

Burke County Board Of Education
Olive Hill Room – West Concord Resource Center
509 West Concord Street
Morganton, NC 28655

Special Called Meeting

Thursday, June 24, 2010
6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order** – Mr. Buddy Armour
- II. **Agenda Review & Approval** – Mr. Buddy Armour
- III. **Public Comments**
- IV. **Resolutions for Approval**
 - A. **Personnel Reports**
 - B. **Board Policies**
 - ♦ First Reading
 - Education Program – Dr. Ric Vandett
 - ♦ Selection of Textbooks and Supplementary Materials – Policy 3200
 - ♦ Concerns About Instructional Materials – Policy 3210
 - ♦ Notification and Opt Out Policy – Policy 3215
 - ♦ Final Reading
 - Board Operations
 - ♦ Public Participation at Regular Board Meetings – Policy 2310 (Requesting Board to waive 1st and 2nd Reading based on fact that policy was just approved April 12, 2010.)
 - ♦ Preparation and Dissemination of Agendas for Board Meetings – Policy 2330 (Requesting Board to waive 1st and 2nd Reading based on fact that policy was just approved March 26, 2010.)
 - C. **Request for Position**
- V. **Executive Session**
 - ♦ Pending Lawsuit
 - ♦ Personnel Agreement
- VI. **Return to Open Session**
- VII. **Adjournment**

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

June 24, 2010
Special Called Meeting
Regular Session Minutes

West Concord Resource Center
Olive Hill Room

Call to Order

Mr. Buddy Armour, Chairman called the meeting of the Burke County Board of Education to Order at approximately 6:02 p.m. in the Olive Hill Room of the West Concord Resource Center. Other members of the Board who were present for the meeting included Mr. Tim Buff, Mr. Rob Hairfield, Mrs. Karen Sain, Mrs. Susan Stroup, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Catherine Thomas, and Mr. Sam Wilkinson. Also present for the meeting was Dr. Arthur Stellar; Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Sam Aycock; School Board Attorney.

Agenda Review and Approval

Dr. Stellar requested that the Board add the SACS report to the agenda as Item D. under Section IV. Mrs. Thomas made the Motion to add the SACS report to the agenda with a Second by Mrs. Stroup. The Motion carried 6-1 with Mr. Buff in opposition.

Chairman Armour requested to add the Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Purchasing Policy Thresholds as Item E. under Section IV. Mr. Lawson had presented this resolution to Mr. Armour prior to the start of the meeting. Mr. Hairfield moved for approval of this addition to the agenda with a Second by Mrs. Thomas. The Motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Thomas moved to approve the agenda as amended with a Second by Mrs. Stroup. The Motion carried 5-2 with Mr. Buff and Mrs. Sain in opposition.

Mr. Buff clarified that his opposition to adding the SACS report to the agenda was due to misunderstanding the motion.

Public Comments

The following individuals addressed comments and concerns to the Board:

Martha Martinat - Topic: Speech Pathologists – Ms. Martinat spoke on the benefits of early intervention in helping students reach their speech goals at an early age. She also shared her concerns of the speech pathologists case loads for SY 2010-2011.

Susie Tilley – Topic: S.M.A.R.T. – Ms. Tilley shared her disappointment for the numerous public record requests for copies of emails, thus requiring so much paper to be used for photocopies (a lot of which had been donated).

Carol Snow – Topic: Media Policy Committee – Ms. Snow thanked administration for bringing in an outside facilitator to draft the media policies. She addressed the issue of not having an open invitation for interested persons to attend community meetings to sign up for a working task force to draft these media policies as stated in the Schoeberle Resolution previously approved by the Board. She also shared her concern of only middle school/high school Language Arts teachers and department chairs being asked to serve on this committee even though the policies would govern novels, music and movies that could be used in any subject area. She also stated that she didn't feel like the task force was diverse enough. She

requested that the Board amend the Notification policy - 3215 by adding "contains profanity" to written material containing the "f" word or "gd" profanities.

Resolutions for Approval

A. Personnel Report

Mrs. Thomas moved to accept the June 21, 2010 personnel report as presented with a Second by Mrs. Stroup. The Motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Stroup moved to accept Addendum A of the June 21, 2010 personnel report as presented with a Second by Mr. Wilkinson. The Motion carried 4-3 with Mr. Hairfield, Mrs. Sain and Mr. Buff in opposition.

B. Board Policies

First Reading - Education Program

Selection of Textbooks and Supplementary Materials – Policy 3200

Concerns about Instructional Materials – Policy 3210

Notification and Opt Out Policy – Policy 3215

Dr. Ric Vandett shared that he had been asked to facilitate a task force consisting of educators, parents and community to look at media selection policies to determine if they could be made more efficient. He commented that the task force met 3 times and as a result of those meetings were the policies being recommended that were listed on the agenda. Dr. Vandett shared that the title of a policy should be clear enough that a non-educator should understand its intent. He further stated that the body of a policy should match the intent of the policy. He shared that in his opinion the recommended policies clearly stated the intent of the selection of materials, challenges to materials, and that the opt out procedures clearly stated accountability and allowed for flexibility without advocating responsibility.

Dr. Vandett shared that he didn't see a problem with Ms. Snow's request to add the verbiage to the policy notifying that a selection contained profanity after the short description of the selection. Dr. Vandett also shared that he felt the selection of material should continue in use while being challenged until a decision was made. He shared that the key was trust and communication between educators and parents.

No Motion on the policies was made at this time. The policies will come back as a 2nd reading at the next meeting of the Board.

Final Reading – Board Operations

Public Participation at Regular Board Meetings – Policy 2310

Preparation and Dissemination of Agendas for Board Meetings – Policy 2330

Dr. Stellar recommended adding clarification at the end of the 2nd paragraph in policy 2330 stating that *"the superintendent may bring items to the Board meeting for information or action as he/she determines to be in the best interest of the school district. Action items will require board approval to add to the agenda with any subsequent action to be a separate vote of the Board."*

These policies will come back at the next meeting for a final approval.

C. Request for Position

For discussion purposes, Dr. Stellar proposed the addition of a clerical confidential position to handle the numerous public record requests the school district was receiving. Attorney Sam Aycock read the public records law as stated in N.C.G.S. 132-1. Dr. Blalock reported on the amount of time that was being spent to pull these email requests. She shared that the amount of time depended a lot on the complexity of the request. Dr. Stellar shared that once these emails had been pulled they then had to be redacted and copied again for confidentiality reasons. He added that in some cases questions would arise where an attorney had to be involved as well.

Due to lack of Motion no action was taken on the request to add this position.

Mrs. Stroup and Mr. Wilkinson requested to have their BCPS email accounts taken down.

D. Request for Position

Dr. Stellar reviewed recommendations and directives as outlined in the Monitoring Visit Report from the May, 2010 visit. He shared that the report required the school district to submit another Institution Progress Report by November 1, 2010 and to also host another Monitoring Visit no later than December 1, 2010. Dr. Stellar recommended sending a letter to SACS requesting clarification of certain items listed in the Monitoring Visit Report from the May 2010 visit.

Mrs. Stroup appealed to the stakeholders to contact SACS CASI to make them aware of the progress the Board has made.

E. Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Purchasing Policy Thresholds

Mrs. Thomas moved to approve the resolution to temporarily suspend purchasing policy thresholds with a Second by Mr. Wilkinson. The Motion was amended to approve the resolution to purchases associated with consolidation of schools only. The Motion carried 7-0.

Executive Session

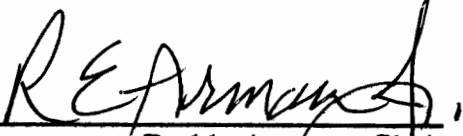
At 8:25 p.m. Mrs. Thomas moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (3) for the purpose of discussing personnel and an attorney client matter. Mrs. Stroup provided a Second to the Motion. The Board entered Executive Session upon a 7-0 vote of the Board.

Return to Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at approximately 9:10 PM. It was the consensus of the Board to change the start time for the June 30, 2010 meeting to 6:00 PM.

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting adjourned.



Buddy Armour, Chair
Burke County Board of Education

ATTEST:



Art Stellar, Board Secretary
Burke County Board of Education

**BURKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Personnel Report
for
June 21, 2010**

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: CONTRACT NON RENEWAL

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
1.	Lankford, Angela	Freedom HS	Even Start Pre-K Teacher
Ms. Lankford should have been listed on the report for June 10, 2010 for Probationary Teachers Not Renewed			

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: RESIGNATIONS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	
2.	Armelle, Amy	Patton HS	ESL Teacher	June 14, 2010
3.	Armelle, Michael	Patton HS	Math Teacher	June 14, 2010
4.	Todd, Kellyn	Patton HS	Teacher	June 14, 2010

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
5.	Arrowood, Brad	Chesterfield Elem.	Principal
6.	Bartlett, Crystal	TBA	Attendance Counselor
7.	Dale, Lisa	Mull Elem.	Principal
8.	Erwin, John	TBA	BATS Counselor
9.	Fortenberry, Lisa	W.A. Young Elem.	Principal
10.	Hayes, Dottie	East Burke HS	Instructional Coach
11.	Snipes, Jennifer	Freedom HS	Counselor
12.	Wilson, Bonnie	Hallyburton Academy	EOC Interventionist

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - PART-TIME/TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DUTY

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
13.	Brown, Jody	Freedom HS	Summer School Teacher(English)
14.	Hasson, Debbie	Freedom HS	Summer School Teacher(Math)
15.	Holt, Jenna	Freedom HS	Summer School Teacher(English)
16.	Pope, Kim		EC Teacher
17.	Schoeberle, Leesa	WCRC	Speech
18.	Still, Trevor	College St. Pre-K	Exceptional Children Teacher
19.	Tonsic, Katie	Freedom HS	Summer School Teacher(English)
20.	Yang, Lia	Valdese Elem.	Reading Tutor

Effective Dates: 06/14/10 to 06/24/10

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - PART-TIME/INTERIM

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
21.	Bollinger, Malinda	Central Office	Director of Exceptional Children

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: RESIGNATIONS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
22.	Bradley, Shirley	East Burke MS	Daycare Worker
23.	Carswell, Wendy	East Burke MS	Exceptional Children
		Last working day May 11, 2009	Teacher Assistant
24.	McClure, R. Lynn	North Liberty	Head Custodian

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - PART-TIME/TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DUTY

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
25.	Bailey, Nancy	Family Connections	Parent as Teacher Coordinator
26.	Carpenter, Jennifer	Drexel Primary	Data Manager/Secretary 06/16/10 to 06/30/10
27.	Haithcock, Vivian	WCRC	Coordinator Extended School Year
28.	Lambert, John	Patton HS	Summer School Teacher Assistant
29.	McGee, Susan	Patton HS	Summer School Teacher Assistant

Effective Dates: 06/14/10 to 08/05/10

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS – TEMPORARY/PART-TIME

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
30.	Mills, Mae	Drexel Primary	Daycare Worker June 21, 2010 to August 20, 2010

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS - FULL-TIME

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
31.	Dameron, Merry Leigh	Workforce Dev. Facilitator

TRANSFERS:

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TRANSFERRED FROM</u>	<u>TRANSFERRED TO</u>
32.	Cochran, Candis	Walter Johnson MS(Asst. Principal)	Patton HS(English Teacher)
33.	Jordan, Sara	Glen Alpine Baby Day Care	Oak Hill Teacher Asst.
34.	McCurry, Diane	Glen Alpine Baby Day Care	Glen Alpine Teacher Asst.
35.	Minetola, Eric	Mull Elem(Elem. Teacher)	Forest Hill Elem.(Elem. Teacher)
36.	Moses, Celina	Forest Hill Elem.(Elem Teacher)	Mull Elem.(Elem. Teacher)
37.	Peck, Amanda	Freedom HS	Hallyburton Academy (Counselor)
38.	Suddreth, Nancy	Burke Alternative East	Burke Middle College(English)

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

- 39. Jack Leonard will be returning to the classroom at Heritage MS as a Math teacher.
- 40. Elizabeth Rapp was listed in error on the June 10, 2010 report.
- 41. A non-renewed employee is considering a position as attendance officer.
- 42. Requesting New Position

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ADDENDUM A

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL: ELECTIONS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
1.	Jennings, Debbie	East Burke HS	Principal

Burke County Public Schools
Resolution to Temporarily Suspend Purchasing Policy Thresholds

2009/2010

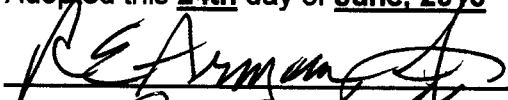
Section I - Due to the time constraints involved with the Facilities Consolidation Administration temporarily has permission to forgo the normal purchasing policy process.


Section II - The Finance Officer and Purchasing Director have at their discretion permission to act on the following in order to not impede the consolidation process.

Section III - They may circumvent the normal 10 day bid process in lieu of three faxed quotations from approved Vendors in order to expedite purchases that exceed the dollar thresholds as established by the BOE Purchasing Policy manual.

Section IV - This waiver extends only to purchases directly associated with the consolidation of schools. Upon completion of the consolidation this resolution expires. Permission granted in this resolution in no way may supercede Federal, State, or Local Laws.

Adopted this 24th day of June, 2010


_____ Chairman


_____ Secretary