

MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2024

The Martin County Board of Education met on March 4, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Board of Education Conference Room inside the new Innovation Campus located at 407 East Boulevard, Williamston, NC. All Board members were present except Ms. Cargile, she joined virtually.

Chairman Heath called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and meditation by Mr. Baker.

Chairman Heath requested a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Harrell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Mr. Scott offered a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- February 5, 2024 Minutes
- February 19, 2024 Minutes

Chairman Heath requested approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Scott made a motion to accept the Consent agenda as presented, Ms. Mason offered a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Under Information Items

Ms. LaToya Hayes recognized Brittany White as the ESS Employee of the month and Mrs. Sarah Stalls recognized the RMS boys and girls Basketball teams for being Conference Champions and the RMS Cheerleaders for coming in 1st and 2nd place in several categories at their last Cheer Meet.

Dr. White shared exciting things happening throughout her Superintendent's report. Some of the main highlights were: WPS small groups, Jackson Andrews signing with National Guard, Odyssey of the Minds Results, FFA Winners, MCS celebrating 100 days of schools, Peyton Lane leading entire state in strikeouts, The Better Together needs being met, Kindergarten Registration Information, Exceptionally STEM, 100 Applications for MIMS, Black History Month Celebrations, Love the Bus, National Counselors Week, Martin Offers More and a \$25,000 Grant.

Mrs. Andrea Lilley presented the following field trips and asked for approval:

1. 5/4/23 Senior Trip to Busch Gardens in Virginia - 40 Students
2. 5/17/24 RHS and SCHS End-of-Year Reward Trip - Band Students
Carowinds/Charlotte NC One-night stay

Upon a motion by Ms. Purvis to approval the field trips, a second by Mr. Baker and a unanimous vote, the field trips were approved.

Mrs. Andrea Lilley reviewed the 2024-2025 SRO agreement and requested approval. Upon a motion by Mr. Scott, a second by Mr. Baker and with a unanimous vote, the SRO agreement was approved.

Mrs. Andrea Lilley presented the Regular 2024-25 School Calendar which has a start date of August 26, 2024 for approval. Upon a motion by Ms. Purvis to approve the regular calendar with the start date of August 26, 2024 as presented, a second by Mr. Baker, and a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mrs. Emily Santora presented the 2024-25 Budget Calendar as an information item.

Mrs. Emily Santora presented the Quarterly Financial Report which included the spending levels as of February 21, 2024.

Spending Levels as of February 21, 2024

State - 59.92%

Local - 69.75%

Federal - 40.01%

Capital - 65.36%

School Nutrition - 31.92%

Fund 8 - 54.40%

Mrs. Emily Santora presented the following Budget Amendments and requested approval:

March Budget Amendments

- State - Increase by \$1,404,454.94 as a result of NCDPI adjustments
- Local - Purpose code adjustments only - No change in total
- Federal - Increase by \$312,612.09 as a result of NCDPI adjustments
- Capital Outlay - Increase by \$48,405.00 for carry-over funds for RES paving project and bus debt service payment
- Child Nutrition - Purpose code adjustments only - No change in total
- Fund 8 - Purpose code adjustments only - No change in total

Upon a motion by Mr. Scott, a second by Mr. Harrell, and a unanimous vote, the March Budget Amendments were approved.

Chairman Heath requested a motion to enter Closed Session under N.C. General Statutes §115C-321 (*personnel*). Upon a motion by Ms. Purvis, a second by Mr. Baker, and a unanimous vote, Closed Session was granted at 7:06 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Heath requested a motion to return to Open Session. Upon a motion by Ms. Cargile, a second by Mr. Baker, and a unanimous vote, Open Session was granted at 7:27 pm.

Under Action Items

Chairman Heath requested a motion to approve personnel as presented in Closed Session. Upon a motion by Mr. Harrell, a second by Mr. Scott, and a unanimous vote, personnel was approved.

Chairman Heath requested approval of the February 5 and February 19, 2024 Closed minutes. Upon a motion by Ms. Purvis to approve the February 4 and February 19, 2024 minutes and keep the minutes sealed, a second by Mr. Baker and a unanimous vote, the closed minutes were approved and will remain sealed.

Chairman Heath requested a motion to approve the State Retirement System Settlement discussed in Closed Session. Mr. Scott made a motion to approve the State Retirement Settlement, a second by Ms. Mason and a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Announcements:

March Work Session: Monday, March 18, 2024

April Board Meeting: Monday, April 18, 2024

Ms. Purvis shared March was National Women's History Month and she wanted to salute Dr. White for being Martin County's first female superintendent.

There being no further business, Chairman Heath adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Van Heath, Chairman

Dr. Michelle White, Secretary