

Louisburg, North Carolina

April 15, 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, Dr. Elizabeth Keith, Mrs. Debra Brodie, Mr. Chris Perry, Mr. Thomas Piper, and Mrs. Paige Sayles. There was no one 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 Nancy Wheeler Stover (2980 Seven Paths Rd Louisburg, NC 27549) spoke in disapproval of the decision to dissolve the Digital Literacy Facilitator positions. Andrea Woodin (134 Strange Rd Louisburg, NC 27549) spoke about her concerns with the Parents bill of rights Senate Bill 49. She gave information about the LGBTQ community in the area. Tammy Petrosillo (90 Tanager Farms Youngsville, NC 27596) Spoke, though understanding the decision that was made to dissolve the Digital Literacy Facilitator positions, her fear was that it may eventually lead to the doors of the school libraries closing.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas Piper, seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Keith and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda that consisted of the March 11, 2024 board minutes and the March 25, 2024 Master Board Training Session minutes.

A motion was made by Dr. Elizabeth Keith, seconded by Mr. Chris Perry, and unanimously carried to approve the 2024-2025 Local Current Expense and Capital Outlay Budgets as presented.

A Motion was made by Mr. Chris Perry, seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Keith, and unanimously carried to approve the Bleacher Vendor as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas Piper, seconded by Mrs. Paige Sayles, and unanimously carried to approve the Chromebook Refresh Purchase as presented.

A motion was made by Mrs. Paige Sayles, seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Keith, and unanimously carried to approve the Boys and Girls Club relocation as presented.

Information items; Policies for Review, Summer Learning Update, and Consolidated Monitoring Report were all presented. No action was taken.

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/Consult with Attorney.

A motion was made by Mrs. Paige Sayles, seconded by Mrs. Debra Brodie and unanimously carried to approve entering into an agreement with Attorney Mark Bern to represent Franklin County Schools in litigation along with other school districts against various social media platforms.

A motion was made by Mrs. Debra Brodie, seconded by Mrs. Paige Sayles, and unanimously carried to approve the April 15, 2024 Personnel Report as presented and attached herein.

A motion was made by Mrs. Paige Sayles, seconded by Mrs. Debra Brodie, and unanimously carried to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held on May 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Rosemary Champion, Chair

Teresa Everett, Clerk to the Board