

Joint Meeting Minutes

**Board of County Commissioners
and
Board of Education
Hyde County**

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr. and Chairman Randy Etheridge called the Joint Meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners and Hyde County Board of Education to order at 5:00p.m., on Tuesday, March 12, 2018, in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke Community Center using electronic conferencing equipment.

Board of Commissioners: The following members were present on the mainland: Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr.; and Dick Tunnell; Assistant County Manager Kris Noble; Finance Officer Corrinne Gibbs and Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry. Commissioner Tom Pahl and County Manager Bill Rich were present on Ocracoke. Commissioners Ben Simmons and Vice-Chairman Barry Swindell and County Attorney Franz Holscher were absent.

Board of Education: The following members were present on the mainland: Chairman Randy Etheridge; Board members Aleta Cox and Myra Chandler; Superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore and Finance Officer Kenneth Chilcoat. Board member Angela Todd was present on Ocracoke. Kristy Marslender, Kindergarten Teacher also attended the joint meeting on the mainland. Vice-Chairman Thomas Whitaker was absent.

Consideration of Agenda:

After Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Tunnell moved to approve the March 13, 2018 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Agenda as presented by the Clerk. Mr. Pahl seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pugh, Pahl and Tunnell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Simmons and Swindell.

Discussion – Board of Education FY 2018-19 Proposed Local Budget:

Superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore thanked Assistant County Manager Kris Noble and Finance Officer Corrinne Gibbs for their pre-meeting clarifications. Dr. Latimore reported some items on the proposed local budget need to be discussed further to include funding for one 5th grade teacher, art teachers and teachers assistants.

Finance Officer Ken Chilcoat presented the Board of Education Proposed Local Budget (approved March 6, 2018). In FY 2017-18 the Board of Education requested \$1,747,916 and was allocated \$1,627,037. The FY 2018-19 proposed budget requests includes a 9.7% increase (totaling \$174,343) for a total fiscal year request of \$1,801,308.

Mr. Chilcoat discussed the requested increase for instructional services and explained State funding including small county supplement funding. He discussed student transfers to virtual charter schools and private school vouchers. He reported an 11% cut in State funding resulting in a \$56,000 decrease for Hyde County Schools. The State's FY 2018-19 allocation to Hyde County Schools has not been announced at this time.

Mr. Chilcoat reported the Board of Education would like to continue its bus drivers incentive supplement of \$100/month, upgrade the Library software and repair the O. A. Paey School Gym floor.

Finance Officer Corrinne Gibbs suggested negotiation with BHM Regional Library to fund a full-time Ocracoke Library position. This would allow the Pre-K Teacher Assistant to remain in the classroom.

Mr. Chilcoat reported he has collected elevation certificates needed to negotiate property insurance rates. He will meet with Insurance Agent Will Faircloth to discuss lowering the Board of Education's flood insurance rates.

Dr. Latimore reported North Carolina will not arm its school teachers. A Resource Officer would be armed. His/her job description includes building a rapport with students, monitoring the exterior of school buildings, and assisting with out of control students when requested by the principal.

Dr. Latimore thanked Ms. Noble for the meeting with the Board of Education and Lobbyist Joe and Henri McClees. They will be lobbying for small school funding.

Ms. Noble will look for a Capital Improvement Grant to repair the O. A. Paey School Gym floor.

Dr. Latimore and Chairman Etheridge thanked county representatives and look forward to a continued relationship between the Board of Education and the Board of Commissioners.

Consideration – Letter of Support:

Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported Laurie Potter, DSS Director, is applying for a \$20,000 *Responding To The Opioid Crisis Grant* for Hyde County. Ten thousand dollars will be allotted to staffing and \$10,000 will be used for implementation of the Opioid Program.

Commissioner Tunnell moved to sign a letter of support for application to the *Responding To The Opioid Crisis Grant*. Mr. Pahl seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh and Tunnell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Simmons and Swindell.

Adjourn

Commissioner Pahl moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tunnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on the following vote: Ayes – Pahl, Pugh and Tunnell; Nays – None; Absent or not voting – Simmons and Swindell.


Board member Myra Chandler moved to adjourn the Board of Education meeting. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes approved on the 2nd day of April, 2018.

Attest:



Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk, Hyde County Board of Commissioners



Earl Pugh, Jr.
Chair, Hyde County Board of Commissioners



Attachments: (none)