

March 23, 2018
SPECIAL MEETING

The Carteret County Board of Education conducted a special meeting on March 23, 2018, at 9 a.m. in the school system's central office, Beaufort, NC.

Attending were: Board Chair Perry Harker, Vice Chair June Fulcher and members Travis Day, Melissa Ehlers, Jake Godwin and John McLean. Member Blake Beadle attended the meeting via the phone.

WELCOME

Chair Perry Harker welcomed those in attendance. He led the Pledge to the Flag and gave the invocation.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Travis Day moved to amend the agenda to add as item 2.1.a. Proposed Lease from Impero and as item 2.1.b. Proposed Lease from Apple.

Blake Beadle provided the second and all members voted aye.

Melissa Ehlers moved to approve the agenda as amended.

John McLean provided the second and all members voted aye.

PROPOSED LEASE FROM IMPERO

Mike McKay, Chief Technology Officer, reviewed the lease proposal. He said the proposal with Impero would provide classrooms and technical support team members with a supervision and support method for all Chromebooks in the school system. Mr. McKay noted that the proposal was valued at \$80,000 but the school system could receive a \$30,000 discount if the lease was approved by March 30, 2018, and if the school system agreed to provide the company with feedback on the software being used.

Melissa Ehlers moved to approve the lease with Impero as presented.

Jake Godwin provided the second and all members voted aye.

PROPOSED LEASE FROM APPLE

Mike McKay, Chief Technology Officer, reviewed the lease proposal. He said the proposal with Apple will complete the final step of the school system's 1:1 rollout providing an additional center set of iPads for each kindergartner and first-grade classroom. This proposal allows the school system to pay for the devices over a 36-month term with three yearly payments in the amount of \$81,787.44 each. Mr. McKay said this will include eight iPads with school-rated covers and one lockable counter charging station for each classroom.

John McLean moved to approve the lease with Apple as presented.

June Fulcher provided the second and all members voted aye.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MARINE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MaST) HIGH SCHOOL

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Heather Dietzler requested Board members approve the opening of the Marine Science and Technology (MaST) High School for the 2018-2019 school year. Dr. Dietzler noted that the school system needs different programs to provide opportunities to every

student. She called on Board members to approve the high school and provide a new opportunity for more students to be even more successful.

Perry Harker said he recently attended a meeting about Early Colleges and said the state had the funding this year, but he said he was concerned that there might not be funding for the creation of new schools in the coming years. Mr. Harker said there was only two applications this year. Travis Day said he supported the program, but had concerns about the costs. He noted that the projections shown are the approximate costs for the first five years. Mr. Day asked about the costs for the years after that.

Board members discussed the costs and staffing of the MaST High School.

Mr. Harker said he felt the numbers are higher than they should be in order to make sure everything was covered.

June Fulcher stressed the need for the MaST High School. She noted that this program would be offered to all high school students across the county and would not be limited to specific students.

Mr. Harker said he thought the program was a golden opportunity for the county's students.

John McLean moved to approve the MaST High School proposal and create the high school.

Melissa Ehlers provided the second. The motion passed with 6 voting aye and Mr. Day abstaining.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2018-2019 BUDGET REQUEST

Superintendent Mat Bottoms said the budget process has been very detailed and involved many people in the development. He said in the past the school system has asked for over \$4 million, and he noted that the capital budget this year was as lean as it could be.

Mr. Bottoms said the operating budget includes an increase of \$406,000 to maintain where the school system is now. The three proposed additions are the compensation alignment for classified employees (\$370,000); the MaST High School (\$186,359); and the four mental health professionals (\$245,000).

Mr. Bottoms said the capital budget request to the County Commissioners would be \$2,868,321 and the operating budget request to the County Commissioners would be \$23,343,279.

Melissa Ehlers said she strongly supports the proposed mental health positions.

Travis Day said the budget documents need to be more user-friendly.

John McLean moved to approve the 2018-2019 operating and capital budget request as presented.

June Fulcher provided the second.

The motion passed 6 to 1 with Travis Day casting the nay vote.

ADJOURN

John McLean moved to adjourn the meeting.

June Fulcher provided the second and all members voted aye.