

Opening:

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance, then followed with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge was led by two students from Balfour Elementary School.

The Board unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

Public Comments:

Mr. Todd Dulaney signed up to speak during public comments. He thanked the Board for the mask mandate and commended the Board for their professionalism at the August Board meeting regarding the mask mandate discussion.

Special Recognitions:

Ms. Leigh Anna Marbert, Public Information Officer, presented the Points of Pride and the Community Partner Spotlight. Mr. Chris Tuft presented the Balfour Elementary School Spotlight.

Consent Agenda:

The following items were unanimously approved by the Board:

- A. Approval of Minutes – August 12, 2021
 - B. Policies Recommended for Approval:
 - Policy 1310/4002 – Parental Involvement
 - Policy 2440 – Policy Review and Evaluation
 - Policy 3102 – Online Instruction
 - Policy 3470/4305 – Alternative Learning Programs
 - Policy 4125 – Homeless Students
 - Policy 4240/7312 – Child Abuse and Related Threats to Child Safety
 - Policy 8310 - Annual Independent Audit
 - Policy 9020 – Facility Design
 - C. Personnel – see list at the end of this document.
 - D. Charter Bus Companies Recommended for Use in 2021-2022
- V. **Information and Reports**
- A. Policies for 30-Day Review – Dr. Drew Maerz, Director of Student Services
 - Policy 2610- Board Attorney
 - Policy 3640/5130 – Student Voter Registration and Preregistration
 - Policy 4050 – Children of Military Families
 - Policy 4329/7311 – Bullying and Harassing Behavior Prohibited
 - Policy 4700 – Student Records
 - Policy 5000 – Schools and The Community
 - Policy 5020 – Visitors to the Schools
 - Policy 5030 – Community Use of Facilities
 - Policy 5210 – Distribution and Display of Non-School Material
 - Policy 6305 – Safety and Student Transportation Services
 - Policy 6315 – Drivers
 - Policy 6321 – Bus Routes
 - B. Policy 7510 – Leave – temporary update – Dr. Drew Maerz, Director of Student Services
 - C. 2020-2021 Data – Dr. Wendy Rich, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

- D. MTSS and CIP Process – Ms. Deanna Wiles – Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Ms. Chandra Manning, Curriculum Specialist and BT Coordinator
- E. Facilities and Phase III Construction updates – Mr. Chris Scott, Director of Facilities provided an update on facilities and Asheboro High School Phase III renovations.

***Action Items**

The Board is required to conduct a monthly vote on Local Face Covering Policies per Senate Bill 654. After discussion, the Board conducted a roll call vote which resulted in the continuation of the mask mandate inside school facilities. Those voting to continue the mask mandate included Linda Cranford, Gus Agudelo, Gwen Williams, Dr. Beth Knott, Michael Smith, Baxter Hammer, and Phillip Cheek. Gidget Kidd voted for mask optional.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Aaron Woody, Superintendent, started by recognizing our principals. He described how they drive the work, manage our buildings, are creative, and provide meaningful learning opportunities. He also introduced Ms. Tracie Ross, our new Director of Exceptional Children. She is helping to make creative changes for our students.

Dr. Aaron Woody then provided the following updates:

COVID-19 Update

We are continuing to practice our COVID safety protocols – this is the same layered approach we used last year, and it appears to be working well overall. We stress the importance for all those who are eligible to please get vaccinated. All students and staff wear masks while indoors, social distancing in all settings to the extent possible, going outside for mask breaks and meals when possible, and frequent hand washing. Like others across our community, we are seeing positive cases among our students and staff. The primary reason for student quarantine is due to community exposure, and the majority of our staff absences is among those who are unvaccinated. I want to applaud our team of nurses who help manage the collection of this data; I also want to applaud our principals for navigating the challenges of staffing during a pandemic. It is hard work, but our leaders are stepping up to make sure our students get the education they deserve.

Safety Protocols and Procedures

In light of the situations that occurred across North Carolina schools last week, it's important to note our principals are working closely with Dr. Maerz on updating their crisis plans. It is our standard practice to work on these plans at the beginning of each school year as part of our opening school procedures. However, last week made us hyper aware that (unfortunately) crises can and do happen any and everywhere without notice. For this reason, having these plans updated is crucial to our business of keeping students safe in our care. As an extension of our current safety protocols and procedures, we are in conversations with local law enforcement and Emergency Management Services about conducting tabletop exercises to refresh us all with the important work of coordinating with these agencies in the event of an emergency. I look forward to updating the board when we have our training scheduled.

10-Day Enrollment

To conclude tonight's report, I am proud to report our 10 day enrollment is 4,428 students. This is 43 fewer students than projected by NCDPI; however we are well within the range that this will not impact our funding for 2021-2022. As with most years, our enrollment numbers grew steadily over the first ten days.

We continue to monitor class size at grades K-3. Kindergarten is one grade level we are watching closely, as our district average is 17.46, and per legislation the district average must remain at or under 18. Mrs. Freemyer is continuing to watch this number every day to see if we may need to make staffing adjustments to be in compliance with state law.

Dr. Woody will be interviewed on the WKXR radio station on the first Tuesday of each month. We are also planning to partner with WZOO radio station in a similar way.

Board Operations

Mr. Michael B. Smith, Chairman, reviewed information regarding upcoming events.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

**Asheboro City Schools
Personnel Transactions
September 9, 2021**

***A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/SEPARATIONS**

LAST	FIRST	SCHOOL	SUBJECT	EFFECTIVE
Cox	Charlotte	AHS	Head Custodian	9/24/2021
Diaz	Elizabeth	AHS	Office Support	9/3/2021
Johnson	Joe	ECDC	Instructional Assistant	7/29/2021
McPhatter	Veron	NAMS	Science	8/16/2021
Robbins	Terris	SAMS	Instructional Assistant	8/16/2021
Shoffner	Keane	AHS	Custodian	8/19/2021
Woodle	Gene	SAMS	Instructional Assistant (part-time)	8/16/2021

***B. APPOINTMENTS**

LAST	FIRST	SCHOOL	SUBJECT	EFFECTIVE
Copelan	Wendy	CO	Talent Development Specialist (part-time)	9/27/2021
Griffith	Kimberly "Brooke"	NAMS	Agri-Science	9/13/2021

C. TRANSFERS

LAST	FIRST	SCHOOL	SUBJECT	EFFECTIVE
Cox	Sarahi	CO	Maintenance Secretary to Receptionist	9/1/2021
Ramierz	Sara	DLL	After School Asst. to Instructional Asst.	8/30/2021

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***A. RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/SEPARATIONS**

LAST	FIRST	SCHOOL	SUBJECT	EFFECTIVE
Borbon	Oscar	LP	Instructional Assistant/Dual Language	9/15/2021
Trogdon	Laura	CO	Speech Language Lead Teacher	9/30/2021

***B. APPOINTMENTS**

LAST	FIRST	SCHOOL	SUBJECT	EFFECTIVE
Banner	LeBrandon	NAMS	Physical Education	9/15/2021
Butler	Justin	AHS	Non-Faculty Coach - Football	8/31/2021
Hobson	Donna	LP	Interventionist (part-time)	9/27/2021
Jacobo	Victor	AHS	Instructional Assistant/LTIP	9/10/2021
Johnson	Tari	CO	Transportation Support (part-time; temporary)	9/3/2021
Long	Marianne	SAMS	Exceptional Children	9/7/2021
Neilson	Doris	GBT	After School Program Assistant (part-time)	8/24/2020
Parker	Marzell	SAMS	Social Studies	9/1/2021
Rabon	Francia	SAMS	Instructional Assistant/Exceptional Children	9/15/2021
Shinn	Carla	CWM	Media Support (part-time; temporary)	9/1/2021
Trogdon	Denise	CWM	Media Support (part-time; temporary)	9/1/2021
Vilanova	Gabriela	AHS	Office Support	9/20/2021