

## OPEN SESSION MINUTES

### THOMASVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD BRIEFING

12:00 p.m. November 29, 2017  
Huneycutt Administrative Building

Board Members Present: Kevan Callicutt, Keith Raulston, Andrea Walker, James Carmichael

Board Attorney Present: Bradley S. Hunt

Also Present: Dr. Patrice Faison, Mrs. Ashton Clemmons, Dr. Cate Gentry, Scott Powell, Dr. Barbara Armstrong, Johnnie Musgrave, Brenda Watford, Faith Wilson, Karen Strausser, and Travis Hardy, Independent Auditor with Rives & Associates, LLP

Upon the Board Briefing being called to order, Dr. Faison reviewed with the proposed agenda for the December 5, 2017 meeting. Dr. Faison recognized Brenda Watford, Student Nutrition Director, who share with the Board information about the Supper Feeding Program currently administered through her department. Mrs. Watford stated that last school year for the three months the program was in place the district fed 11,537 students. As comparison, Mrs. Watford shared that in the first month of the Supper Feeding Program this school year, 59,646 students had been fed their evening meal. Mrs. Watford explained that this program was being offered via federal funding and the grant has stringent guidelines which must be followed in order to continue to receive funds to offer the program. The concern at this time is the need for an additional 15-minutes to be added to the school day so that students are allowed time to eat their meal while at school. Next year, no food will be allowed to be taken off site.

Dr. Gentry who is working to prepare the 2018-2019 School Calendar. She will add the needed time into the school day and note the change to parents. Parents will be asked to share their opinion regarding the change via the calendar survey in which all parents have the opportunity to participate. A request for Board approval of the 2018-2019 Calendar will be made at the January 2018 Board meeting.

Mr. Scott Powell briefly discussed with the Board of Education the two proposed budget amendments that he will request approval of at the December 5, 2017 meeting. In addition, Mr. Powell introduced Travis Hardy, Auditor with Rives & Associates, LLC who shared a presentation of this past year's audit report. Mr. Hardy shared his firm's findings and opinions with the Board and fielded questions regarding fiscal reporting and planning. It was noted that TCS is losing funds due to students opting to attend Charter Schools. This affects our ADM funding as well as actual dollars that must be sent to Charters for students residing in the TCS attendance area who attend.

Dr. Cate Gentry highlighted the list below noting changes that will be suggested to the Board of Education concerning policies

- A. Legal Reference Updates Only
  - a. 3130 - Grouping for Instruction
  - b. 3101 - Dual Enrollment
  - c. 3200 - Selection of Educational Materials
  - d. 3400 - Evaluation of Student Progress
  - e. 3405 - Students at Risk of Academic Failure
  - f. 3450 - Class Ranking
  - g. 1510-4200-7270 - School Safety
  - h. 3102 - Online Instruction
  - i. 3430 - School Improvement Plan
  - j. 3230-7330 - Copyright Compliance
- B. New Policy/Policy Content Updates
  - a. 2670 - Business Advisory Council (New Policy)
  - b. 3110 - Innovation In Curriculum and Instruction
  - c. 3530 - Citizenship and Character Education
  - d. 3210 - Parental Inspection of and Objection to Instructional Materials
  - e. 3410 - Testing and Assessment Program
  - f. 3431 - Conflict Resolution
  - g. 3640-5130 - Student Voter Registration and Preregistration
  - h. 2310 - Public Participation at Board Meetings
  - i. 2400 - Board Policies

Dr. Gentry also discussed with the Board the District Improvement Plan. Components of the plan are TCS Comprehensive Review, Parent Notification Letter, and District Supports and indicators. A request for approval will be made at the December 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Dr. Faison discussed with the Board that she will be asking them to approve requiring newly hired teacher assistants be required to obtain NC licenses to drive school buses. This is critically important since we are experiencing a bus driver shortage. Other ideas were discussed regarding retention of the drivers we currently employ.

Dr. Faison shared with the Board additional information regarding School-based Administrator Supplement schedule which would affect Assistant Principals. Both she and Scott Powell discussed reasons they believe it best to offer specific dollar amounts rather than a set percentage to assistant principals. Dr. Faison will be seeking approval of specific dollar amount supplements from the Board on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Upon a motion by James Carmichael, seconded by Keith Raulston and approved 4-0, the Board of Education entered into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to preserve the attorney-client privilege and pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel matters.

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Kevan W. Callicutt

Board Chairman

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Patrice Faison, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools