

**Hyde County Schools**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Hyde County Board of Education**  
**8/5/2014 4:00:00 PM**  
Mattamuskeet Campus and Ocracoke  
Campus Information Highway Room  
20392 US 264, Swan Quarter, NC  
School Street, Ocracoke, NC

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August Regular Board Meeting

**Attendees - voting members**

Thomas Whitaker	Chair
David Tolson	Vice Chair
Myra Chandler	Board Member
Aleta Cox	Board Member
Randy Etheridge	Board Member

**Attendees - other**

Dr. Randolph H. Latimore,	Superintendent
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1. Call to Order  
The Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order and the opening exercises were observed.
2. Adoption of Agenda  
The agenda was approved with the following additions.

6 E - Community Eligibility Provision

6 F - Title I

Chairman Whitaker was not present for the vote.

Motion made by: Randy Etheridge

Motion seconded by: Aleta Cox

Voting

Thomas Whitaker - No Vote

David Tolson - Yes

Myra Chandler - Yes

Aleta Cox - Yes

Randy Etheridge - Yes

3. Consideration of Minutes  
The minutes from July 8, 2014; July 21 & 22, 2014; and July 29, 2014 were approved as with the following corrections:

July 8, 2014 Aleta Cox and Myra Chandler did not vote "no" as stated.

Chairman Whitaker was not present for the vote.

Motion made by: Myra Chandler

Motion seconded by: Aleta Cox

Voting

Thomas Whitaker - No Vote

David Tolson - Yes

Myra Chandler - Yes

Aleta Cox - Yes

Randy Etheridge - Yes

4. Public Comments

There are no public comments at this time.

5. School System Comments

a. First Day of School for MECHS

Dr. Latimore reported that the first day for students at the Mattamuskeet Early College was an eventful day. The principal met with all the students. There were scheduling adjustments that had to be made for students attending BCCC. Mr. Jones, the early college liaison, will be here at the end of the week to assist with scheduling challenges. Student enrollment on the first day was 214 and 4 additional students enrolled today, August 5, 2014. The anticipated enrollment is 240.

6. Information and Discussion

a. 21st Century Community Learning Grant

Dr. Linda Willis updated the Board on the refunding the 21st Century Community Learning Grant. The grant will be for 1.6 million dollars and will run through 2018. The grant will focus more on academic support. The grant will provide enrichment and art support. The Kate B. Reynolds provides healthy living support and the Burroughs-Wellcome grand provides support for Science enrichment. There will also be an adult component to assist the adults in learning. Dr. Willis reviewed other areas that were written into the grant.

b. Reduction in Number of Buses Used to Transport Students to and From School

In looking at the number of students riding the ten buses operated by the LEA, we are reviewed the numbers of students transported on each bus. One bus is transporting an average of 22 students on a daily basis. We have reviewed the routes of all

of the buses in addition to the average number of students that ride on a daily bases and compared that to the capacity of each bus. In doing that comparison, we have determined that we can make our transportation department more efficient by reducing one bus from the fleet without providing an unsafe condition on the buses that would be transporting the students from the bus that is being deleted.

Students now riding bus number 116 would be picked up by bus number 126 and bus number 123. Last year bus 126 transported 35 students and this year if the students are assigned the number would increase by 12 to 47. This is a 72 passenger bus. Last year bus number 123 transported 33 students and this year if the additional students are assigned the number would increase by 7 students for a total of 40. This is a 66 passenger bus.

We do not anticipate any significant changes in the time that the first students will be picked up. We anticipate the first student getting on bus 123 at around 6 AM; this was the same time as last year. We anticipate the first student getting on bus 126 around 6:15 AM. This is a new student and the bus did not have to go on the road in Scranton last year.

In order to accommodate the change, minor changes to the bus routes will be made.

NCDPI has new program that will show how bus parts are used monthly rather than annually.

By consensus, the Board authorized the Superintendent to proceed with the reduction by "1" in the number of buses used to transport students. This reduction would leave 9 buses for transporting students.

- c. Correspondence from Ocracoke Youth Center - RE: Donation to Ball Field

The Board reviewed a letter from Vince O'Neal with the Ocracoke Youth Center concerning the funding for the Ocracoke Community Park.

Dr. Latimore reviewed the budget that is awaiting signature by the governor. He also reviewed the funding that is supplied by the county. He explained that though we do get the Small County Finding there is are still other cuts being made.

Mr. Ken Chilcoat, Finance Officer will present budget and budget information at the October Board of Education meeting.

- d. Canopy Proposal for MECHS

Dr. Latimore reviewed the proposal for canopy placement at the Mattamuskeet Early College High School.

Dr. Latimore encouraged scheduling a Board Work Session to discuss capital improvements for Hyde County Schools.

The Board scheduled a meeting for Monday, September 8, 2014 in the MECHS/Ocracoke NCIH room at 4:00 pm.

e. Community Eligibility Provision of the Child Nutrition Program

Dr. Latimore discussed the Community Eligibility Provision of the Child Nutrition Program. The program is a new provision that is offered to schools that participate in the USDA School Lunch Program. Hyde County Schools meets the percentage requirement to opt out of free/reduced lunch applications. This allow all students to eat breakfast and lunch at no cost. This also allows reimbursement for meals to be processed.

f. Title I

Board Member Aleta Cox requested a copy of the detailed budget for Title I. Dr. Latimore explained that all Hyde County Schools now qualify for Title I.

7. Board of Education

a. Regular Board of Education Meeting - September 3, 2014 - 10 AM - O A Peay Conference Room

b. District I Meeting - Mattamuskeet Campus - September 3, 2014 - 4 PM

Dr. Latimore reviewed plans for the District I NC School Boards Association.

c. 45th NCSBA Annual Conference - Greensboro - November 17-19, 2014

8. Consideration of Action Items

a. Contract for Board Counsel Services

The Board approved the contract with Schwartz & Shaw for legal services that will expire June 30, 2016 as presented. A copy of the contract is attached.

Motion made by: David Tolson

Motion seconded by: Randy Etheridge

Voting

Thomas Whitaker - No Vote

David Tolson - Yes

Myra Chandler - Yes

Aleta Cox - Yes

Randy Etheridge - Yes

9. Consideration of Closed Session

The Board entered Closed Session as provided under NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1), 143-318.11(a), and 115c-319.

Motion made by: Randy Etheridge

Motion seconded by: Aleta Cox

Voting

Unanimously Approved

10. Consideration of Consent Agenda Personnel

a. Consent Agenda

Dr. Latimore discussed the length of the instructional day with the Board. The length of the school day in the 2013-14 school year allowed instructional time to be used for make up weather days. The students are still required to attend 185 student days or 1,025 hours per school year.

Dr. Latimore recommends changing the dismissal time for the Mattamuskeet Campus to 2:35 pm each day with the student day beginning at 7:30 am beginning on Monday, August 11, 2014. This still allows 14 inclement weather days. This also allows the afterschool program to begin at 3:05 pm and end at 5:30 pm.

Motion: Myra Chandler

Second: Randy Etheridge

The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Latimore informed the Board of a discussion with Regiland McKinney Reid about a 50 year anniversary celebration for the Mattamuskeet School Campus. Dr. Latimore informed Ms. Reid that the school board has not planned on doing anything for a formal recognition of the schools anniversary. It is unclear if the reunion discussed by Ms. Reid is for all mainland Hyde County Schools Class of 1965 or just East and West Hyde Schools. Dr. Latimore will contact Ms. Reid again for more details concerning who would be recognized.

Dr. Latimore informed the Board of the library schedule and service coverage. He also explained the software concerns with the BHM and Mattamuskeet Library computers.

The Board approved the recommendation for Cheryl Weston to be hired as a bus driver for the 2014/2015 school year.

Motion made by: Randy Etheridge  
Motion seconded by: Myra Chandler

Voting  
Unanimously Approved

11. Adjourn

Motion made by: David Tolson

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Chairperson

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Secretary