The Jackson County Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2015, at Jackson County Early College on the campus of Southwestern Community College, Sylva, North Carolina. The following members were present:

- Ken Henke, Chairman
- Ali Laird-Large, Vice Chair
- Matt Wike
- Elizabeth Cooper
- Margaret McRae

Also present were Dr. Michael Murray, Superintendent; Dr. Kim Elliott, Assistant Superintendent; Chad Donnahoo, School Board Attorney; and Cora Fields, Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ken Henke called the business meeting to order.

Mr. Henke introduced Mrs. Rebecca Ensley, JCEC Principal. Mrs. Ensley introduced the following students who presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance:

- David Pope – 3rd Year/Junior, Rank: Life Scout, Troop 999, Sylva
- Matthew Colin – 3rd Year/Junior, Rank: Life Scout
- Taylor Beauchemin – 4th Year/Senior, Rank: Eagle Scout

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mr. Matt Wike, the board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mrs. Ensley introduced the following JCEC students who presented:

- “Who We Are? And JCEC students are ready for College, Career, and LIFE!”:
  - Louie Sipler – 4th Year/Senior, NHS President and member of JCEC Student Leadership and Judicial Council
  - Calley Anthony – 3rd Year/Junior, member of JCEC Student Leadership and Judicial Council

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Dr. Murray recognized Mrs. Rebecca Ensley and presented her with a plaque from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for achieving a 100% Graduation rate at Jackson County Early College for 2013-2014. JCEC was recognized by DPI at a luncheon held on Oct. 3, 2014 for this achievement.
OPEN SESSION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT ACTION AGENDA

Action: Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, the board unanimously approved the consent action agenda:

A. Open Session Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 16, 2014.

INFORMATION AGENDA

A. Agenda Item: Superintendent’s Report  
   Presenter: Dr. Michael Murray

Dr. Murray updated the board on several meetings that he has attended during the previous month:
1. Dr. Murray shared the “North Carolina Guide to Strengthening our Public Schools” document. The guide, created with participation and support from superintendents of all North Carolina’s school districts, reflects priorities for enhancing pre-K-12 education in the state and specific strategies to achieve those goals. The guide was distributed at a special meeting this month in Raleigh that included more than 90 of the state’s 115 local superintendents.
2. Dr. Murray met this month with NC Senator Jim Davis concerning the future of public schools in North Carolina.
3. Dr. Murray, Dr. Elliott, BOE Chairman Ken Henke, and Vice Chair Ali-Laird-Large, presented a Capital Budget - Five Year Plan to the Jackson County Commissioners at the Commissioner’s planning retreat on January 20th. The five year plan included infrastructure improvements that focused on phased-in replacement of roofs throughout Jackson County Public Schools.

B. Agenda Item: Maintenance Update  
   Presenter: Joe Buchanan, Maintenance Director

Mr. Buchanan updated the board on the following maintenance projects:

All Locations
1. Lighting Grant
   - New lights Fairview, Blue Ridge, SMHS old gym, School of Alternatives, Cullowhee Valley
   - WNC Communities Grant for Material, School to match funds with labor
   - $21,000 WNC Communities
   - Hazardous Communication Plan
     • Update MSDS Books
     • Annual training for employees

Smoky Mountain High School
1. Parking lot lights around new gymnasium entrances

Blue Ridge School
1. Sewer line backed up for new locker rooms
   • Running camera down line
2. HVAC Project
   • Update fire alarm System scheduled for this week
   • HVAC Scheduled to start up around the middle of February
• Exhaust fans installed after completion of HVAC

Cullowhee Valley Elementary School
  1. New Carpet for Media Center

Scotts Creek Elementary School
  1. New Carpet for Class Rooms

Central Office
  1. Repaired water line leak in driveway

C. Agenda Item: Surplus Vehicle
   Presenter: Dr. Kim Elliott

Dr. Elliott presented the following item that has been declared surplus and will be sold:

School Activity Bus
1990 International
Seating capacity- 65
116, 293 miles
Activity Bus for sale
Runs, mechanically in operating condition
Body is rough, interior fair condition
DT-360 engine

D. Agenda Item: Field Trip Requests
   Presenter: Brittany Mastromatteo, Teacher, Smoky Mountain High School

Brittney Mastromatteo presented two requests for field trips to the board. The field trip request forms were not received in time to add to the Action Agenda due to the delay in selection of a competition site by the event sponsor. Ms. Mastromatteo asked the board to move the two field trip requests listed below to the Action Agenda for approval:


Action: Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mrs. Margaret McRae the board voted unanimously to move the two field trip requests to the Action Agenda.

E. Agenda Item: Unaudited Financial Summary
   Presenter: Gwen Edwards, Finance Director


ACTION AGENDA

A. Agenda Item: Budget Amendments and Transfers
   Presenter: Gwen Edwards, Finance Officer

Mrs. Edwards asked for approval of budget amendments and transfers for the State Public School Fund, Federal Grants Fund and Other Specific Revenue Fund.
Action: Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mr. Matt Wike, the board voted unanimously to approve the above listed Budget Amendments and Transfers.

B. Agenda Item: Alternative Accountability Model Option
   Presenter: Dr. Kim Elliott

Dr. Elliott presented the Alternative School Accountability Model Option C - Alternative Schools Progress Model, and asked for board approval.

Action: Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, the board voted unanimously to approve the Alternative School Accountability Model Option C.

C. Agenda Item: Calendar Approval for 2015-2016 – First Review
   Presenter: Dr. Kim Elliott

Dr. Elliott presented the 2015-2016 school calendars to the board for first reading. The calendar committee met three times, with input from all stakeholders, to develop the upcoming school year calendar for both districts. The calendar committee consisted of the following members:

1. Co-chair - Kelli Bumgarner - Central Office
2. Co-chair - Dr. Kim Elliott - Central Office
3. Mary Dietz – Student, Smoky Mountain High School
4. Cameron McKee – Student, Scotts Creek Elementary School
5. Cassie Stewart – Parent, Blue Ridge School and Blue Ridge Early College
6. Kim Barnes – Parent, Smokey Mountain Elementary School and Smoky Mountain High School
7. Toni Jones - District Payroll Specialist
8. Shirley Martin – Teacher, Scotts Creek Elementary School
9. Laura Allen – Teacher, Fairview Elementary School
10 Alicia Kilpatrick – Teacher, Smokey Mountain Elementary School
11. Kathryn Kantz – Principal, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School
12. Sandra McMahan – Teacher, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School
13. Dr. Beverly Van Hook – Principal, School of Alternatives
14. Jake Buchanan – Principal, Smoky Mountain High School
15. Adam Holt – Principal, Blue Ridge Early College
16. Rebecca Ensley - Principal Jackson County Early College
17. Teri Walawender - Principal Blue Ridge School

Action: No Action Taken.

D. Agenda Item: Policy Updates
   Presenter: Dr. Michael L. Murray

First Reading
   1. Injury and Loss Prevention (4201/7271)

Dr. Murray presented the above listed policy for first reading.

Action: No Action Taken.

E. Agenda Item: Field Trip Request
   Presenter: Dr. Michael L. Murray
1. State FFA Tractor Driving Skills Career Development Event - SMHS FFA Grades 9-12, NC State Fairgrounds, Feb. 4-5, 2015 – Travel Tracker #1014
2. Dorman High School - SMHS Winter Guard and Percussion Ensemble, Grades 8-12, Roebuck, SC, Jan. 31, 2015 – Travel Tracker #1019

*Moved from Information agenda.

Dr. Murray reviewed the above listed field trip requests and asked the board for approval.

**Action:** Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mr. Matt Wike, the board voted unanimously to approve the above listed field trips.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The board unanimously approved a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large and seconded by Mrs. Margaret McRae, to enter into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11 for the following purposes: under subsection; (a) (1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-32 and (a) (3) to discuss matters protected by attorney-client privilege.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird- Large and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, the board voted unanimously to return to open session.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Action:** Upon a motion by Mrs. Ali Laird Large and seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, the board unanimously approved the consent action agenda:

A. Closed Session Minutes of Meeting on December 16, 2014.

**PERSONNEL ACTION AGENDA**

**Action:** A motion was made by Mrs. Ali Laird-Large to approve the personnel agenda as recommended by Dr. Murray and was seconded by Ms. Margaret McRae. The board unanimously approved the following recommendations:

**Employee Recommendations:**
1. Bryant, Pam – EC Compensatory Services, Cullowhee Valley Elementary School
2. Buchanan, Emily – Administrative Assistant, Student Support Services Central Office
3. Buchanan, Larry Vance – Custodian-Substitute Bus Driver, Smoky Mountain High School
4. Carter, Thomas Joshua – Custodian-Substitute Bus Driver, Smoky Mountain High School
5. Hall, Robin – Afterschool Tutor, Scotts Creek Elementary School
6. Mincey, Jackson Lee – Temporary CTE Teacher, Blue Ridge Early College
8. Reynolds, Carrie – Afterschool Tutor, Scotts Creek Elementary School
9. Williams, Tara – Afterschool Tutor, Scotts Creek Elementary School
Non-Staff Coach Recommendations:
  1. Woody, Phil – Assistant Junior Varsity Softball Coach, Smoky Mountain High School
  2. Moss, Michael – Head Junior Varsity Softball Coach, Smoky Mountain High School

Resignations:
  1. Bottoms, Erik – Teacher, Blue Ridge Early College
  2. Gentry, Julie – Assistant Junior Varsity Cheerleading Coach, Smoky Mountain High School
  3. Hughes, Daphne – Head Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleading Coach, Smoky Mountain High School
  4. Green, Mitchel – Bus Driver-Custodian, Fairview Elementary School
  5. Speier, Jennifer – Teacher, Blue Ridge Early College
  6. Speier, John – Teacher, Blue Ridge Early College

Staff Coach Recommendations:
  1. Henson, Mary – Interim Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach, Smoky Mountain High School
  2. Phillips, Julie – Interim Head Junior Varsity Cheerleading Coach, Smoky Mountain High School

Retirements:
  1. Ashe, Lela – Child Nutrition Assistant, Fairview Elementary School

FYI – BOARD ACTION NOT REQUIRED

Non-Staff Returning Coaches:
  Blue Ridge Early College
  1. Dillard, Dwayne – Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach
  2. Hall, John – Head Varsity Baseball Coach

Staff Returning Coaches:
  Blue Ridge Early College
  1. Mayse, Tim – Head Varsity Golf Coach
  2. Stewart, Wendy – Head JV Softball Coach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Education is February 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., at School of Alternatives, 3770 Skyland Drive, Sylva, North Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, Chairman Ken Henke adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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Ken Henke, Chairman                              Dr. Michael L. Murray, Secretary