

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
7:30 a.m. – Executive Conference Room
Wednesday, February 14, 2018

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Buncombe County Board of Education met in a special called session on February 14, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room located at 175 Bingham Road, Asheville, North Carolina where and when the following business was transacted.

The following Board members were present:

Ann Franklin, Madam Chair	Pat Bryant, Member
Peggy Buchanan, Member (absent)	Donna Pate, Member
Cindy McMahon, Vice-Chair	Max Queen, Member
Amy Churchill, Member	

Staff present: Dr. Tony Baldwin, Superintendent; Susanne Swanger, Associate Superintendent; Joseph Hough, Assistant Superintendent; Dean Shatley, Attorney; Kim Matthews, Executive Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the agenda and Ms. Pate seconded – the motion was approved unanimously.

ACTION AGENDA

- Approval of the Revised 2017-2018 School Calendar

Dr. Baldwin reviewed the dates of school days missed in this current school year with the Board. He pointed out the days that have been used already to make up missed time that was within the calendar. Today, options for making up missed days five, six, seven and plan for possible more missed school days need to be discussed. Dr. Baldwin reviewed the results from the calendar survey sent to parents and staff with the Board. He also reminded everyone that by state law, schools are required to be in attendance one hundred eighty-five days or one thousand twenty-five hours. Buncombe County Schools, as did the majority of systems in the state, chose to revert back to the one hundred eighty-day calendar several years ago, when the state discontinued funding for the extra days. We meet requirements by using the days and hours combined. Board members discussed the option of adding twenty minutes per school day for the month of March. Ms. Swanger answered questions concerning the additional time to the day and what this would possibly look like for the elementary, middle and high schools. Concern was expressed over the actual educational benefit of adding twenty minutes to the school day, especially at the high school level. Board members discussed the other preferred parent options from the survey results as well.

Ms. Churchill made a motion that we approve a revised 2017-2018 school calendar as follows:

to compensate for missed days five, six and seven - use March 30, May 28 as student days with early releases and extend the school year to June 13. For an eighth day missed - the school day would be extended by twenty minutes in April. For a ninth day missed, the year would be extended to June 14 as a student day.

Ms. McMahon seconded the motion – the motion passed with a vote of 5/1 with Mr. Bryant voting against.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McMahon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 a.m. and Ms. Churchill seconded the motion – the motion passed unanimously.

Tony Baldwin, Superintendent &
Ex Officio Secretary

Ann B. Franklin, Madam Chair

Minutes for Approval: March 1, 2018
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