

**Louisburg, North Carolina**

**March 11, 2024**

The Franklin County Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin County Schools' Riverside Campus. Quorum was met with the following members present: Chair Mrs. Rosemary Champion, Vice Chair Mrs. Meghan Jordan, Mrs. Debra Brodie, Dr. Elizabeth Keith, Mr. Chris Perry, Mr. Thomas Piper, and Mrs. Paige Sayles. No one was absent. Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Schuhler and Attorney Boyd Sturges were present. Chair Mrs. Rosemary Champion called the meeting to order.

Media: Mr. Gary Cunard, *The Franklin Times*

A Moment of Silence was observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Dawayne McIntosh, Director of Communications, recognized Character Trait of the Month Students.

A motion was made by Mrs. Paige Sayles, seconded by Mrs. Debra Brodie, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

During Public Comment, No one spoke.

A motion was made by Dr. Elizabeth Keith, seconded by Mrs. Paige Sayles, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda that consisted of the February 12, 2024 board, February 15, 2024 Capital Outlay Work Session, and the February 26, 2024 Master Board Training Minutes.

Information was presented by Dr. Schuhler and Ms. Quinnley Cooley on the Current Budget Update. No action was taken and it was tabled to be voted on at the April 15, 2024 Board Meeting.

Information was presented by Mr. Boyd Sturges on the Coppedge/DOJ Consent Order and a motion was made by Mrs. Debra Brodie, seconded by Mrs. Paige Sayles and unanimously carried to in accordance with the March 5th, 2024 order of District Court Judge Louise Wood Flannagan, the School Board Attorney is directed to file a motion in Coppedge and the United States of American vs. The Franklin County Board of Education, 65 CV 1796 (EDNC) to ask for unitary status, accompanied by a form of proposed order closing the instant case and directs staff in cooperation with the other parties, in this case to set up a time at the regular May meeting for the public to comment on this proposed action and for it to be publicized through ads in the Franklin Times, by sending emails to all current student's parent/guardian and to post the same on the FCS website.

A motion was made by Mrs. Debra Brodie, seconded by Mr. Chris Perry and unanimously carried to approve the Summer Remediation Plan as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas Piper, seconded by Mrs. Paige Sayles and unanimously carried to approve the 2025–26 School Calendars as presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Paige Sayles, seconded by Mrs. Debra Brodie, and unanimously carried to approve the startup of the Women’s Flag Football Club at Louisburg Magnet High School and to apply for the grant as presented.

Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Schuhler gave a brief oral Superintendent’s Report.

Chair Mrs. Rosemary Champion announced upcoming meetings.

A motion was made by Mrs. Paige Sayles, seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Keith, and unanimously carried to go into closed session for the purpose of G.S.143.318.11(a)(1)/ (3) Personnel/ Student Discipline Appeal Hearing/Consult with Attorney.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas Piper, seconded by Mrs. Debra Brodie, and unanimously carried to approve the February 12, 2024 personnel report as presented and attached herein.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas Piper, seconded by Mr. Chris Perry, and unanimously carried to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on April 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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Rosemary Champion, Chair

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Teresa Everett, Clerk to the Board