2023

### 2. Discussion and action on in-state overnight trip requests:

- a. [West Columbus High School trip](#) to NC FFA Center January 13, 2023
- b. [Columbus Career and College Academy trip](#) to Southwest Regional Skills  
Masonry Contest February 24-25, 2023
- c. [East Columbus Junior Senior High School trip](#) to state convention  
March 10-12, 2023
- d. [Columbus Career and College Academy trip](#) to SkillsUSA State Conference  
April 18-20, 2023
- e. [West Columbus High School trip](#) to State FFA Recreation Camp  
July 10-14, 2023
- f. [West Columbus High School trip](#) to State FFA Leadership Conference  
July 23-26, 2023
- g. [West Columbus High School trip](#) to Chapter Officer Leadership Camp  
August 8-11, 2023

### 3. Discussion and action on additional fundraiser requests:

- a. [Acme Delco Elementary School](#)
- b. [West Columbus High School Basketball Team](#)
- c. [East Columbus High School](#)

### 4. Discussion and action on [Resolution Supporting Local Control of School Calendars](#)

### 5. Discussion and action on [voting lines between Whiteville City Schools and Columbus County Schools](#)

### 6. Superintendent's Update

[Launch: Equitable & Accelerated Pathways for All](#)

7. Dates to remember:

- February 15 - Battle of the Books
- February 16 - Principals Meeting, Teacher Advisory
- February 20 - 22 - Personnel Allocation Meetings with principals and directors
- February 23 - Principal PLC SCHS AM and TCS PM, Progress Reports
- February 25 - Active Shooter Drill at East (all principals plan to attend)
- February 27 - March 3 - Biology Check-In
- February 28 - Student Advisory Council
- March 2 - CCS Choral Festival at SCHS
- March 7 - ACT, Town Hall, Literacy Leaders Webinar
- March 9 - CCCA Grading Period Ends, Foundations of Math PD
- March 10 - Mandatory Workday, Foundations of Math PD, LETRS PD
- March 31 - Spending Deadline for ALL Title 1 Funds
- April 27 - AIG Showcase at West Columbus School (K-8) 6:30-7:30
- March 24-25 - Celebrate the Arts
- May 4-25 - Amplify EOY
- May 19 - Mandatory Teacher Workday (No students)
- May 25 - Columbus Career and College Academy Graduation 6:00 p.m.
- May 29 - Holiday (No students or staff)
- June 9 - Last Day of School for students
- June 9 - West Columbus High Graduation 6:00 p.m.
- June 10 - South Columbus High School Graduation 10:00 a.m.
- June 10 - East Columbus Junior-Senior High School Graduation 6:00 p.m.
- June 12-13 - Mandatory Teacher Workdays (No students)
- June 13 - Optional Workdays (No students)

## FINANCE

1. Discuss and action of [Budget Development Calendar](#)
2. Discuss and review [Budget Priorities 2023-2024](#)
3. Discuss and review [Fixed Cost Projections FY 2023-2024](#)

## 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).

#### **MOTION FOR OPEN SESSION**

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

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Next regular meeting is March 13, 2023, at the Columbus County Board of Education at 5:30 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**