

**Board of Education
Board Meeting
August 15, 2022**

The Bladen County Board of Education met in a regular in-person meeting, on August 15, 2022.

Members present were:

Mr. Winston Rozier, Chairman
Mr. Tim Benton, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Glenn McKoy
Mr. Dennis Edwards (absent)
Mr. Gary Rhoda (absent)
Mr. Roger Carroll
Mr. Cory Singletary
Mr. Alan West
Mr. Chris Clark

Administrative staff members present were:

Dr. Jason Atkinson, Superintendent
Ms. Crystal Johnson, Executive Assistant
Ms. Elly Johnson, Director of Communications and Family Engagement
Ms. Cheryl White Smith, Chief Officer of Academics and Student Services
Ms. Susan Harrison, Chief Officer of Finance and Business Services
Dr. Anthony Hinson, Director of Testing and Accountability
Dr. Robert Heavenridge, Director of Transportation
Ms. Dana Mills, Director of CTE
Ms. Kimbrie Esters, Director of Student Services/SEL
Ms. Crystal O'Briant, School Nutrition Coordinator
Dr. Dia Thomas, ESL/Migrant Director
Mr. Rodney Smith, Exceptional Children Director
Mr. Bennie Lennon, Director of Maintenance Department

Chairman Rozier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, and thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. Carroll gave the Invocation, and Mr. Singletary led in the Pledge of Attendance.

Chairman Rozier called for approval of agenda. A motion to accept the agenda came from Mr. Carroll, followed by a second from Mr. McKoy. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rozier called for approval of the July 18, 2022 minutes. Mr. McKoy made the motion for approval, followed by a second from Mr. Benton. The motion passed unanimously.

Under citizen participation, Ms. Iris Martin and Mr. Donnell Goins spoke.

Under Information Items, Dr. Atkinson asked Mr. Mike Burriss to provide current updates on the Tar Heel Project. Bordeaux Construction was also in attendance to address any questions from the Board.

Under Consent Agenda, the following items were presented:

- Fundraisers
- Overnight Field Trips
- Invision Contract-EC Services

A motion from Mr. McKoy, followed by a second from Mr. West, was made. After a period of discussion, Mr. McKoy and Mr. West agreed to amend their motion and second for overnight field trips to be removed and to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. The overnight field trip will be reconsidered at the September meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Under Action Items, Dr. Atkinson asked the Board to approve the Commissioning Services Contract for the Tar Heel Construction Project. Mr. Carroll made the motion to approve, followed by a second from Mr. West. The motion passed unanimously. Next under action items, Dr. Atkinson asked the Board to approve the Change Order Approval for the Tar Heel School. Mr. West made a motion to approve, followed by a second from Mr. Carroll. The motion passed unanimously. Also under action items, Dr. Atkinson asked the Board to approve the working draft of the Student Discipline Plan for 2022-2023 school year. Any changes made to the draft will be brought back to the Board at the September meeting for approval. Mr. West made the motion to approve followed by a second from Mr. Clark. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rozier called for a motion to go into Closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel, as per NCGS 143.318.11, (a) (1), to consult with an attorney, if needed, as per NCGS 143.318.11 (a) (3), and to discuss student reassignment/discipline, per the 1974 Family Rights and Privacy Act. Mr. Carroll made a motion to go into closed session, with a second followed by Mr. McKoy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Carroll made a motion to come out of closed session, followed by a second from Mr. McKoy. The motion passed unanimously.

Under Closed Session Action Items, Dr. Atkinson presented the following Personnel Action Items:

PERSONNEL LIST

August 15, 2022

Action Items A

Certified Personnel Hires

NAME	SCHOOL	REPLACES	POSITION/ SUBJECT	EXP	COLLEGE	CERT	EFFECTIVE DATE
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Matthew Bobby	TH	J. Crumb	Teacher	Yes		A	
Christina Blanks	DUB	P. Guyton	Teacher	No		A	
CeeGee Richardson	ETM		Teacher	Yes			
Andrea Soloman	ETP		Teacher	No			
Alistair Naidu	DO		MultiLearner Teacher	No			
Shaniqua Graham	ETP		Teacher	Yes			
Joe Harris	WB	P. Penny	Teacher	Yes			
Tracey Franklin	DO		MultiLearner Teacher	Yes			
Cheryl Cattelona	CSD		K-6 Teacher	Yes		A	
Samantha Bennett	DUB/PV	S. Housand	Art Teacher	No			
Abgail Young	DO/ETP		Social Worker /McKinney-Vento Liaison	No			
Julie Canady	ETP		Teacher	Yes			

Non-Certified Personnel Hires

NAME	REPLACES	SITE	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Barbara Freeman	New Position	WB	EC Teacher Assistant	
Sandy Durden	B. Hargrove	BBP	PreK Teacher Assistant	
Marico Best		EB	ISS Teacher Assistant	
Natasha Cromartie	M. Sykes	ETM	Data Manager	
Chivonne Highsmith	C. Moore	TH	Custodian	
Jacqueline Alford	J. Lessane	BBM/BBP	Custodian	
Iris Martin	N. Cromartie	ETM	ISS Coordinator	
Steven Singletary		Maintenance	Heavy Equipment Operator/General Maintenance	
Billy Jackson	G. Taylor	Maintenance	General Maintenance	

Contracted Services

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	DATES
Theresia Wright	PreK/Curriculum Services	DO	07-01-22 through 07-30-22

Long Term Substitute

Name	Highly Qualified	Site	Beginning Date	Ending Date	Employee Replaced	Reason
Angela Pait	No	ETM			T. Woodruff	FMLA Leave
Deborah Morales	Yes	ETP				
Brenda Benson	Yes	ETP				
Patty Johnson	No	ETP				
Lillie Sealey	No	WB			T. Young	FMLA Leave
Elizabeth Williams	No	WB			D. Bolden	FMLA Leave
Kent Allen	Yes	CSD				Vacant Position

Faculty Coaching

NAME	SITE	POSITION
Jessica Eason	EB	JV Volleyball
Jordan Raynor	EB	Volleyball
Christopher Davisson	EB	Softball
Megan Kirby	EB	Women's Tennis
Bennett Packer	EB	Men's Golf
Ritchie Priest	EB	Assistant Varsity Football
Robby Priest	EB	Head Football Coach
Elbert Terry Smith	EB	Men's Tennis, Assistant Varsity Football
Daniel Pait	EB	Head Baseball Coach
Johnathan Raynor	EB	Boys and Girls Soccer, Assistant Basketball
Wilson Bolden	EB	Girls and Boys Track, Cross Country
Marico Best	EB	Assistant Football

Non-Faculty Coaching

NAME	SITE	POSITION
Daniel Pait	EB	Head Baseball Coach
Blaire Potter	EB	Cheerleading Coach
Aking Elting	EB	Boys Basketball Head Coach
Ray Cross	EB	Boys and Girls Soccer
John Heustess	EB	Assistant Basketball and Assistant Soccer
Alan West	EB	Assistant Girls Basketball, Assistant Softball
Shelton Lowey	EB	Assistant Football

**Resignation(s)
Certified Personnel**

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Christopher Wagoner	TH	Teacher	07-19-22
Bruce Simonson	EB	Teacher	08-16-22
Deneane Waddell	BBM	Teacher	07-26-22
Sharon Rogers	CSD	Teacher	08-01-22
Dr. Robin Donaldson	BEC	Teacher	08-26-22
Ashley Cartrette	ETP	Assistant Principal	08-17-22
Jeanal McDowell	TH	Counselor	07-19-22

Non-Certified Personnel

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Monica Sykes	ETM	Data Manager	08-02-22
Kimberly Jones	CSD	Child Nutrition Manager	

**Action Item--B
ADMINISTRATIVE**

NAME	SCHOOL	REPLACES	POSITION/ SUBJECT	EXP.	COLLEGE	CERT.	EFFECTIVE DATE
Sandra Evans	ETP	Ashley Cartrette	Assistant Principal	No	UNCP	G	
Deborah Guyton	DO	A. Beatty	Interim Human Resources Director	Yes			

Under personnel action items, a motion to approve was made by Mr. West, and seconded by Mr. Clark to approve Action Item A. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Atkinson asked the Board to approve Action Item B. A motion was made by Mr. McKoy followed by a second from Mr. Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

Under Matters of Interest to Board Members, Board Members discussed when irrigation will be back on at East Bladen High School. Mr. Lennon informed the Board irrigation would be back on the following day. The Board also asked about the Air Conditioner units at Elizabethtown Middle School. Mr. Lennon stated Units would be in place the following week. Board members also asked about the High School tennis courts and Mr. Lennon gave an update.

Under Superintendent's Report, Dr. Atkinson informed Board Members that Early College classes started back for students and seemed to be going well. Dr. Atkinson shared information about new teacher orientation and the teacher workdays that were upcoming. Dr. Atkinson shared that Convocation would take place at Bladen Community College in the auditorium on August 22, 2022 at 9:00 AM. Open house at schools would be taking place on Thursday, August 25th. In closing, Dr. Atkinson shared that students would return to school on August 29, 2022.

Mr. Rozier asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Carroll, and seconded by Mr. West. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Johnson
Executive Assistant